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LOUISIANA STATE CHILD DEATH REVIEW

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Attendees: Dr. Kanter, Amanda Perry, Debra Perna, Jane Herwehe, Julie Johnston, Karen Webb, Kelly Bankston, Rachelle Boudreaux, Rosaria Trichilo, Dr. Brian Zganjar, Bridget Gardner, Cynthia Naquin, Dr. Clayton Kleinpeter, Danita Leblanc, Dave Kolb, Devin George, Frank Edwards, Jana Comeaux, Janice Zube, Jim Groody, LaToya Davis, Lisa Freeman, Myra Stoufflet and Rebecca DeLaSalle.

Telephone Attendees: Laurel Kitto, Lisa Norman, Rosa Bustamante-Forest, Sara Dickerson and Shelly Ryan Gray

Meeting Notes:

1. **Introductions:** Dr. Kanter mentioned deaths occurring in ICE facilities. Anyone who dies under police custody has an autopsy. Jane Herwehe introduced LaToya Davis as a Department of Education (DOE) Representative who has knowledge about child care facility regulations. Other participants introduced themselves by name and agency.
2. **Case Review Recommendations – Child Care Deaths**
Carpool and Sign Out Recommendations - Children under 4 years old must be signed out of child care, therefore, the following recommendations were suggested to prevent motor vehicle injuries/fatalities.
 - Mirrors should be placed in cross lanes as a means to view small children crossing in front of cars/trucks.
 - Employees should monitor carpools.
 - The sign in/out sheets could be brought to the vehicle or use electronic sign in/out.
 - Facilities should develop carpool policies that takes in account the layout of their facility that keeps children and guardians safe.
 - When schools are making decisions about carpool lines they should consider built environment and pick up policies.
 - When people are picking up multiple children employees should offer assistance to their cars.
 - Carpool best practices should be shared in the DOE newsletter.

Home Child Care Recommendations

- Ensure swings used have not been recalled.

- Make sure staff has been trained in CPR.
- Ensure children sleep on their back.
- Ensure child to provider ratio is being followed.

3. New Passenger Safety Legislation Update - Bridget Gardner

- Facebook page: Buckle Up Louisiana
- ACT No. 51 a huge win for Child Death Review.
- Children under 13 must ride in the rear seat.
- Behavior change saves lives.
- There are 120 car seat fitting stations. They address the needs of children with special needs.
- Need to address safety for children riding in ambulances.
- Rear facing recommendations are posted on the side of the car seat and must be followed.

4. Subcommittee Work

Firearm Safe Storage

- Gun owners are concerned but if NRA and/or gun manufactures endorsed it would ease their concern.
- Children inexperienced with guns visiting a home with a gun is an issue.
- Campaign ideas: Lock it up, Secure it and Check safety daily.
- Celebrity endorsement campaign – check the effectiveness
- New guns come with locks.
- Raising awareness to prevent suicides.
- Available does not mean unsecure.
- NRA Eddie Eagle project did not work.
- 45% of Louisianans own guns.
- Simple messaging. More than one message. Make sure they are culturally sensitive.
- Potential audiences: people who sign up for concealed carry classes and festivals.
- Awareness events.

Motor Vehicle Crash

Workgroup identified the following areas to focus on:

- Streamlining communication efforts by directing all stakeholders to the same source of information: Buckle up Louisiana Facebook group and Highway Safety Commission site for up-to-date list of fitting stations
- Suggestion to work with local police departments so that consequences are not punitive for families who are found in violation of the new law but are unable to access/afford proper seating

- Work on improving access for appropriate child passenger seating for families with children with special health care needs
 - A separate list of car seat technicians certified in this exists
 - Work with Julie Johnston to continue conversation on how to provide resources for families about options and reimbursements for seats as child grows
- Need to ensure increased safety for child passenger safety in emergency transport vehicles
 - Amanda will provide group with follow up materials and resources to review
- Next meeting: Phone call on August 26th for follow up

5. Agency Updates

- DOE will start monitoring suicide prevention trainings. Student IDs will have the suicide hotline number on the back.
- Terrebonne District Attorney's Office is going to pilot a Safe Sleep program in 1 of 3 of their public high schools.
- In effort to improve graduated licensing in Louisiana, parents will need to sign a statement regarding number of crashes a teen driver has been involved in, in order to graduate from a permit to a license. This is because Louisiana does not currently report teen crash records to DMV.
- BFH is currently finishing up the Annual State Child Death Review Report for the period 2015-2017 and will disseminate once completed and submitted to the Governor. It should be available by the next meeting.

6. Adjourn

Remaining 2019 Meetings:

****Location change for September:**

September 24 from 12-3 at Fire Marshal HQ in Baton Rouge at 8181 Independence Blvd

December 10 from 12-3 at DOE