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LOUISIANA STATE CHILD DEATH REVIEW

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Attendees: Dr. Kanter, Rosaria Trichilo, Jade Marler, Debra Perna, Danita Leblanc, Karen Webb, Rachelle Boudreaux, Dr. Brian Zganjar, Sandra Adams, Dr. Clayton Kleinpeter, Jim Groody, Jia Benno, Cynthia Naquin, Amanda Perry, Tommy Clark Jr., Lori Miller, Janice Zube, Lisa Freeman, Bridget Gardner, Rebecca DeLaSalle, Laurel Kitto, Julie Johnston, Kelly Bankston, Chloe Lake

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

Meeting Notes:

1. **Introductions:** Rosi welcomes the group and introduces the 2015-2017 Annual CDR Report
2. **Annual CDR Report Presentation:** Jia gave presentation on Annual CDR Report for 2015-2017 data, which was just made available. This presentation highlighted the new sections included in this report: Separate pages for Suicide and Homicide, Injury Prevention Considerations for Children and Youth with Special Healthcare Needs, and Regional Mortality Surveillance Profiles for Regions 1-9.
3. **Case Review Recommendations – Motor Vehicle Deaths**
 - Spread awareness about the new law that requires children to stay in child seats and booster seats longer (see Buckle up Louisiana for more information)
 - Improving the Click it or Ticket Campaign – Partnering with the DA around Click it or Ticket. Encourage parents who receive a ticket for not having their children in the correct seat to attend classes and get a child seat in exchange for a reduced ticket price
 - Standardize what information is needed from law enforcement officers for **every crash**, such as was the child in a correct seat, the setup of the car, etc.
 - Educate parents and people who live near children to walk around the vehicle prior to getting in a car to drive
 - Create cars with additional sensors in addition to backup cameras that would allow parents to see if anything is behind their tires

- Ensure that law enforcement officers are requiring people involved in accidents with significant injuries to be tested for drugs and alcohol
- Educate families around having to keep children in booster seats and child seats until an older age – just because children can ride a school bus does not mean they are old enough to sit in a seat by themselves
- Educate public on the importance of using backup cameras

4. Subcommittee Work

Firearm Storage Safety

- With every firearm sold, there is a lock provided. People just aren't using them
- Accessibility – people find it important to be able to easily get to their gun to use it for protection
- We need to figure out
 - How people store their guns and why they choose to do that
 - Where do people learn about how to store their guns? Family? Classes?
- Need to find a way to address the resistance to “no, it is safer to have a gun to protect myself”
- Encourage the use of technology? Key on the gun themselves or on the gun box so someone else can't get into it
 - What are access considerations here? Price, existing guns don't have technology, etc.
- Lock up your gun when you aren't home – if you aren't there, who is the gun protecting? The idea of protection is important.
 - Does us saying to make sure the gun is away unless it is on you actually tell them to keep their gun on them at all times?
- “Wrong Hands” – values of responsible gun ownership. Lots of other people who you don't want to have access to your gun – broaden this idea to include your child/child's friends, loved ones struggling with depression, etc.
- What is our measurable goal?
 - # of deaths or injuries – may take a little longer to see a real decrease. Just because we see a decrease with the data doesn't mean it is a meaningful decrease because of changes year to year
 - Process measures (the number of people we reached)
 - Enlist DA, chiefs with a questionnaire. Put it at a booth at a gun show. If presented by LE, they are more likely to answer the questions
 - Should we look at a particular region and see where we want to focus? Then we can look at ED data – did you have an impact in their hospitals? Firearm injuries are required to be reported – can have a collaboration with law enforcement.

- Use the hospital discharge data to see firearm related injuries as a measure
- Targeted surveys to see if storage increases before and after the intervention
- Community survey for 6th/ 8th/ 10th/ 12th graders (Caring Youth Community Survey) – can we add a question about firearms?
- We should not be asking about why they own a gun – ask about storage practices
- Firearm versus gun – should it differ on who is talking? Does one seem more public health and one seem more “in touch”? The word firearm is all encompassing. We want to use the same words that people use – will need to test words
- Define “storage” – what do we mean by storage? People may not know what we mean? Do we mean is it secured?
- What is the NRA doing – not much! Goes kind of in the opposite direction – storage is a non-issue, doesn’t want anything mandated
- **NEXT STEPS:**
 - What are our questions?
 - Process aims/ outcome aims
 - Laurel going to put together notes from today

Motor Vehicle Crash

- Team addressing 4 ideas:
 - Communications
 - Working with Law Enforcement on reducing or eliminating fines if driver completes an educational course
 - Passenger safety for children with special health care needs
 - Ambulance pediatric transport
- There are no evidence based guidelines on transporting pediatric patients because there are no funds to research practices and form an evidence base. This group’s research will be considered as best practices.
- Dr. Helmut Schneider produces a crash data report for LSU.
- Hospitals need to consider the liability issues surrounding transporting pediatric patients from one facility to another. Hospitals should review they contracts with ambulance providers to ensure they have proper transport protocol for pediatric patients.
 - Consider utilizing existing hospital relationships with PQC and Gift facilities for alignment
- LERN may be a great resource to get the message out about developing pediatric transport protocols. They host Education Days that are well attended by hospital and ambulance personnel.
- ¼ of ambulance calls involve pediatric patients.

- Iberia is working on mandating a class for people who get car seat violations and not waiving the tickets. The ticket is a non-moving violation and does not cause automobile insurance rates to increase.
- The proceeds from tickets may get divided up among several agencies, therefore, eliminating the ticket fee may be an involved process.
- If a person receives a ticket car a child having no restraint the person must appear with a car seat and a notarized authorization within 30 days or OMV will suspend the person's license.
- The Louisiana Highway Safety Commission is working with YMCA, Catholic Charities and several other agencies to target late adopters of the passenger safety laws, including communities where English is not a first language.
- Providers need to know how to help clients get low-cost or free car seats – they need to get in touch with Regional Coordinators who can assist.
 - Will share most recent fitting station cards by region with CDR committee

5. Dates for 2020 Calendar Year

March 24 – Fire Marshall's
June 23 – Fire Marshall's
September 22 – Tentatively DOE
December 8– Tentatively DOE
All from 12-3pm

6. Agency Updates

- Danita with OBH:
 - Legislation passed that requires children to do 2 hours of continuing education for suicide and the Suicide Hotline number will be printed on the back of every student identification card.
 - Danita will be retiring in December ☺ She will have someone taking over for her
- Jim Groody:
 - Coroner's Fall Conference coming up on October 19th. Will talk about Legislative updates and Compassion fatigue, hosted by Southern Eye Bank. If people are interested they will have to reach out to Beau Clark to see if they can attend.
- Lori Miller:
 - Woman's Hospital has a poverty simulation training that is open to the public. In this simulation you are given a person's life story and have to act out their life for several "months". The room is set up like a community and you have to go through the daily struggle, such as paying an energy bill, paying rent, buying groceries, etc

while receiving additional circumstances every so often throughout the 3-hour day. There is one more session this year and 2 or 3 for next year. Can look on the Woman's Hospital website to sign up.

- Lisa Freeman:
 - New passenger safety law!
 - Contacted by a school in Livingston Parish where teachers and staff in the car pool line were seeing non-compliance with the new law. They reached out to Passenger Safety and asked what they could do about it. UMC was able to make sure the school got the correct services – such as doing a child safety seat drive across the street and making sure the school had the car seat law to give out in the car pool line. Very exciting!
- Bridget Gardner:
 - Grant fiscal year starts on October 1st. Looking to train more child passenger safety technicians. Highway safety funds 5-6 classes a year. This training is 4 days. There are no qualifications to doing the training (any discipline welcomed) but they need to either be in a fitting station or able to become part of a fitting station. Looking for people who are in it for the long haul.
- Dr. Kanter
 - Statewide opioid conference took place a few weeks ago. The Governor released the Opioid Response Plan. 2 items related to us:
 - Messaging to get unused medications off of the shelf in the home
 - Narcan – in houses where someone is known to take opioids, there needs to be a family member or another member of the household that has Narcan and knows how to use it in situations where there are opioid issues.
 - Flu – our flu season is coming early this year! Get vaccinated!

7. Adjourn

Remaining 2019 Meetings:

December 10 from 12-3pm at DOE