

Office of Early Childhood (OEC) Meeting

<http://www.ct.gov/oec/site/default.asp>

3/11/15

Winding Trails

Welcome by CCA Pres. Keith Garbart @10:15 am

Info about all our 50th anniversary activities

Allen Beavers Scholarship – mugs are sold out. Taking donations – ongoing.

10 of 12 board members present & introduced

Event Sponsor Kelly Fecto welcomed and explained her company, NEPM. Thank you Kelly! Display and materials available.

Attendance sheet – to be attached

Valerie Bryan, RN, Supervisor; Sue Todd-Scott, Jerry Mandigo, Gayle Pagoni, RN; Kevin Eddy

Youth Camp Advisory Safety Council – Nancy Maclean – Provided background.

Regulations were begun in 1967. By 1970 camps were first inspected. Represented on Council are for-profit, not-for-profit, special needs, agency, private, public non-camp, and day and res camps. Meet 4 times a year to review regulations and trends and certifications.

Present today are Chris Martin, Chris McNaboe, Suzanne Richards and Nancy. Also on Council but not present are Dudley Hamlin, Jack Harding, ARC; Bridget Healey, Public; Dave Meizels.

Valerie spoke to how valuable the Council is to the working of the OEC.

New Commissioner Myra Jones-Taylor, PhD. could not attend, is testifying in Hartford today.

Still in the same offices (moving Oct 2016). Only changed logo, business cards, etc.

Most everything else is the same.

Debra Johnson, Section Chief is the same.

The web site has everything we need to know for our camps: <http://www.ct.gov/oec/cwp/view.asp?a=4542&q=546048>

Pending new legislation:

SB137: Act requiring criminal background checks for youth camp staff – all paid and unpaid staff will require yearly national background checks. Has not moved in months. Will watch and wait.

For this year:

Public Act 14-15 – Physical exam forms used in schools are OK for camps. Sample provided and it's on the website.

Public Act 14-36 – Lifeguards must be certified in the *American Red Cross CPR/AED for the Professional Rescuer and Healthcare Provider*, *American Red Cross CPR/AED for Lifeguards*, *American Heart Association BLS for Health Care Provider* or *American Safety Health Institute CPR Pro for the Professional Rescuer*.

Proposed updates to regulations now sits with Atty General's office. Mostly made clarifications. Nothing much changed. Not ready yet. No changes for this summer.

What about the unlicensed camps? OEC works on this all the time. Kevin Eddy goes out to search out the unlicensed camps. He also goes out to investigate complaints.

If anything happens/incident make sure we get written statements, accident reports, etc so when OEC comes out we have it all ready.

If a camp is discovered to be operating without a license they can modify their operation to be a non-camp or must become licensed.

Last year most abuse incidents occurred during after care. Supervision is not as diligent, people are tired.

Application Process by Susan Todd-Scott:

Make sure we use this year's application form, not an old one. Watch out for page 3!

There are 2 general report of change forms to separate directors from other changes. Water slide or amusement park ride – Certs must be gotten from Dept. of Consumer Protection.

Reminder letters to get licensed have gone out and will go again. At this time 40 of the over 500 apps are in.

Must be up to date to be inspected and inspections are being scheduled early. If you miss your inspection date you will need to have a pre-camp inspection next year.

Jerry – violations – Biggest # was no violations. Other violations have gone down substantially which is very good. List looks very similar in order of frequency to past years – mostly health center issues and paperwork.

Electronic health care logs – we are allowed to use them. Privacy regulations apply.

When we are inspected someone who is approved access needs to be present to show records to inspector.

“Life changes faster than regulations!” - Valerie Bryan

Gayle – health issues – loads of medication violations. New med administration forms are on the web site (sample was provided). MAR is on the back. Need physicians order and parent's permission and can be on two different documents. Parents can't change form once it's signed by physician.

(maybe CCA can help spread the news about the new form to physicians?)

All the forms are “sample” forms to assist us in attaining all the information and to make the numerous processes easier for the families and physicians.

Are vitamins and dietary supplements considered medications? Look in the Med admin regs – B-1-f for definition.

How long does waiver process take? Must petition to administer medication if other than oral, topical, or epi. Must have order. Submit plan and training curriculum by MD, RN, APRN, PA or pharmacist for the persons administering who are not licensed. Start right away. **Can be done in one day if everything is complete.**

Most common – rectal, insulin w/pen or pump, glucagon (injectable).

Try to have lead time to get waiver, just in case.

Nebulizer is covered by oral/topical/inhalant and no waiver is required.

AED training required if a portable AED is brought to camp by a camper.

Questions:

Measles?

No confirmed measles in CT as of 3/10/15. FAQ's on DPH web site.

Three reasons to be allowed to opt out of immunizations in CT:

Medical contra indication – allergy to immunization, for example

Had disease, which is documented, therefore immune

Religious exemption

All must be in writing

Immunizations required for campers only – K-12. Staff who are in high school do need.

We can choose to require for staff as a condition of employment but we are not required to by OEC.

Eating our own foods?

Produce is unregulated. Can eat what we grow. Need to provide safe environment and handling.

Check with local health dept.

PA's OK to follow standing orders? No, but APRN is OK.

Call other camps in your area to find physicians.

Boating?

How do we get certified staff?

If we have someone on our staff who is an instructor and boating certified, they can certify additional staff.

Lyme disease signs can be ordered from CDC for free.

Meeting ended @ 12:08 pm.