



NC Child Passenger Safety Training Committee Meeting Minutes

August 23, 2011

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Training Committee Members present: Vickie Killough, Richard Sales, Kim Wittig, Dede White, Linda Wiandt, Frank Gore, Myron Waddell, Cecilia Saloni, Melanie Daniel, Allen Browder, Sarah Tilton, Dwight Green, Meg Langston, Renae Harris (call-in), Joshua DeFisher

CPS Executive Committee Members present: Bill Hall, Kelly Ransdell

Not Present: Suzanne LeDoyen (teaching), Jody Piatt (doctor), Kathy Mellown

Others:

Meeting called to order by Myron Waddell at 10:15 a.m. He welcomed Joshua DeFisher to the committee and everyone introduced themselves.

Approval of Minutes

Linda Wiandt made a motion to accept the minutes from June 28, 2011, seconded by Richard Sales, and approved unanimously.

DOI Update

Upcoming CPS Classes:

November 1-4 Hillsborough

November 1-4 Hendersonville

November 29-December 2 Cherry Point (closed)

November 14 Renewal Class Shelby

November 28 Renewal Cherry Point

A discussion was held on the renewal classes and the things we need to be doing to prevent technicians from just relying on the renewal for keeping their certification.

The Safe Kids USA Inspection Form has been released so we are now able to have our waiver dropped in and print the forms soon.

The CPS Diversion project is expanding into New Hanover County and will kickoff on September 16th.

Kelly clarified that the stance from Safe Kids NC on using the diversion project to get drivers out of child restraint violations for children who are beyond child restraint age and weight, but still fall under the CPS law is not what the project was designed to do. The ticket waiver option will only apply to those children who are in the age and weight requirements for a child restraint.

Kelly thanked GHSP for giving us space again this year at the NC State Fair Safety City display. She outlined all of the stations that will be used as part of the display. There will be seven stations total in the display. GHSP will give law enforcement agencies 100 points for sending technicians to work the display.

Today at 1:00 there will be a Hyperthermia media event with the NHTSA Administrator David Strickland at Wake Med. GHSP is sponsoring the event with NHTSA. In addition to the hyperthermia display and press conference there will be a Q &A session with the NHTSA Administrator.

GHSP Update

Josh reported that all of the GHSP grants for the upcoming year looked good. He will be taking the CPS Certification class in November.

HSRC Update

Bill and Bevan will be assisting GHSP with several new highway safety projects in the upcoming year.

As of August 22 there are 2316 certified technicians, 54 Instructors, and 2 instructor candidates in NC. As of August 1, the national recertification rate was 53.9% and the state recertification rate was 61.8%

We have two instructor candidates who have applied. Tonya Newman is doing her candidacy in the Apex class this week and is being mentored by Velvet Tyndall. Jennifer Bradley has also applied, but has not been assigned to a class. Kristen Grieson is an instructor currently in Charleston, SC but will be moving to Currituck County.

Bill informed the committee that the current policy regarding instructors coming to NC from other states is to allow them to teach a class and be reimbursed for travel expenses only. After observing them teaching and allowing them to see how we conduct classes if they are a good fit then they will be eligible to get paid to teach in NC. Meg suggested that these folks should be assigned a NC mentor, especially for their first class. Myron asked that the Policy & Procedures Committee review our current policy and see if any revisions are necessary.

Gene Brown and Nathan Lozinsky have completed their applications to be course assistants, but have not been assigned to a class yet. Deshaun Wilson completed his course assistantship in the Shelby class and did an excellent job.

HSRC is conducting an observational survey with funding from GHSP on how children are being transported in the car. Participating counties are Buncombe, Catwaba, Durham, Pitt, New Hanover, and Guilford. Bill anticipates the results being published in the fall.

The HSRC card has been revised. It already had the AAP new recommendations. The court costs have been updated. The cost of court for a child restraint violation \$188 so with the fine the total cost will be \$213. Court cost for a seatbelt violation is \$135.50.

Bevan has been monitoring the webpage for content and clarity.

The scholarship form for CPS class has been revised to include that students receiving scholarship must register to attend the class.

Training seats for the CPS trailers have been ordered.

Bill and Bevan will give us their recommendations on updating the Buckle Up brochure at the September meeting.

Committee Updates:

- **Curriculum** – *(Members: *Jody, Kathy, Bill, and Kim)*

No Report

- **Policy** – *(Members: *Myron, Renae, Suzanne, Allen, and Linda)*

By-laws are in order and need no revisions.

- **Membership** – *(Members: Allen, *Frank, Suzanne, Dede, Keith, and Myron)*

Keith Harris has resigned his EMS position on the committee due to health reasons. See old business for other membership updates.

- **Communications** – *(Member: *Bill, Keith, Cecilia, Dwight, and Melanie)*

No Report

- **Special Needs** – *(Members: Meg, Sarah, Richard, and Vickie)*

Vickie and Theresa are still working on rewriting the curriculum. Theresa and Vickie hope to meet in September. Vickie has found a bus contact that is donating a bus training seat. Vickie has money in her upcoming GHSP grant for a Special Needs training trailer. They have contacted several manufacturers and asked for them to donate equipment or offer seats at a reduced cost. Four of the manufacturers have already sent equipment which will allow them to use the GHSP grant money more effectively.

The OEMS video has been viewed by Myron and Vickie. Their two concerns were addressed and will hopefully be fixed before its release.

- **CPS Conference-** (Sarah & All)

See New Business

Old Business

Bill reported that he had spoken to Allan Buchanan on the board's stance on the Master Technician proposal we had sent to them. According to Allan, the board is moving to adopt what was recommended which was some level of technician will be able to sign off on seat installations for recertification process. They do not want to call the person a Master Technician, but technician proxy isn't the right term either. They anticipate revising the current technician proxy policy and having the new status available in the fall. There will be a one time application fee to get the designation.

Allan also wanted to share that the board is also developing a one day Instructor Development course that he would like NC to pilot.

Membership Applications: Frank reported the 6 total people applied for committee membership: 4 advocates, 1 Public Health, 1 Fire, 0 EMS. Five out of six applicants are from the Western part of the state. One applicant covers both the Central and Western parts of the state. The membership committee will review the applications using the point system that the full committee approved. They

will conference call on August 29th to formulate their recommendation to the full committee which will conference call on September 6th at 2:00 pm.

Conference Awards Nomination Form- tabled until next meeting

New Business

Sarah met a local bus contact on a recent flight to the KIM Conference that has agreed to supply Vickie with a bus training seat and she also invited him to the 2012 conference.

Sarah and Kelly made an on-site visit to the North Raleigh Hilton. She reviewed the hotel layout with the committee with suggestions of how we might use the facility for our conference.

Sarah reiterated the thought that we have room to invite technicians from neighboring states and asked for the committee's thoughts on that. Everyone agreed it would be beneficial to open the conference up to out of state attendees with an additional \$25 for registration cost. We will set the cap at 325 in state registrations and 50 out of state registrations and will adjust as needed. Renae suggested putting something in CPS Express to advertise to the out of state technicians and instructors that our conference was available. We hope to open online registration November 1st.

The conference will be held on March 6-7, 2012. Sarah reviewed the proposed agenda that she and Kelly have drafted. We need to decide if we want to have a 2 session format or a 3 session format. The benefit of the 3 session format is it allows for more repeat of sessions. We also need to begin looking at topics and speakers for the sessions. Sarah has been saving agendas/topics/speakers from other conferences she's attended and has several choices for us to consider. Sarah asked that everyone try to come to next month's meeting with topic ideas and possible presenters for those ideas.

Sarah and Vickie gave some brief info on the KIM Conference they attended. Sunshine Kids is renaming their company to Diono. They are turning all of their seats into 3-in-1 seats. Vickie also stressed that there are a lot of changes coming from manufacturers that will affect us all tremendously as technicians and instructors.

Next Meeting September 27th

Meeting adjourned at 1:55.