



MEPIC Advisory Board Committee Meetings Conference Call Minutes

Tallahassee, Florida

24 May 2017

1:00 PM – 4:00 PM

Awareness and Prevention Committee (1:00 – 2:00 PM)

- In attendance:
 - Bob Bedford
 - Dan Campbell
 - Julie Collins
 - John Robertson
 - Craig Schroeder
- **Julie Collins (JC):** I saw that the National Missing Children's Day ceremony is happening today.
- **Craig Schroeder (CS):** Yes it is, Brendie is actually in DC at the ceremony along with Audrey, the poster contest winner and her family.
- **CS:** The next meeting in June we will have Jeff Dambly there to answer questions on the Sunshine Primer that was emailed out a few weeks ago but I can go ahead and take any lingering questions regarding the sunshine primer.
 - **Dan Campbell (DC):** I think it was pretty comprehensive.
 - **CS:** Great, well I think that's what Jeff was going for, was to make it a document that we could consult for all kinds of sunshine issues.
- **CS:** Also at the next Advisory Board meeting we will be voting on the Florida Missing Children's Day Awards.
 - **CS:** Nominations are open until next week. We've already gotten a few nominations in, but please share the information with any agencies you may be in contact with.
 - **CS:** We will compile all of the award nominations and get them all to you to review.
 - **DC:** I have a question: usually when I arrive at the hotel they give me the packet with the award nomination info, but I won't be staying there this time, is it possible to get the award nomination information early?
 - **CS:** Yes, in fact, we are already sending the award nomination to a few people early who will be unable to make it to the meeting but will be calling in to vote.
 - **DC:** Great.
 - **JC:** Is there any reason the award nominations can't be sent to everyone early? It would be nice to be able to review the information before the meeting.
 - **CS:** Yes, in fact that's what I want to do. I don't see any reason why we wouldn't be able to do that but I'll have to check with Brendie and Mary who are both out of the office today.

- **CS:** Just keep in mind, if we are able to send the nominations out early, please do not discuss the nominations with any board members before the meeting, in accordance with Sunshine law.
- **JC:** Have you received any nominations for Bus Driver of the Year?
 - **CS:** No, none on those. I haven't seen a lot of news articles or press releases about any potential nominees for that award either.
 - **JC:** Well, if you'd like, I can forward that award information on to the Department of Transportation.
 - **CS:** That would be great.
 - **JC:** Did you send us the FMCD award nomination information.
 - **CS:** Yes, I did.
 - **JC:** I can't seem to find it, do you mind emailing it to me.
 - **CS:** Yes, I will resend out the nomination information to the Advisory Board.
- **CS:** We've obviously been working to amend Objective 3.1 for quite some time now and I have received the amended language from John. We will vote on it at the next meeting but I can read it to you now
 - **John Robertson (JR):** Is it possible to put it on the screen?
 - **CS:** I can try.....I can't seem to get it to work so I'll just read the original and proposed changes.
 - **CS:** Original 3.1 Objective states: *Develop and update resources for parents to become familiar with social media platforms that children are using, by June 30, 2016, and then June 30 annually.*
 - **CS:** Amended objective language from John Robertson reads: *Direct parents and guardians to established resources which evaluate social media platforms for risks posed to children.*
- **CS:** That's all I've got on our end, does anyone have any new business or any items they want to bring to the meeting in June?
 - **NONE**
- **CS:** Okay, if there's nothing else we can adjourn.

Adjourned

Response and Recovery Committee (2:00 – 3:00 PM)

- In attendance:
 - Angie Herron
 - Craig Schroeder
 - Stephanie White
 - Bill Corfield
- **Bill Corfield (BC):** Thanks everyone for joining.
- **BC:** First thing on the agenda is the Sunshine primer, I think we're mostly squared away on what's going on with the Primer. Any follow-up.
 - **Craig Schroeder (CS):** Jeff Dambly will be at the meeting in June to go over the Sunshine Primer and any lingering questions; so if you have any questions feel free to email me and you'll also have the opportunity to ask Jeff.
- **CS:** Also, since the committee meeting will be the following day, the scheduled committee conference call for June 14th will be cancelled
 - **BC:** So when is the Board meeting itself?
 - **CS:** The committee meetings will be held on Thursday the 15th and the Advisory Board meeting itself will be Friday, the 16th.
 - **BC:** There was a question at the last call as to whether or not James Previtera will be able to call in and I believe we said he could. Is that correct?
 - **CS:** Yes.
- **BC:** Okay, moving on to the FMCD Awards, I believe at the last meeting Craig said the award nominations were going out to the Florida Sheriff's Association and to the Florida Police Chief's Association.
 - **CS:** Yes, in addition we sent the award nominations out through the database to all of the users and I also sent out an email to all of the contacts that's maintained in our Sex Offender contact spreadsheet.
 - **Stephanie White (SW):** How many nominations do we have?
 - **CS:** We have received several already, but from what I've gained about previous years, the nominations really start rolling in in the last week.
 - **CS:** That said we haven't received much information on potential School Bus Driver of the Year awards.
 - **BC:** What do we do if we don't have any nominees for say the School Bus Driver of the Year?
 - **CS:** From what I understand that has happened in the past, where we don't have any nominations or a particular award. We are trying to encourage people to nominate and we are looking through new stories and press briefings, but if there is no one to nominate, it won't be the end of the world.
 - **BC:** Doesn't Tim Enos work with FASRO? Couldn't we ask FASRO to help find a School Bus Driver of the year nominee?

- **CS:** Yes and Jamie Meeks does as well. I think FASRO might have already been notified but I'll get with Jamie and see.
- **BC:** At the last conference call I believe Craig said he was going to send info on the Evelyn Williams, John and Reve Walsh, and the Commissioner's Award. Was that sent? I can't remember.
 - **CS:** I think it was, but if not I will resent the information.
 - **CS:** But I can read the criteria for all three:
 - **John and Reve Walsh Award**

Award can be presented to anyone (victim, civilian, law enforcement officer, etc.) who has made outstanding contributions to the issue of missing children.

Work done must positively affect Florida missing children and their families and/or positively impacted the safety of Florida's children.

The individual(s) work over the years must indicate a profound contribution that institutionalized improvements thus preventing children from abduction and/or safely and successfully recover those who go missing.
 - **Evelyn Williams Memorial Award**

Award can be presented to anyone (victim, civilian, law enforcement officer, etc.) whose work is beneficial to the public and who has demonstrated outstanding contributions to the incidents of missing children.

The effort of this individual is usually unrecognized as they continue working quietly and consistently behind the scene for the safety of Florida's children.
 - **Commissioner's Award**

Award can be presented to any individual, group, or organization, (victim, civilian, law enforcement officer, etc.) whether public or private who has made outstanding contributions to the issue of missing children.

The outcome must be an exemplary model facilitating the safe return of missing children or proactively working toward the prevention of abduction thus enhancing the safety of Florida's children.
- **BC:** Thanks. And can we ask or leverage an agency for possible nominees?

- **CS:** I believe so, but I'll double check.
- **BC:** Okay, moving on to LPRs, I know that FOAA has tabled the discussion until session was over, but now that session has ended, Angie do we have any updates?
 - **Angie Herron (AH):** Not yet, but we have a board meeting coming up where we are going to discuss the LPRs.
 - **BC:** Great, thanks.
 - **CS:** Speaking of billboards, we are very close to having a final image that will be used for the missing children billboards. So, Angie, I will hopefully have the final image over to you in the next few weeks.
 - **AH:** Okay, great. Can't wait to see it.
- **BC:** At the last conference we discussed the possibility of having Brett Lycett or Seth Montgomery giving us debriefing on AMBER Alerts and Cart call-outs. Craig, were you able to ask about that?
 - **CS:** Yes, Seth said he would be more than happy to do it, he just wanted to know when and how often?
 - **BC:** I'm not entirely sure, given how busy their schedules are, but maybe that's something we can discuss with them at the AB meeting in June.
 - **CS:** Sounds good, I'll add it to the agenda.
- **BC:** Any new business or any additional items to bring to the AB meeting in June?
 - **NONE**
- **BC:** Well in that case, we can adjourn.

Adjourned

Communication and Technology Committee (3:00 – 4:00 PM)

- In attendance:
 - Julie Collins
 - Angie Herron
 - John Pitta
 - Peggy Pitta
 - Craig Schroeder
- **Craig Schroeder (CS):** Hello, we can go ahead and get started. Brendie isn't here today because she is actually at the National Missing Children's Day ceremony as we speak. She's there with the poster contest winner and her family.
 - **Julie Collins (JC):** I actually just saw them on the live stream.
- **CS:** Jeff Dambly will be at the June meeting, but until then does anyone have any questions on the Sunshine primer that was sent out a few weeks ago?
 - **NONE**
 - **CS:** Well if you do have any questions, feel free to email me or ask Jeff at the June meeting.
- **CS:** Also at the next meeting we will need to address the strategy going forward with BowStern marketing.
 - **CS:** They are the marketing firm that Kristen Litteral put us in contact with.
 - **CS:** We need to determine what exactly we'd like to do and establish some kind of a timeline.
- **CS:** Also at the June meeting we will be voting on the award nominations.
 - **CS:** We have sent notices to the FSA and the FPCA, as well as reminders through the database, for agencies to submit their nominations.
 - **CS:** We have gotten several nominations already—the deadline is June 1st—but I am a little worried we won't have a nomination for School Bus Driver of the year, so if you all are aware of anyone who would be a good nominee please let me know.
 - **John Pitta (JP):** Is it possible to contact some kind of school bus driver association?
 - **JC:** Yes, actually, I am going to send an email out to FATT to encourage nominees.
 - **JP:** Very good.
- **CS:** Also, an update on the Field Guides and Guidelines that we spoke about at January's meeting.
 - **CS:** We sent about 12,000 of the Field Guides out to Sheriff's across the state as well as about 1,500 Guidelines.
 - **CS:** In addition, we just sent Guidelines to all of the State Attorney's.
 - **CS:** We are beginning the process of a second round of distribution to all of the Sheriff's offices who want more.

- **CS:** Does anyone have any new business or items they'd like to have added to the agenda for the June meeting?
 - **NONE**
- **CS:** Okay, we can adjourn.

Adjourned

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