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MINUTES
Residential Care Facility Advisory Committee
Tuesday August 20, 2009
Office of the State Fire Marshal, Sacramento/Monrovia, California

PRESENT:

Ernie Paez, Chair, Office of the State Fire Marshal (SFM) (teleconference)
 Stephen Hart, National Automatic Sprinkler Association
 Charles Skoien, CRCAC (teleconference)
 Pat Stranahan, San Francisco F.D.
 Bob Gebel, LAAFMA
 Tricia Nishio, Department of Social Services (DSS-CCL)
 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
 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)
 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
 Richard Friend, Friend's Home Care

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

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I. CALL TO ORDER

Ernie Paez, Chair, called the meeting to order at **1013** 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

Kevin Reinertson motioned to approve May 20, 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 specifically stated that during public comment period there was an individual that commented on the "cap" that was being proposed on the R-4 occupancy group. Kevin stated that the SFM will maintain removing that model code provision and stick with the SFM amendment. Kevin asked the committee if they felt that we were ok with not capping the R-4 facilities at 16 non-ambulatory clients. All agreed that the provisions were ok as they stand today.
2. Pat Stranahand was going to give an overview of the power-point presentation that the education committee put together. The committee decided that it would be best that each member look at the presentation on their own time and make comments due to the length of the presentation. Kevin Reinertson stated that he was going to place the presentation on our web-site with a link so that committee members would be able to make comments.
3. Ernie Paez advised the committee that Health & Safety Code Section 13235 has changed and now allows the local fire department or State Fire Marshal to charge for a pre-inspection request from the licensee.
4. Exterior ramps ad-hoc committee (R3.1 facilities) has not met therefore did not have a report.
5. Large day cares ad-hoc committee had not met therefore did not have a report.
6. Scott Miller L.A. City Fire Dept. gave a brief concern of the provision in the California Building Code that requires self closing devices on certain doors in R-3.1 facilities. This issue was tabled for further discussion.

V. ROUND TABLE

Heather Harrison gave the committee a report on the progress of AB 762 "Bedridden Definition".

Chuck Skoin commented that whatever the committee considers in regards to regulations that cost should be considered to the providers.

VI. SET MEETING DATE(S)

Next meeting **November 5, 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 1147 hours.

**Meeting Minutes Developed by:
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