

**2008 FLORIDA BEMS DROWNING PREVENTION MATCHING GRANT MEETING
AUGUST 26, 2008/ 9:00AM – 10:30AM
NOVA SOUTHEASTERN UNIVERSITY, HEALTH PROFESSIONS DIVISION**

Attendees

Anne Airy
Jeff Andrews
Jennifer Angel
Dr. Cyril Blavo
Kim Burgess
Delia Celestine
Michael De Lucca
Michelle Doldren
JoAnn Finkelstein
Chief Joel Gordon
Anthony Llau

Angela Machado-Valdes
Nina Mahmud
Kyril Montes
Dr. Deborah Mulligan
Kevin Nugent
Pamela Santucci
Andrew Schmidt
Cheng Wang
Dr. Michael Weiss
Bruce Wigo
Dr. Beth Zeldis

AGENDA ITEMS AND NOTES

WELCOME AND INTRODUCTIONS:

Dr. Deborah Mulligan, Director Institute for Child Health Policy provided an update of the Florida DOH BEMS Matching Grant: www.nova.edu/~dams

SPEAKERS:

- Chief Joel Gordon, Florida Association of Public Information Officers
 - *Drowning Prevention: Getting the Word out*
 - From 200 – 2007 there have been zero drownings of children 0 – 4 yo in the city of Plantation.
- Andrew Schmidt, EMT-B, OMS-II DO (M2)/ MPH
 - Global Water Safety:
 - United States Lifesaving Association
 - Salvavidas International

(PPT presentations made available @ www.nova.edu/ichp)

BRAINSTORMING SESSION:

- Discussion on effective coordination of meetings
 - Dr. Deborah Mulligan will follow up on meeting prior, after, or in conjunction with Broward and Miami-Dade County Department of Health Drowning Prevention Taskforce meetings
 - Michelle Doldren MPH will follow up on meeting prior, after, or in conjunction with Broward County SAFE Kids Chapter
- Andrew Schmidt, DO(M2)/MPH
 - Discussion of holding a drowning forum to target providers and health professionals

HEALTH CARE PROVIDERS

- AAP's Parenting Q & A on water safety. Information on swimming and diving safety, was provided members at URL: http://www.aap.org/publiced/BR_WaterSafety.htm
- Dr. Michael Weiss
 - Re-iterated need for identifying and/or developing a well-defined, easy to implement drowning education protocol for providers

COMMUNITY PARTNERS

- Kevin Nugent
 - Mass CPR training in past
 - Will be holding CPR sessions at NSU September 14th *Day for Children* in English and Spanish The University anticipates close to 10,000 persons will attend the community event
 - Remember importance of teaching siblings life saving skills

- Michael DeLucca noted that among the many opportunities made available through NSU Day for Children will be an Eligibility Fair for enrollment of eligible families into DCF programs.
- Kim Burgess
 - Discussion of the Drowning Prevention Alliance target members
- Dr. Deborah Mulligan
 - Contacted Dr. Linda Quan who will share her needs assessment findings on the departure from people utilizing the American Red Cross swimming lessons
- C.H.A.S.E. for Life DVD approved for dissemination to Healthy Start programs and will be played in waiting rooms

DCF PARTNERSHIP

- Ounce of Prevention Fund of Florida
 - Sent 150 Swim Safe Little Seals books that will be distributed between childcare centers and clinics, as well as every elementary school in the county
 - Sent a few hundred Creole brochures that will be distributed between childcare centers, clinics, academics centers and at NSU *Day for the Children*

POLICY

- Discussion on rip currents
 - Every beach certified by USLA has colored flags and some have educational signs
- Discussion of rules on swimming instructors certification regulations
- Discussion on the new definition of drowning that was coined in 2002
- Ounce of Prevention representative will be contacting Kim Burgess & DCF regarding Culpable Negligence Law

TASKS FOR PARTNERS

- **Submit a one page summary including 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
- **Please provide 3 questions that you would like considered for inclusion in a questionnaire being developed by NSU funded social demographer targeting SE Florida Hispanic community Deadline September 5, 2008**
- Please provide a list of contacts who may be interested in possibly utilizing the **virtual meeting centers** in NSU SEC locations throughout Florida to allow distant partners to participate
- Please send us materials or resources that you would like to have shared with the families that will attend the "Day for Children Event" **Deadline September 5, 2008**

YEARLY PLANNING CALENDAR

- Broward County Health Department Injury Prevention Coalition Meetings: Last Tuesday of every month
- Broward County Safe Kids Meetings: 3rd Friday of every month
- Eligibility Fair (3 Venues) www.brhpc.org
- September 14, 2008 *NSU A Day for Children* Florida State Injury Prevention Advisory Council Meeting October 2008 Tampa
- February 23-24, 2009 *8th Annual National Drowning Prevention Symposium*

NEXT MEETING:

Fall 2008, TBA