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MINUTES
Residential Care Facility Advisory Committee
Tuesday May 20, 2009
Office of the State Fire Marshal, Sacramento/Monrovia, 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
Charles Skoien, CRCAC (teleconference)
Pat Stranahan, San Francisco F.D.
Bob Gebel, LAAFMA (teleconference)
Richard Friend, Friend's Home Care
Steve April, Contra County Fire Department
Denise Johnson, CRCAC (teleconference)
Heather Harrison, California Assisted Living
Walter Brandes, Riverside County Fire Department
Cristina Flores, San Francisco State University (teleconference)

PARTICIPANT:

Debbie Vanek San Ramon Fire Dept. (teleconference)
Scott Miller, L.A. City Fire Department
Ed Dilkes, CRC Health
Dave Dodds, DHS
Steve Bunting, Newport Beach Fire Dept.

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
Doug Pancake, Irwin Pancake Architects
Thomas Stahl, Department of Social Services (DSS)
Rocque Yballa, California Fire Chiefs Association
Jim Pettigrew, SoCal Fire Prevention Officers Association
Edward J. Garza, Small Provider Alliance
Joe Rodrigues, Department of Aging (CDA)
Joe Garcia, Tulare County Fire

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 **1003** hours at State Fire Marshal Sacramento Headquarters and State Fire Marshal Monrovia Regional Office.

II. INTRODUCTIONS

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

III. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Greg Lake motioned to approve March 3, 2009 minutes, Steve Hart second. Minutes were approved and have been posted.

IV. GENERAL DISCUSSION:

1. Kevin Reinertson, SFM Office gave the committee an update on the rule making process for the 2010 California building and fire codes adoption in 2011. Kevin also discussed the issue of the exterior ramps for six or less facilities. A lengthy discussion ensued regarding the exterior ramp issue. The committee agreed that a workgroup be formed to address the issues associated with requiring exterior ramps for new facilities constructed in existing one and two family dwellings that will be converted to an R3.1. A motion was made by Steve Hart and seconded by Steve April. **Greg Lake** agreed to Chair the workgroup. Other participants will be: **Kevin Reinertson, Richard Friend, Steve April, Debbie Vanek, Scott Miller, Denise Johnson, and Walter Brandes.**
2. Greg Lake brought up an issue regarding the pre-inspection application. He posed a question to the committee; when is the pre-inspection fee applicable? Does it only applicable to new homes want to be licensed or would it be applicable to existing homes wanting to change their license for example form ambulatory to non-ambulatory status? In reviewing the current statute H & S Code 13235 it appears that if a facility is going from non-ambulatory to bedridden status and the licensee is requesting a pre-inspection the fire department could charge the fifty dollar fee.
3. John Peloquin and Edward Dilkes gave the committee an update and final report from the DART Ad-Hoc Committee. Please review Ad-Hoc committee minutes posted on SFM web-site dated May 19, 2009. A motion was made by Steve Hart to move the definition of protective social care to the SFM for adoption in the 2010 code second by Greg Lake, all were in favor. Greg Lake made a motion to move the DART Ad-Hoc committee code interpretations forward to the SFM code interpretation committee, Steve Hart second and all were in favor.
4. Richard Friend asked the committee to clarify the need for fire extinguishers in R3.1 occupancies. Kevin Reinertson provided information to Mr. Friend with information out of Title 19 Section 3.29 that requires fire extinguishers in R3.1 facilities even though the occupancy classification has not been updated. He also stated that the building code and fire code will be updated this cycle.
5. Richard Friend also proposed that an appendix or supplement to the California Building Code that will collate all the life and safety standards for the various occupancies in a user-friendly format. The committee agreed that this issue will be tabled for a later date due to the adoption of the new code.
6. Steve Hart stated that when the DART and Education committees were done with their work that would this be the time to form the Large Day Care AD-Hoc Committee (child or adult). All agreed that it is an issue that needs to be addressed due to the various concerns. **Steve April** agreed to Chair this committee. Other members that agreed to be part of the committee; **Doug Pancake, Walter Brandes, Joe Garcia, Scott Miller, Greg Lake, Steve Hart and Pat Stranahand.** Steve Hart made a motion to have the committee look at all issues, Pat Stranahand second, all were in favor.

7. Heather Harrison gave the committee a report on the progress of AB 762 "Bedridden Definition".
8. Dave Dodds reported that Agnews Developmental center has been closed. Dave Dodds asked that the committee talk about the use of oxygen in the six or less facilities.

V. ROUND TABLE

Scott Miller made a comment to the group about the requirement for self-closures or automatic closing devices for non-ambulatory exiting. He stated that the current requirement is not always functional for the facility. This item will be placed on the agenda for further discussion in August.

Greg Lake reported that the Education Ad-Hoc Committee has completed the statewide training presentation that will be presented to the committee on August 20th.

VI. SET MEETING DATE(S)

Next meeting **August 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 1313 hours.

**Meeting Minutes Developed by:
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