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SEPTEMBER 25-26, 1998

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Meeting: Prevent Blindness America
Eye Safety Advisory Committee Meeting
Date: September 25-26, 1998
Place: Room 714, 4330 East West Highway, Bethesda, MD
Date of Meeting Log: July 23, 1999
Source of Log: Susan B. Kyle, EPHA *SBK*
Attendees: See attached

Log of Meeting

See attached minutes from Prevent Blindness America.





PREVENT BLINDNESS AMERICA*

Eye Safety Advisory Committee
September 25-26, 1998
U.S. Consumer Product Safety Commission
Bethesda, Maryland

Meeting Minutes

Attendance:

Richard Anderson	September 25 – 26, 1998	Wisconsin
Nancy Adams	September 25, 1998	Washington, DC
Gregory Good, OD, Ph.D.	September 26, 1998	Ohio
Sue Kyle, Ph.D.	September 25 – 26, 1998	Maryland
Ellen Schmidt, MS, OTR	September 25 – 26, 1998	Washington, DC

Unable to Attend:

Nancy Adams	Washington, DC
Mason Bell	Indiana
Jack Jeffers, MD	Pennsylvania
James Sheedy, OD, Ph.D.	California
Sandra Taylor	Illinois

Staff:

Tod Turriff, Vice President, Program and Information Services

Committee Actions and Recommendations

- Endorsed the two-day meeting format in the Washington, DC area.
- Supports the use of the *Activity/Project/Concept Proposal Form* for developing recommendations for the strategic plan.
- Recommended changes to the composition of the committee membership.
- Provided extensive review comment on *The Guide to Preventing Eye Injuries in Public and Private Educational Institutions*.
- Provided review comments on the publication *Play it Safe*.
- Provided review comments on the publication *Don't Play Games With Your Eyes*.
- Requested that review comments on the paper *Scope of the Eye Injury Problem* be submitted to staff by October 9, 1998.

The Eye Safety Advisory Committee was convened at 9:00 a.m. on Friday, September 25, 1998. The session provided several presentations as follows:

9:00 – 9:30	Overview of U.S. Consumer Product Safety Commission Dr. Mary Ann Danello Associate Executive Director Directorate for Epidemiology and Health Sciences
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9:30 – 9:45	Overview of Compliance <i>Lenni Rogers</i>
9:45 – 10:00	Visit from the CPSC Chairman Ann Brown Chairman
10:00 – 10:30	Overview of CPSC Public Information Programs Ken Giles Public Affairs Specialist
10:30 – 11:30	Overview of CPSC Hotline, Fax On Demand & Internet Services Dan Rumelt Director
11:30 – 12:00	CPSC Information Clearinghouse Ann Mantalbano Director
	Lunch
1:30 – 2:00	CPSC Injury Cost Model Bill Zamula Economist
2:00 – 3:00	CPSC National Electronic Injury Surveillance System (NEISS) Art McDonald Director NEISS
3:00 – 4:30	National Safe Kids Campaign Meg Ferrage Public Policy Associate

The presentation sessions were adjourned at 4:45 p.m.

I. Call to Order and Introductions

Richard Anderson called the meeting to order on Saturday, September 27, 1998, at 9:20 a.m. Mr. Anderson thanked Sue Kyle and Ellen Schmidt for arranging the presentations from the U.S. Consumer Product Safety Commission and the National Safe Kids Campaign.

Mr. Anderson asked everyone to check the contact information on the committee roster. Corrections were noted as follows:

- Add Ph.D. to Gregory Good's name.
- Add an "s" to Jack Jeffer(s).
- Add Ph.D. to Sue Kyle's name.
- Change educational to education development center for Ellen Schmidt.

II. Approval of Minutes

The minutes from the meeting of June 20, 1998 were amended as follows:

- Add Ph.D. to Gregory Good's name.

- Add Ph.D. to Sue Kyle's name.
- Change James E. Shelly to James E. Sheedy.
- On page 4, paragraph 3, change the date from March 31, 1998 to March 31, 1999.

The minutes were approved as amended.

III. Committee Membership

Mr. Anderson initiated a discussion regarding the composition of the committee. In general, he asked if the membership composition was appropriate for addressing projects on or currently being considered for the strategic plan. Following discussion, staff was asked to consider the following membership recommendations:

- Representative from the U.S. Occupational Safety and Health Administration - Changes in duties and re-assignment may preclude either Sandy Taylor or Nancy Adams from continuing. Staff will work with Ms. Taylor and Ms. Adams to determine the most appropriate course of action.
- Representative from the occupational safety eyewear industry, Eye Safety Industrial Council or the Industrial Safety Equipment Association.
- Corporate safety director.
- Insurance representative.
- Representative from the Lowes Home Safety Council.
- School health/safety representative.

Staff will work to identify potential committee candidates.

IV. Status Report: Strategic Plan and Committee Objectives

Tod Turriff noted that the scope of the current strategic plan is somewhat overwhelming. In an attempt to prioritize objectives senior staff has developed a project evaluation worksheet (**Attachment 1**). He reported that senior staff would be meeting soon to evaluate and prioritize strategic operating objectives.

Tod Turriff also reported that senior staff is considering an Activity/Project/Concept Proposal Worksheet (**Attachment 2**). This worksheet would be used to develop preliminary plans for new activities, projects and concepts. It is believed that the detail requested in the worksheet would provide more information for evaluating proposals submitted for consideration in the strategic plan.

V. The Guide to Controlling Eye Injuries in Public and Private Educational Institutions

There was considerable discussion regarding the guide. Key points included:

- Questions regarding the target market.
- Marketability of the guide.
- Distribution plans.

- Format considerations – print or electronic.
- Specific editorial comments – see attached draft (**Attachment 3**).

Discussion did not result in any clear consensus on how best to proceed. Mr. Anderson suggested that committee members complete the new Activity/Project/Concept Proposal Worksheet using the guide as the proposed project. He asked staff to then compile the results. Staff was also asked to note all editorial comments in the draft.

VI. Final Review Comment – *Don't Play Games With Your Eyes*

Review comments included the following:

- Update statistics – total injuries and by age group.
- Check punctuation.
- Revise statement on the *visually impaired athlete* to read:

Sports participants with impaired vision in one or both eyes are at special risk since a serious injury could leave them with a severe visual handicap or permanently blind. Any person with impaired vision should consult with an eye care specialist on whether or not to participate in a particular sport and the appropriate type of protective eyewear.

- Change abbreviation for millimeter to mm.
- Add that sports protectors should meet applicable ASTM standards.
- Suggested that there be a better separation of information on injuries requiring immediate vs. 24-hour follow-up care.
- Suggested that the section *A Game Plan for Sports Eye Safety* be presented in number or bullet points rather than text.
- Noted that the statement “*Have you remembered Prevent Blindness in Your Will*” did not seem appropriate in this publication.

Staff noted that all review comments would be sent to the publications review committee.

VII. Final Review Comment – *Play it Safe!*

Review comments included the following:

- Update statistics
- Change last part of first paragraph on page 3 to read:
Too often, injuries do occur. Injuries are not accidents... most are preventable.
- Remove reference to “accidents” and use other terms when appropriate; for example – car crash.
- Page 6 – *In and around home*, add to the safety checklist -- Industrial type eyewear when working with tools and home products.
- Page 6 – *Toy and play areas*, add to the safety checklist: comment that age labeling on toys denotes choking hazard not a child’s ability level; discard broken toys; and, only polycarbonate lenses are recommended for children.

- Check punctuation.
- Noted that the statement "*Have you remembered Prevent Blindness in Your Will*" did not seem appropriate in this publication.

Staff noted that review comments would be sent to the publications review committee.

VIII. Eye Injury Reports

Tod Turriff discussed the CY1997 data provided by the U.S. Consumer Product Safety Commission. He noted that the new data had been used to update the enclosed *Sport and Recreational Eye Injury* and *Most Dangerous Toys* fact sheets. He added that additional fact sheets would be updated in the very near future.

Mr. Turriff also distributed a copy of the paper *Scope of the Eye Injury Problem*. The committee felt this was an excellent document and that it should be distributed on a broader basis. Members were requested to submit review comments. Staff was directed to compile any recommended changes.

IX. Old Business

Staff was asked to prepare update position statements on fireworks, impact protection and polycarbonate lenses and contact lens use in industry. Updated drafts would be presented to the committee for review and approval at the February meeting. Approved drafts would be submitted for consideration by the board at the June meeting.

X. New Business

Tod Turriff discussed the list of program ideas developed at the national staff conference. The committee agreed to take a closer look at these ideas at the next meeting.

XI. Next Meeting

The committee recommended meeting during the planned February and June dates. They also suggested meeting again in September for two in the Washington, DC area.

The committee discussed the cost of dinner outings. It was noted that planned banquet meal cost can be controlled and generally do not exceed \$30-35 per person. The committee agreed to share costs when dinner outings exceed \$35 per person.

Richard Anderson recommended that a portion of the next meeting be dedicated to a review of Prevent Blindness America publications and videos.

XII. Adjournment

Richard Anderson thanked Sue Kyle for assisting with meeting preparations and hosting the committee meeting.

There being no further business the meeting was adjourned at 5:00 p.m.