

U.S. Consumer Product Safety Commission

LOG OF MEETING

SUBJECT: Infant Inclined Sleep Product Hazard Identification Task Group

DATE OF MEETING: 16 September 2019

LOG ENTRY SOURCE: Celestine Kish, ESHF

LOCATION: Teleconference from Rockville, MD

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

NON-CPSC ATTENDEE(S): Anna Carter, Task Group (TG) Lead; Don Huber; Tyler Goodier; Gerry Gillette; Nancy Cowles; Carol Pollack-Nelson; Scott Lewis; Sam Shammie; Tim Trapp; Meredith Birkhead; please contact ASTM for the full list of participants.

SUMMARY OF MEETING:

Anna Carter started the meeting reminding everyone that this TG is focusing on the angle. She explain the two documents she shared with the group, one comparing the seat back angle for 4 recalled products and 5 non-recalled products. She also discussed the video she provided of a 5 month old infant attempting to roll over in one of the recalled free-standing products. Anna walked the group through the data showing angles between 18 and 30 degrees. She is going to provide more measurements and descriptions of the products because members indicated that the incidents probably occurred because of more than just the seatback angle.

The group raised questions that should be considered as this task group moves forward:

1. Are these products going to be for sleep or non-sleep?
2. Is it just the angle or is it also the width of the product, and the product materials?
3. Why aren't there any incidents with playard accessories? Different use patterns? How can this be investigated?
4. Is there a safe angle for these products above 10 degrees?
5. Is there an angle in which the risk is minimized?

Anna asked if anyone can help gather more data points. Several members indicated that work in other subcommittee may have already gather some of the data, for example, the bassinet group looked at mattress flatness several years ago. Also, bouncers looked at seat back angles.

One member suggested reviewing the marketing functions of other angled products. Meeting adjourned at 1:58pm.