

2008 Florida BEMS Drowning Prevention Matching Grant Meeting Minutes
July 15, 2008/ 9:00AM – 10:30AM
Nova Southeastern University, Health Professions Division

Attendees

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AGENDA ITEMS AND NOTES

Welcome and Introductions:

Dr. Deborah Mulligan, Director Institute for Child Health Policy, provided a review of the existing and planned initiatives of the Florida DOH BEMS Matching Grant. www.nova.edu/~dams

Brainstorming Session:

Existing initiatives, updates as well as suggestions for collaboration and coordination of resources were provided by meeting participants:

Healthcare Providers

- Pediatrician Visits/Physician Training. As pediatric visits allow for only a few moments of prevention education by primary care providers it is recommended that:
 - A protocol be provided for physicians to follow during visits with specific questions and advice (TIPP Sheet?)
 - Physicians face the need to provide numerous screening programs associated with developmental ages and therefore a drowning prevention informational tool should be approached with a very simple, easy way they can provide education to families.
- Office Managers
 - Identify and directly address office managers to increase success of getting drowning prevention materials circulating into hands of appropriate office staff and physicians.
- Prenatal Care Visits
 - Ability to distribute educational materials through Pediatrix
 - Ability to distribute educational materials through Pediatric Associates
- Joe DiMaggio's Children's Hospital and Broward County Chapter SAFE Kids Water Safety Surveys
 - Nearly 400 surveys distributed to families within the pediatric emergency department are currently being analyzed by ICHP researchers. All survey participants received a packet of drowning prevention information and a whistle as a thank you.
 - Numerous activities were offered the community throughout Memorial Regional Healthcare System throughout the month with an April Pool's Day kick off.
 - CHASE for Life animated first aid/cpr drowning prevention DVD utilization within hospital systems such as is currently being done at JDCH. www.chaseforlife.org

Spanish translation of the free products is being funded by Johnson & Johnson and will be made available by Winter 2008.

- Miami Children's Hospital
 - Miami Children's Hospital has partnered with The Oscar Project; a Miami based non-profit, holding English/Spanish classes in its auditorium and at other venues. Injury prevention is a big part of the child care provider/nanny course and includes such suggestions as moving cribs away from windows. The training includes infant and child CPR, pool and water safety, infant and child-choking maneuvers, injury prevention, first aid, basic child care, kitchen and bathroom safety, outdoor safety, poison control and emergency management. The importance of calling 911 is emphasized during the course because some nannies that come from other countries are not used to calling the authorities for help and may be afraid to do so. The fee for the seven-hour training is \$160 and includes a reference guide, one-on-one training, all the materials, lunch, refreshments, a gift bag and a certificate valid for two years.
- Broward County Health Department Drowning Prevention Plan – Children Under Age Five Qualitative Study
 - Completed focus groups June 2008
 - BCHD will provide update once findings are analyzed
- Target Population
 - BCHD and EMS provides emphasized the need to be aware of possible ethnic differences with care providers and its impact on drowning prevention
 - Many drowning cases are being found at houses of friends or relatives where children may not live in the home and pool safety practices are lacking
 - Population seems to be less likely to be families who bring their children to the necessary pediatrician visits (How does this affect delivery and access of education?)

Community Partners

- Pool Supply Stores
 - Previous attempts at using pool supply stores as venues to distribute educational materials
 - Ideas on marketing in pool supply stores when attention of consumers is on pool safety/maintenance
- List of Programs
 - Compile a list of all programs for health professionals to refer to when educating community
- Consistency of Information
 - Make sure everyone is conveying a uniform message when giving information to community members
 - Media:
 - Dr. Mulligan's Blog can be accessed at www.MomsMiami.com
- Baby Otters DVD
 - Funding issues limiting production of DVD
 - Possible Internet solution

Schools

- School Systems/SWIM Central
 - Offering First Aid/CPR classes
 - Currently taking place in some high schools

Policy

- Pool Inspector Legislation
 - Enforcing better legislation in terms of when pools are inspected
 - Inspecting pools during child services visits, foster care, etc.
- Culpable Negligence Law
 - Investigation of drowning cases to determine if parents were negligible
 - Use of visits for other incidents, such as abuse calls, to check pool safety
 - Department of State has information on *Who?* and *Why?* of drowning cases that can be used for more research
 - Some papers want to change how they report drowning stories to have a more investigative tone because of their effect on the public's perception
- EMSTARS FL DOH
 - Version 1.3 includes the following data elements that would be useful in reporting drowning:
 - E03_01 – Complaint Reported by Dispatch, includes *Drowning* as a value
 - E07_35 – Condition Code Number, includes *Near-Drowning* as a value
 - E10_01 – Cause of Injury, includes *Drowning* as a value
 - E11_02 – Cardiac Arrest Etiology, includes *Drowning* as a value
 - E08-07 – Incident Location Type, includes *Pool – Residential, Bathtub – Residential, Spa – Residential, Bucket, Pool – Commercial, Spa – Commercial, and Bathtub – Trade or Service* as values
 - EMSC State Committee has suggested several items for inclusion in Version 2.0 to be discussed at next large committee meeting in fall
- **TASK FOR ALL PARTNERS**
 - Submit a one page summary of progress to date with the following headings:
 - a. Key Contact—provide name and title of individual, mailing address, email address and preferred telephone number
 - b. Conceptual framework—brief description of the planning partner's philosophical approach
 - c. Lead agency and list of partners—include public and private stakeholders involved in the development and implementation of the plan; designate which is the lead agency
 - d. Strengths—a subjective assessment of the strengths of the approach
 - e. Progress summary—a brief historical summary of progress to date
 - f. Lessons learned

YEARLY PLANNING CALENDAR

- August 14, 2008 *Fire Chief Meeting* Dr. Beth Zeldis will present an overview of the FL DOH BEMS drowning prevention matching grant project.
- February 23-24, 2009 *8th Annual National Drowning Prevention Symposium*
- September 14, 2008 *NSU A Day for Children*
- August 13, 2008 *Human Services Connection Event*

NEXT MEETING:

Tuesday, August 26, 2008

09:00AM – 10:30AM

Nova Southeastern University – Health Professions Division 5th Floor Chancellor's Dining Room