

MINUTES AS TAKEN BY LAUREN LOTZ AT THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE NEW LENOX SAFE COMMUNITIES AMERICA COALITION

MEETING 15-09

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 28, 2015

Call to Order

Lauren Lotz called the meeting of the New Lenox Safe Communities America Coalition to order at 2:32pm.

In Attendance

Daniel Martin / NLPD, Lauren Lotz / New Lenox Park District, Allison Anderson / Will County Emergency Management Agency, Holly Pierson / Lincoln-Way West High School, Joe Enzenberger / Dryer Vent Wizard of Will County, Liz Wetmore / New Lenox Library, Marisa Schrieber / New Lenox Fire Protection District, Marta Keane / Will County Waste & Land Use / Will County Green, Mary Jo Button / St. Jude's Parish, Paul Lyons / Home Helpers, Rachel Ridge / Rosecrance, Richard Hazel / American Red Cross, Stephen Kehoe / Silver Cross Hospital, Laura Regis / Older Adult Falls Prevention Task Group.

Also in Attendance:

Janet Reis / Lincoln-Way Central High School

Approval of the NLSCAC September 30, 2015 Minutes

The minutes of the September 30, 2015 meeting were sent to the members via email prior to the meeting. Stephen Kehoe made a motion to approve the minutes as presented, seconded by Marta Keane. After no further discussion, the motion carried and the minutes were approved.

New Business

New Lenox Application for Re-Accreditation

Dan Martin provided an overview of the Re-Accreditation Application he is currently working on. Dan explained the various sections of the application as well as the key information that was contained in each of the sections. He also noted that a large amount of his time has been pouring over the various statistics spanning five years provided by Silver Cross, NL Police, Will County Coroner and the New Lenox Fire Protection District. He also pointed out some of the highlights in his findings that initially shows that some tasks and efforts of the SCA are having a positive impact on the statistics being compiled including the reduction in falls of older adults.

Dan Martin also outlined for the group the programs and initiatives he would be submitting in order to justify and verify that the mission of this group and its efforts are accountable and continue to move forward. Dan asked members present if there were any additional program initiatives that may have been omitted. Members did provide Dan Martin with some additional programs including all New Lenox Police now carrying "Narcon" for drug overdoses, Household Hazardous Chemical Removal and Home Appliance Safety.

Old Business

Task Group Reports Included The Following:

Older Adults Falls Prevention – Laura Regis

Laura reported that the task force met this week and reviewed their goals for 2016. It was decided by the group that per year 4 Matter of Balance as well as 2 Fit & Be Strong will be held. This was chosen because of last year's classes creating a snowball effect with the number of classes being held.

Laura also reported that the grant money received has been expended and was used for grab bars, collapsible canes as well as carts to be used by instructors for equipment and refreshments. Finally she reported that the money received through the CMS Survey should account for approximately \$1640. This money will be used for next year's programs in providing printed materials and participant supplies.

Suicide Prevention – Stephen Kehoe

Stephen reported that Healing Hearts - Survivors of Suicide Support Group held a seminar on October 19th at the New Lenox Police Department. The topic was "Surviving the Holidays" which is a difficult time for many. He also commented that Silver Cross Hospital will be hosting a seminar on mental illness and chemical dependency in a coordinated effort. This event will be held on December 10th from 1:00-1:30pm at Silver Cross Hospital. Stephen will provide Dan Martin a flyer for the event.

Emergency Preparedness – Allison Andersen

Allison provided an update for this task group. Some of the new programs that are being explored by this force include the Red Cross' Pillow Case Project for 7-11 year olds. Richard Hazel from the Red Cross added that it is the thought that this program would be well received by Schools and Park Districts. Lauren Lotz passed on Richard's information to the supervisors for their Kiddie Kampus Preschool Program and ACES Before and After School Program. Dan Martin also reported this group's thoughts on a new structure for the Weather Spotters Training and Preparedness together with the Health and Safety Expo. The new format would encompass Weather Spotting and Preparedness through break-out sessions together with providing a venue for the Health and Safety Expo.

Motor Vehicle / Traffic Safety – Marisa Shrieber

No task force update was necessary.

Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at approximately 3:45pm.

Next Meeting Date

The next and final meeting for the year of the New Lenox Safe Communities America Coalition will be held on **Wednesday, November 18, 2015** in the Community Room at the New Lenox Village Hall beginning at 2:30pm.