

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE
NEW LENOX SAFE COMMUNITIES AMERICA COALITION**

Meeting 14-02

Held at the New Lenox Village Hall / Community Room

1 Veteran's Parkway New Lenox, IL 60451

Wednesday February 26, 2014 / 2:30 p.m.

Call to Order

Dan Martin called the meeting of the New Lenox Safe Communities America Coalition to order at 2:30pm.

In Attendance

Daniel Martin/NLPD, April Balzhiser, Guardian Angel Community Services, Arnie Pilmonas/AVP Counseling, Bill Byerley/Illinois Radio League, Will County ARES and New Lenox ESDA, Emily Johnson/New Lenox Chamber of Commerce, Erin Hunter/New Lenox Public Library, Gary Cheney/ShareFest, Holly Pierson/Lincoln-Way West High School, Jessica Jepsen/Chiro One Wellness, Joe Enzenberger/Dryer Vent Wizard of Will County, John Mitchell/American Red Cross, Kathie Johnson/New Lenox Township, Lauren Lotz/New Lenox Community Park District, Leslie Newbon/Silver Cross Hospital, Lisa Kline/SBT Bank, Liz Schwenke/Presence St. Joseph Medical Center, Marisa Schreiber/New Lenox Fire Protection District, Mary Jo Button/St. Jude Parish, Paul Lyons/Home Helpers, Roxy Trudeau/American Red Cross, and Tom Donegan/Metra.

Also in attendance were the following:

- Alain Murry/New Lenox CERT and Chair of the Emergency Preparedness Task Group
- Becca Rottmann/Lincoln-Way West High School
- Cindy Staskiewicz/Chair of Workplace Safety Task Group
- Derek Harris/Sertoma Centre and Suicide Prevention and Awareness Task Group Member
- Jeannette Park/New Lenox Resident
- Lindsey Chojnicki/Senior Services of Will County
- Margaret Pearson/ Illinois Secretary of State's Office – Organ and Tissue Donation (guest speaker)
- Melissa McClintock/Silver Cross Hospital (Intern)
- Nancy McCabe/Senior Services of Will County
- Noe Santiago/Pinnacle Physical Therapy and Chair of Older Adults Falls Prevention Task Group
- Rachel Ridge/Rosecrance (Community Relations Coordinator)

Approval of the January 29, 2014 Meeting Minutes

The Minutes for the January 29, 2014 meeting were sent to members via email prior to the meeting. Lauren Lotz made a motion to approve the minutes as presented, seconded by Bill Byerley. After no further discussion, the motion carried and the minutes were approved.

New Membership

Dan Martin reminded those in attendance that April Balzhiser from Guardian Angel Community Services was the guest speaker at the January 29, 2014 meeting. Guardian Angel provides a variety of services to our community and a partnership with them would be mutually beneficial. Following the introduction and background, Jessica Jepsen made a formal motion for Guardian Angel Community Services to become a member of the New Lenox Safe Communities America Coalition. Marisa Schrieber provided a second to the motion. After no further discussion, all those in attendance were in favor and the motion passed. Dan Martin welcomed April to the group and stated that he looked forward to working with her and Guardian Angel. April thanked everyone and stated that she also looked forward to working with our group.

Presentation / Guest Speaker – Margaret Pearson/Illinois Secretary of State’s Office – Organ and Tissue Donation Program

Dan Martin introduced Margaret Pearson from the Illinois Secretary of State’s Office – Organ and Tissue Donation Program. Margaret then provided those in attendance with literature from her office, including a tear-off card to join the registry. Margaret then provided statistical data regarding the organ and tissue donation program, including how many lives can be saved from just one individual. Margaret then explained the myths about organ and tissue donation and cleared up a number of falsehoods. Those in attendance asked a number of questions and Margaret provided answers, which were very enlightening. Everyone thanked Margaret for her presentation and Margaret was kind enough to stay for the meeting as well.

New Business

Safe Communities America Annual Report

Dan Martin advised those in attendance that he was in the process of submitted the Safe Communities America Annual Report on behalf of the New Lenox Safe Communities America Coalition. Martin went on to say that the Safe Communities Annual Report included two parts. Part One, the “Online Program Data and Impact Report” as the name suggests, is submitted online. Part Two, the “Coalition Program Matrix,” is an Excel document which is submitted via email. Both Parts One and Two are similar, in that they are seeking information regarding our coalition’s efforts in three areas. Martin provided an example of our coalition’s work in Motor Vehicle Traffic Safety, Older Adults Falls Prevention as well as Suicide Prevention and Awareness.

Old Business

Task Group Reports

Emergency Preparedness - Al Murry / New Lenox CERT

Al Murry provided a synopsis of the initiatives that his Task Group was working on. Al spent a good amount of time speaking about the assistance that he’s providing to Trinity Services, which included a recent emergency preparedness provided to approximately 35 Trinity staff members. Al also explained plans for visiting Trinity homes throughout Will County for the purpose of ensure that the homes (staff and clients) are prepared. Al will be looking for 72-hour disaster supply kits, NOAA weather radios, identification of severe weather shelter locations, installation of smoke detectors, etc... Al also spoke about a recent emergency preparedness presentation for New Lenox School District #122 PTO members and guests as well as Patty Edgett’s “Ready Kids Club.” Dan

Martin also added a brief update on New Lenox CERT / MRC / SAR as well as details regarding the March 5th Severe Weather Spotter Training / Health and Safety Expo.

Motor Vehicle / Traffic Safety – Marisa Schrieber / New Lenox Fire Protection District

Marisa Schrieber advised that she recently applied for and received a \$1000.00 grant related to child safety seats. Marisa went on to say that the grant requires that 75% of the monies be spent on the actual seats which should yield 30-40 seats. Marisa went on to say that she's planning a Child Car Seat Safety event from 6:00pm to 8:00pm on April 22, 2014. The event will be held at New Lenox Fire Protection District Station One with additional details forthcoming.

Older Adults Falls Prevention – Noe Santiago / Pinnacle Physical Therapy

Noe Santiago advised that the Older Adults Fall Prevention Task Group met at 1:00pm, just prior to the Safe Communities / Citizen Corps Council Meeting. Noe advised that the Task Group discussed guest speakers for future Matter of Balance Classes, which include local pharmacists, doctors, and physical therapists. Noe also provided a brief overview of a recent MOB Coaches class that was held on February 19th at Encore Senior Village. Noe (MOB Master Instructor) taught the class which graduated 12 new coaches. Noe also advised that the Task Group is planning another three local MOB classes, taught by the new coaches. The classes will be as follows:

- MOB Class 4: Starting March 24th (Mondays) thru May 12th, 9:30am – 11:30am at New Lenox VFW Post 9545, 323 Old Hickory Road, New Lenox, IL 60451.
- MOB Class 5: Starting April 9th (Wednesdays) thru May 28th, 9:30am – 11:30am at Encore Senior Village, 1023 S. Cedar Road, New Lenox, IL 60451.
- MOB Class 6: Starting May 13th (Tuesdays) thru July 1st, 1:00pm – 3:00pm at New Lenox Fire Protection District Station 1, 261 E. Maple Street, New Lenox, IL 60451.

Lastly, Noe advised that Task Group members, including MOB Coaches, will staff the a MOB table at the March 5th Health and Safety Expo at Lincoln-Way West High School. It is hoped that seniors attending the event will sign-up for the classes while visiting the table.

Poisoning by Prescription Drug Overdose – Arnie Pilmonas / AVP Counseling Services

Arnie Pilmonas advised that the Poisoning by Prescription Drug Overdose Task Group is currently working on an Action Plan related to the Unwanted Medication Disposal Program. Arnie advised that he drafted an Action Plan that includes a 10% increase in unwanted medications by the end of 2014. Arnie advised that he will be working with Dan Martin and other Task Group members on this Action Plan. Arnie also advised that he has ordered materials from the National Institute on Drug Abuse that he'll have available at the March 5th Health and Safety Expo. The materials include pamphlets describing the brain's response to prescription drugs as well as posters about prescription drug abuse. Lastly, Arnie advised that he was going to recommend that the New Lenox Police Department participate in the next National Take-Back Initiative, which will be held on Saturday April 26, 2014.

Suicide Prevention and Awareness – Dan Martin / NLPD

Dan Martin advised that the Suicide Prevention and Awareness Task Group is working with Derek Harris and Sertoma Centre to host a Question, Persuade and Refer (QPR) class for the community. The class is scheduled for April 10, 2014 from 7:00pm to 8:30pm in the Community Room at the New Lenox Village Hall. Martin advised that a flyer has been created

and is being distributed throughout the community. In addition, Derek Harris advised that he will be at the March 5th Health and Safety Expo and will be distributing the flyers at the Sertoma Centre table.

Workplace Safety – Cindy Staskiewicz

Cindy Staskiewicz provided a synopsis of the January 14, 2014 Task Group meeting. Cindy advised that she is currently looking for statistical data related to workplace injuries, which will help in providing guidance to the Task Group. In addition, Cindy advised that she is also drafting an Action Plan related to the creation of a (voluntary) survey, which can be used locally to help determine what types of injuries are occurring in the workplace environment.

Youth Sports, Health and Safety – Jessica Jepsen / Chiro One Wellness

Jessica Jepsen advised that the Task Group was currently working on identifying the leaders of the various athletic associations in New Lenox. Lauren Lotz advised that the New Lenox Community Park District has a listing of the associations and their contact folks on their web site. Jessica advised that Chiro One would be willing to put together a presentation(s) related to various sports (boys and girls) with the immediate focus on Spring sports.

Announcements / Organization Updates

Those in attendance shared current news and events relevant to their organizations. Dan advised that he would be willing to forward electronic copies of materials that would be beneficial to the group.

Next Meeting Date

The next meeting will be on **Wednesday March 26, 2014 / 2:30pm**. The meeting will be held in the Community Room at the New Lenox Village Hall.

Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 3:45pm.