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MINUTES
Residential Care Facility Advisory Committee
Wednesday October 8, 2008
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)
Greg Lake, Sacramento Metropolitan Fire Department
Jim Pettigrew, SoCal Fire Prevention Officers Association (teleconference)
George Miller, CRCAC
Joe Garcia, Tulare County Fire (teleconference)
Edward J. Garza, Small Provider Alliance (teleconference)
Bob Gebel, LAAFMA (teleconference)
Doug Pancake, Irwin Pancake Architects
Sally Michael, CALA (substitute)
Steve April, Contra County Fire Department
Denise Johnson, CRCAC
Thomas Stahl, Department of Social Services (DSS)
Rocque Yballa, California Fire Chiefs Association
Charles Skoien, CRCAC (teleconference)
Heather Harrison, California Assisted Living
Walter Brandes, Riverside County Fire Department

PARTICIPANT:

Edward Dilkes, CRC Health
John Peloquin, CRC Health
Daisy Braxton, DSS/CCL
Christina Hadley, DSS/CCL
Dave Dodds, BAHF
Pat Stranahan, San Francisco F.D.
Marilyn Patacsil, Provider

ABSENT:

Ken Rohde, Erickson Retirement Community
Eric Dowdy, Aging Services of California
Kent Miller, NorCal Fire Prevention Officers (FPO)
Diane Arend, Office of the State Fire Marshal (SFM)
John Avis, Department of Social Services (DSS-CCL)
Cristina Flores, Cristina's Care Homes
Joe Rodrigues, Department of Aging (CDA)
Tricia Nishio, Department of Social Services (DSS-CCL)
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 **1010** 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

August 13, 2008

Action: Joe Garcia made a motion to approve; Steve Hart second that motion; all in favor, none opposed; motion carried.

IV. GENERAL DISCUSSION:

Doug Pancake – Openings between floors in multi-story RCFE facilities.

Mr. Pancake provided the group with copies of 2007 CBC Section 707.2 Exception #7.4 and copies of 2001 CBC Section 711.3 as it pertains to lobby design and opening between floors. Mr. Pancake pointed out the allowances made for lobby designs in the 2001 CBC are no longer allowed in the 2007 CBC which is causing financial hardships to providers and designers. Rocque Yballa gave some historical perspective on the issue stating that this was model code and was not heavily looked at by the adoption committee. Mr. Pancake stated that he would like to see a code interpretation or code correction come out of the State Fire Marshal's office. Mr. Yballa stated that this issue should be taken up through the ICC since this is model code.

Mr. Pancake also brought up the issue of 2007 CBC 425.3.2 being in conflict with Health and Safety Code 13131.5. This issue has been brought up in previous meetings and will be followed up by Ernie Paez with Kevin Reinertson. **Action Item**

Steve Guarino and Steve Hart started a discussion on non-ambulatory vs. bedridden as they pertain to fire & life safety building standards. After much discussion on this issue Rocque Yballa suggested that legislation be set out to redefine the definition of bedridden. The committee agreed, however, decided that seeking legislation was beyond the scope of the committee. Rocque Yballa stated the he and Heather Harrison will work on this issue through Cal-Chiefs. They will seek out technical help from Department of Social Services. Rocque and Heather will get back to the committee on their progress. **Action Item**

Ernie Paez proposed to the committee that an education ad-hoc committee be formed to look at all the classes that are being taught to the fire service and providers on the residential care facilities, i.e. R3.1 occupancy. The committee agreed that it was a good idea.

The participants of the education ad-hoc committee are as follows:

- Chair-Greg Lake
- Co-Chair- Pat Stranahand
- Joe Garcia
- Steve April
- Rocque Yballa
- CRAC rep
- CALA rep
- Community Care licensing rep
- Sandra Flores – Small Provider Alliance
- Cindy Moore – SFM

V. ROUND TABLE

Tom Stahl stated that the committee roster needed to be updated. **Action Item**

Dave Dodds gave an update on the SB 962 homes. Ernie Paez suggested that Dave put on a presentation with pictures during one of the committees meetings. **Action Item**

Steve April asked that the committee review the sprinkler requirements and exceptions for the R-4 occupancy. **Will be placed on the January 6, 2009 agenda.**

VI. SET MEETING DATE(S)

Next meeting **January 6, 2009** 1000 at the Office of the State Fire Marshal located at 1131 S Street, Sacramento Ca.

VII. MEETING ADJOURNMENT

Meeting adjourned at 1424 hours.

Meeting Minutes Developed by:

Ernie Paez, Chief

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