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MINUTES
Residential Care Facility Advisory Committee
Tuesday March 3, 2009
Office of the State Fire Marshal, Sacramento, California

PRESENT:

Ernie Paez, Chair, Office of the State Fire Marshal (SFM) (teleconference)
Greg Lake, Co-Chair Sacramento Metropolitan Fire Department
Stephen Hart, National Automatic Sprinkler Association
Edward J. Garza, Small Provider Alliance (teleconference)
Pat Stranahan, San Francisco F.D. (teleconference)
Joe Garcia, Tulare County Fire
Bob Gebel, LAAFMA (teleconference)
Doug Pancake, Irwin Pancake Architects
Steve April, Contra County Fire Department
Denise Johnson, CRCAC
Rocque Yballa, California Fire Chiefs Association (teleconference)
Thomas Stahl, Department of Social Services (DSS)
Heather Harrison, California Assisted Living
Walter Brandes, Riverside County Fire Department
Cristina Flores, San Francisco State University (teleconference)
Joe Rodrigues, Department of Aging (CDA) (teleconference)

PARTICIPANT:

Daisy Braxton, DSS/CCL
John Amanat, Perkins Eastman
Ellen Makenna, Board & Care Owners Association
Ken Vollenweider, State Fire Training

ABSENT:

Ken Rohde, Erickson Retirement Community
Eric Dowdy, Aging Services of California
Diane Arend, Office of the State Fire Marshal (SFM)
John Avis, Department of Social Services (DSS-CCL)
Tricia Nishio, Department of Social Services (DSS-CCL)
George Miller, CRCAC
Charles Skoien, CRCAC
Richard Friend, Friend's Home Care
Jim Pettigrew, SoCal Fire Prevention Officers Association
Steve Guarino, Office of the State Fire Marshal (SFM)

STAFF: Kevin Reinertson, Office of the State Fire Marshal (SFM)
Vickie Sakamoto, Office of the State Fire Marshal (SFM)

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I. CALL TO ORDER

Ernie Paez, Chair, called the meeting to order at 1004 hours at Prison Industry Authority, 1901 Broadway, Suite D, Sacramento California.

II. INTRODUCTIONS

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

III. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Steve Hart motioned to approve January 6, 2009 minutes, Greg Lake second. Minutes were approved and have been posted.

IV. GENERAL DISCUSSION:

1. Rodney Slaughter from State Fire Training gave a presentation to the committee at the request of the Education Ad-Hoc Committee on the steps that it would take to have a statewide class on residential care facilities certified through State Fire Training Fire Service Training Education Program (FSTEP).
2. Ernie posed a question to the advisory committee based on the presentation from State Fire Training and other discussions regarding the deliverance of a statewide RCF class on how the advisory committee should move forward particularly with the FSTEP process.
3. The advisory committee felt that it would not be in the best interest of the Ad-Hoc committee to move forward on the FSTEP process but continue to move forward on a standardized class with course outline that can be presented statewide.
4. Greg Lake Chair of the Education Ad-Hoc Committee stated that the committee will be done with the RCF Class in two more meetings and will be prepared to present it to the Advisory Committee for approval in July. (Action item)
5. Kevin Reinertson discussed the proposal to revise the I-1 occupancy classification to an R-2.1 occupancy classification. The R-2.1 classification was the original classification in the old code which most people are familiar with. This change would assist building and fire officials in applying certain areas of the code to residential occupancies i.e. ADA requirements.
6. The RCF Advisory Committee agreed to have Kevin Reinertson, SFM Codes and Regulations Division to move forward on the code change from I-1 to R-2.1. Steve Hart motioned to move package forward Joe Garcia second, all were in favor.
7. The SFM Office may issue an information bulletin on this subject statewide. Kevin Reinertson will take the lead on the I.B. Rocque Yballa moved that he would draft language for a SFM information bulletin on the issue of I-1/R-2.1. Steve Hart second that motion all were in favor.
8. Steve Hart gave a brief update on the Alcohol and Drug treatment Ad-Hoc Committee. He stated that the Ad-Hoc Committee will be giving a briefing to the Advisory Committee at our next meeting. There will probably be some code change proposals from that Ad-Hoc Committee.
9. Steve April had an issue regarding large family day cares. He stated that the building code classifies these occupancies as an I-4 which requires the facility to be sprinklered. He states that this causes problems for those occupancies economically. He was curious how other jurisdictions were handling this issue. Walter Brandes stated that there is a lot of confusion with this occupancy, Joe Garcia agreed with both and stated that this occupancy needs to be reviewed in its entirety. Steve Hart suggested that maybe an Ad-Hoc Committee be formed to review all of the day care provisions. Joe Garcia suggested that when the Education Ad-Hoc Committee wraps up that would be the time to form a new Ad-Hoc Committee to look at this classification. Steve April will start working on gathering information and questions that need to be addressed for the new Ad-Hoc Committee. Doug Pancake, Walter Brandes, and Joe Garcia agreed to help also. Steve April stated that he will have information for the May meeting.

V. ROUND TABLE

Heather Harrison talked about Assembly Bill 762 Bedridden definition. She stated that it is moving through. Heather stated that there is growing support for the bill. Ian Macdonald from Southern California Fire Prevention Officers Association participated in a conference call and was given a briefing so that he could have a clear understanding of the bill and the issues surrounding the bill. He stated that he would be presenting the issue to the SoCal executive board. This issue has been presented to Northern Fire Prevention Officers Associations as well.

Tom Stahl stated that the policy branch at DSS has a new Chief, Gary Palmer. He also stated that the department is moving the bedridden regulations forward and should be up for public hearing around the middle of July.

Greg Lake Ad-Committee on Education Chair stated that he has sent out some information to members of the advisory committee that the committee is working on. He gave an update on the committee's progress.

VI. SET MEETING DATE(S)

Next meeting **May 20, 2009** 10:00am – 3:00pm at the South SFM Monrovia Office 602 E. Huntington Dr. Suite A, Monrovia Ca. 91016

Conference room will be available for Northern participants at the SFM Headquarters Office 1131 S. Street Sacramento Ca. 95811. **Conference Phone # (877) 213-9444 Participant Code 821139**

VII. MEETING ADJOURNMENT

Meeting adjourned at 1335 hours.

**Meeting Minutes Developed by:
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