

Youth Concussion Advisory Group

AGENDA

Monday, September 22, 2014

10:00 AM – 12:00 PM

Introduction of Advisory Group members

Review of existing documents and requirements – see items 1-4 below.

1) Review course information and comments received.

This was provided to attendees by Dr. Niehoff in the form of a one-page document entitled:

Connecticut Interscholastic Athletic Conference
Concussion and Head Injury
Annual Review 2015-16
Required for ALL School Coaches in Connecticut

Comments received prior to meeting on attached page.

2) A sample template Concussion Education Plan for Parents and Student-Athletes was included in the materials distributed, and can also be accessed on the CASCIAC.ORG website at this direct link:

<http://concussioncentral.ciacsports.com/theplan.html>

Discussion related to the Plan.

3) Discussion regarding the informed consent forms, examples of which were also provided by Dr. Niehoff.

4) Discussion related to the concussion reporting requirement -- Stephanie Knutson

Dr. Niehoff sent the concussion reporting form referenced in discussion (attached to e-mail).

PA 14-66: An Act Concerning Youth Athletics and Concussions

Requires SDE to consult with DPH, the governing authority for intramural and interscholastic athletics, an appropriate organization representing licensed athletic trainers, and an organization representing county medical associations to:

- Develop or approve a training course regarding concussions. By October 1, 2014, and annually thereafter, the group must also develop or approve annual review materials.
- Develop a refresher course regarding concussions, including current best practices, and, for football coaches, current best practices around the frequency of games and full contact practices and scrimmages. • By January 1, 2015, develop a concussion education plan to be used by local and regional boards of education. Boards of education will be responsible for implementing such plan using written materials, online training or videos, or in person training.
- Develop a signed informed consent, which must include a summary of the concussion education plan, and a summary of the local board's policies regarding concussions. For the school year beginning July 1, 2105, local boards of education must prohibit a student athlete from participating in intramural or interscholastic athletic activities unless the student athlete and a parent or guardian returns such form.

Collect and report to DPH all occurrences of concussions, including the nature and extent of the concussion and the circumstances in which the student sustained the concussion.