

Child Death Review Team Meeting

48 Orms St.

2:30-4:30pm

6/24/11

In Attendance: Dr. Alexander Chirkov, MD - OSME; Angela Harwood - OSME; Edward Albanese - DCYF; Beatriz Perez - HEALTH; Jason Rhodes – EMS, HEALTH; Brenda Duhamel – DHS; Leigh Reposa, LCSW – RISAS; Samara Viner-Brown – HEALTH; Rachel Clingenpeel, MD– Hasbro CPP; Susan Duffy, MD – Hasbro ED; Megan Ranney, MD – RIH Dept of EM/IPC; Karyn Horowitz, MD – Bradley Hospital; Katy Cortes – Office of Child Advocate; Amy Goldberg, MD – Hasbro-CPP; Jennifer Kawatu – RI CDRT Coordinator; Steve Meersman – JSI; Karen Foss, Data Abstractor – JSI

Open Session 2:30-3:30pm

I. Welcome and Introductions

Dr. Chirkov, acting chair, approved minutes from last meeting.

II. Review 2010 CDRT Summary data

Add to list of accomplishments:

- Letter of support to legislators re: Primary Seat Belt Law proposed legislation

- As of today (6/24/11):

PROVIDENCE, R.I. (AP) - Rhode Island could be getting a tougher

seat belt law.

Legislation passed by the state Senate on Thursday would allow police to pull over and fine motorists who aren't buckled up. The state already requires seat belts for all motorists, but adult drivers can only be ticketed for not wearing a seat belt if they were first pulled over for another violation, such as speeding.

The measure passed the Senate 25-13. Supporters said a stronger law would save about four more lives every year and prevent many more traffic injuries. Opponents argued the state cannot force common sense through legislation. Some senators also fear police could use the new law to target minority drivers.

The House has scheduled a vote on similar legislation next week.

- Data Analyzed for Safe Sleep

- Addition of Suicide survivors brochures to Bereavement letters from OSME

- Connections made between agencies at the table - increased awareness and understanding of services available in the state - such as Dr. Horowitz at Bradley increased ability to refer for services in community to services she was previously unaware of.

III. Recommendations in Suicide Issue Brief

Media Campaign to increase awareness of Gatekeeper training

· Increase awareness of mental health services generally – not

necessarily suicide prevention (avoid unintended consequences of a suicide awareness campaign)

- Warning signs gatekeepers and families should be looking out for**
- Reduce stigma of seeking help**
- Family education while recommending and during treatment to reduce stigma of seeking help.**
- Broader application of RISAS to ALL schools**
- Everyone in school is gatekeeper, train to do treatment**
- Better access to services for families, websites that are available**

3:30-4:30pm Closed Session – Case Review

Next Meeting: 2:30-4:30, September 15, 2011