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MINUTES
Residential Care Facility Advisory Council
Tuesday, February 6, 2007
Office of the State Fire Marshal, Sacramento, California

PRESENT:

Ernie Paez, Chair, Office of the State Fire Marshal (SFM)
Stephen Hart, Co-Chair, Office of the State Fire Marshal (SFM)
Edward J. Garza, Small Provider Alliance
Ken Rohde, Erickson Retirement Community
Greg Lake, Sacramento Metropolitan Fire Department
Charles Skoien, CRCAC
George Miller, CRCAC
Rocque Yballa, California Fire Chiefs Association
John Avis, Department of Social Services (DSS)
Joe Garcia, Tulare County Fire
Thomas Stahl, Department of Social Services (DSS)
Kent Miller, NorCal Fire Prevention Officers (FPO)
Cristina Flores, Cristina's Care Homes
Cheryl Domnitch, P.E. Hughes and Associates
Barbara Rooney, Department of Social Services (DSS)
Richard Friend, Friend's Home Care
Heather Harrison, California Assisted Living
Lon Peterson, Department of Social Services (DSS)
Ben Partington, Department of Social Services (DSS)
Eric Dowdy, Aging Services of California
Ted Muhlhauser, Assemblywoman Karnette's Office

ABSENT:

Senton Bunker, DSS
John Mongeau, DSS
Bob Gebel, LAAFM
Sandi Flores, Small Provider Alliance
John Haverek, SoCal FPO
Tricia Nishio, Department of Social Services (DSS)
Norberto Laboy-Brauer, Department of Social Services (DSS)
Joe Rodrigues, Department of Aging (CDA)

STAFF:

Ben Ho, Office of the State Fire Marshal (SFM)
Kevin Reinertson, Office of the State Fire Marshal (SFM)
Steve Guarino, Office of the State Fire Marshal (SFM)
Vikkie Raby, SFM

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I. CALL TO ORDER

Ernie Paez, Chair, called the meeting to order at 1004 hours at the Office of the State Fire Marshal (OSFM) Headquarters, 1131 S Street, Sacramento, California.

II. INTRODUCTIONS

Each attendee gave a brief description of their background and the organization they represent.

III. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Copies of the minutes from the November 7, meeting were distributed. There was one correction, a misspelled name that needed to be made. Ben Ho volunteered to look into a way of putting the Residential Care Facilities (RCFs) committee meeting minutes on the SFM website for public viewing.

Action: Chuck Skoien made a motion to approve; Steve Hart 2nd; all in favor, none opposed; motion carried.

IV. GENERAL DISCUSSION:

1. Ben Partington distributed a letter DSS received requesting SFM opinion regarding 7 or more facilities with bedridden patients. It was suggested by Heather Harrison that the letter should be submitted for legal council advisory with legislation for clarification of the term "bedridden" in 6 or less facilities.
2. Ted Muhlhauser, representing Assemblywoman Betty Karnette's office, made a brief announcement regarding the fact that the Assemblywoman is working on locating a funding source for sprinkler regulations and implementation for RCFs. The Bill regarding retrofitting of sprinklers in RCFs has not yet been given a number, but is currently being drafted.

It was agreed upon by the committee that all committee members will try and monitor legislation that is pertinent to RCF's and report their findings to the committee.

3. Copies of the currently posted code interpretations regarding Residential Care Facilities (RCF) were distributed. Ernie Paez asked that everyone review the code interpretations and bring any questions or concerns to the next meeting.

Action: Consensus reached to move this item to the next meeting agenda.

4. Ernie Paez will advise the SFM Code Interpretation Committee that he will take all requests for code interpretations on RCFs to the RCF Committee for the committee's opinion.
5. Committee members were asked to identify/create a list of problems that they feel the committee should review. All lists that are brought to the committee meeting on May 8 will be compiled into on list and prioritized.

V. SET MEETING DATE(S)

In accordance with the decision to meet quarterly, the next meeting will be May 8, 2007, at the Office of the State Fire Marshal.

VI. MEETING ADJOURNMENT

Rocque Yballa made a motion to adjourn; Ben Ho 2nd, all in favor, none opposed. Meeting adjourned at 1314 hours.