U.S. Consumer Product Safety Commission

LOG OF MEETING

SUBJECT: Baby Boxes Task Group of Bassinet subcommittee

DATE OF MEETING: 26 June 2018

LOG ENTRY SOURCE: Hope E J. Nesteruk, ESHF

LOCATION: Teleconference from Rockville, MD

CPSC ATTENDEE(S): Hope Nesteruk, ESMC; Celestine Kish, ESHF; Suad Wanna-Nakamura, HS;

NON-CPSC ATTENDEE(S): Very large number of participants included members and representatives of JPMA, testing laboratories, consumer advocacy groups, hospitals, public health agencies (federal, tribal, state, and local), among others.

SUMMARY OF MEETING:

Task Group Lead: Brian Grochal

Dr. Goldstein reported on IPSID conference research on Baby Boxes

At the IPSID meeting, research shared from several locations around the country (and world), including"

- Research about parental comments of receiving baby boxes
    - Most parents thought it was easy to use
    - Pros and cons shared
- Nurses reporting
    - 17% of consumers had difficulty setting up the box
    - One parent got a papercut from the box
- Rough Canada analysis shared at the meeting around lives saved from baby boxes

- Overall message: A lot of research being performed around baby boxes, but research is preliminary
- Instructions around proper use of the product is of particular importance

Inclusion in ASTM F2194

The task group chair reported that the bassinets subcommittee nearly finalized the "compact bassinets" ballots. These ballots will bring baby boxes, moses baskets, and other bassinet products without a stand into the scope of ASTM F2194. For this reason, he would like to finish working on the baby box ballot items so they can be balloted shortly.

Carry Handle Integrity / Cyclic Humidity

The task group chair reported to the task group that the bassinets subcommittee supported the quick completion of a carry handle strength test (part of ASTM F2050) at the F15 juvenile product meetings in May 2018. However, the bassinets subcommittee did not support the inclusion of a humidity test at this time. After much discussion, subcommittee did not have advice regarding appropriate humidity testing requirements. The task group, still supports the inclusion of a carry handle integrity test after exposing a baby box to humidity

Other discussion

One task group participant asked about the AAP policy statement. In particular, the concern was that once the standard was update it would automatically and immediately become federal law. CPSC staff reviewed the Pub. L. No. 112-28 notification process and how that works in order to update the federal regulation.

Hazards Related to Mold and Cleanliness after Release of Bodily Fluid

Mold remains on the memory sheet.

Parent Using the Product with a Lid/Ventilation requirements

There was general consensus on the task group that the product should have ventilation requirements. Some felt the toy box requirements in F963 would be sufficient, others thought it would not be enough. No other proposal was made. A proposed warning was reviewed that including putting the lid under the box during use. Some questioned that

advice, but general consensus was good warning design included positive guidance (what to do). A suggest was made to include a graphic for low-literacy users. A task group member volunteered to work with the task group chair on a graphic.

Warnings

The task group chair reported that, at the F15 juvenile product meeting in April 2018, the subcommittee supported quick completion of a warnings ballot that can be issued concurrently with the "compact bassinets" ballots. The task group discussions included:

- Does the elevated surface warning including cribs? Some task group members expressed concerns about potential use in cribs, others felt it was foreseeable, but the box side should be high enough to prevent the child from falling out.
- In the warning about not carrying the product with the child inside, the warning revised to reference "baby" instead of "child" to best align with Ad Hoc group
- Instructional literature warning revised to "Only use on a flat and dry floor," a simplification of "horizontal surface."