

State Camp Safety Advisory Council (SCSAC) May 3, 2017 Meeting Minutes

Members

Present: Jordan Dale, Eric Bacon, Dawn Ewing, Gordon Felt, Meir Frischman, Douglas Pierce, and Dr. Thomas Welch

Members

Absent: Robert Scheinfeld

Department of Health Staff

Present: Michael Cambridge, Roger Sokol, Brian Miner, Timothy Shay, Megan Mutolo, James Maurer, and Carolyn Caldwell

Chairperson, Jordan Dale called the meeting to order at 10:30 a.m. at the New York State Museum, Conference Room A/B, 260 Madison Avenue, Albany, New York. Rob Scheinfeld was absent. A quorum was present.

Council Administrative Business

Mr. Shay discussed the resignation of Council member George Coleman, who represented for-profit children's camps and was also the Vice-Chairperson. Mr. Bacon volunteered to be interim Vice-Chairperson pending the next elections. Mr. Shay informed the Council that he was the contact person for individuals interested in seeking membership on the Council to fill the vacant position.

Mr. Shay announced that Mr. Cambridge has been appointed the Deputy Director of the Center for Environmental Health, and Dr. Roger Sokol appointed the Director for the Division of Environmental Health Protection.

The minutes from the November 10, 2016 meeting were approved unanimously.

Amendments to Subpart 7- 2 Children's Camp Status

Mr. Shay reported on the implementation of the amendments to Subpart 7-2 of the State Sanitary Code. The Department prepared a "Frequently Asked Questions" document to address implementation questions. The document has been posted on the Department's website and sent to local health departments for distribution to camps. Mr. Shay also participated in several meetings and trainings regarding the implementation, specifically:

- NYSCDA meeting, January 2017
- Westchester County Municipal Camps Meeting, February 2017
- DOH Webinar for Local Health Departments, February 2017

Injury and Illness Statistics

Mr. Shay informed the Council that the illness and injury information for 2013 was going through the final approval process. The 2014 statistics are almost completed. Mr. Dale asked that the reports be shared with Council when completed. Mr. Shay agreed to provide when available.

Revised Epinephrine Auto-Injector Legislation

At the last Council meeting, the revised Epinephrine Auto-Injector Device law was discussed. The law became effective on March 28, 2017 and is implemented by the Department's Bureau of Emergency Medical Services (BEMS). The BEMS released an updated Policy Statement and guidance for epinephrine auto-injector use earlier this year.

At the request of the Council, the Department researched the legislative intent of the revised law to determine if it is possible to require camps to stock epinephrine auto-injectors by regulation. Ms. Mutolo reported that there is no statutory authority to require epinephrine auto-injectors at Children's Camps. The law is specifically permissive in that it provided Children's Camps the option, and not a requirement, to have epinephrine auto-injectors available. Ms. Mutolo also stated that to require camps to have auto-injectors is beyond the legislative intent. Mr. Dale commented that he felt that the permissive intent does not preclude a requirement for epinephrine auto-injectors from the Department. Mr. Dale strongly urges requiring epinephrine auto-injectors. Dr. Welch suggested that there are alternative steps that can be taken to prevent anaphylaxis, such as education regarding the handling of nuts and other foods that can cause anaphylaxis in susceptible campers. Mr. Cambridge agreed that the camps should have multiple barriers in place to prevent these types of incidents, and that the revised law was a step in the right direction to make it easier for camps to obtain auto-injectors.

Mr. Shay stated that, since the revised law no longer requires registration with regional emergency medical service, the Department would not be able to report the number of camps stocking epinephrine auto-injectors in the future.

Opioid Overdose Prevention Programs

At the Council's request, representatives of the Westchester County Department of Health relayed their experience with Opioid Overdose Prevention training, which was offered to camp staff after the annual Camp Workshop. Thirty participants were trained in the use of naloxone and were issued Narcan kits containing two doses of the medication which is used to reverse an opioid overdose. The training was well received and they expect to offer it again in the future. Westchester DOH noted they were also training local police departments in administering naloxone.

The Council members continued to express interest in disseminating the availability of Opioid Overdose Prevention training. Mr. Shay noted that information was distributed to local health departments in April 2017 for dissemination to camp operators.

Other Business

There were no topics presented for discussion. No topics were proposed for the next Council meeting.

Next Meeting/Adjournment

The Council adjourned at 11:10 a.m. after tentatively scheduling the next Council meeting for Thursday, November 2, 2017.