

## **CHILD ACCESS TO FIREARMS/SAFE STORAGE**

### **TASK FORCE MEETING**

**April 18, 2019**

**Parks & Recreation Board Room**

**3131 'O' Street, Ste. 300**

Task Force Members Present: Jason Stille (Chair), Rose Hood Buss, Heather Talbott, Dave Miers, Teri Clark, Melody Vaccaro, Emily Killham, Camille Iacono, Bryan Seck, Thomas Booth, Alicia Henderson, Sara Hoyle, Todd Duncan, Ben Pflanz.

Task Force Members Absent: John Neal, Jim Davidsaver, Bennie Shobe.

Others present: Tonya Peters, Pat Condon, Barb Biffle.

Jason Stille called the meeting to order at 3:04 p.m. and acknowledged the meeting falls under the Open Meetings Law.

Jason Stille updated the group on outstanding data inquiries. There were no discernable trends in how youth obtained firearms gleaned from the small LPS data set presented at the last meeting. There has been no return correspondence from the Bench Mark Cities group on their respective practices relating to safe storage and child access to firearms. The group will be contacted again to prompt responses to this question.

Heather Talbott presented on the groups handouts related to gunshot wounds at the emergency department and basic information from the trauma registry.

Information regarding the County Attorney's role in reducing gun violence was presented by Lancaster County Attorney Pat Condon. There were several questions relating to current gun laws, potential penalties, charging decisions, and various prohibitions for possessing a firearm.

There was discussion concerning current practices related to Emergency Protective Custody and gun possession. This led to a brief discussion regarding Emergency Risk Protection Orders, also known as 'Red Flag Laws' and the attempt to introduce one during this current legislative session.

Emily Killam noted that while ERPOs or attention to gun possession at the mental health board level may address a subset of issues, it still doesn't address the larger issue of how to keep legal guns out of the hands of those that shouldn't have a firearm such as youth, etc.

Captain Stille suggested the group continue scanning other jurisdictions exploring what has been done elsewhere in the way of addressing safe storage and child access to firearms. He outlined that the next meeting will incorporate more group discussion on potential direction and recommendations.

The next meeting is scheduled for Thursday, May 16, 2019 at 3:00 p.m. at the Parks & Recreation Board room.

Meeting adjourned at 4:01 p.m.