

U.S. Consumer Product Safety Commission

LOG OF MEETING

SUBJECT: Compact Bassinet, Task Group of Bassinet subcommittee

DATE OF MEETING: 25 February 2020

LOG ENTRY SOURCE: Celestine Kish, ESHF

LOCATION: Teleconference from Rockville, MD

CPSC ATTENDEE(S): Celestine Kish, ESHF; Hope Nesteruk, ESMC; Carlos Torres, ESMC; Suad Wanna-Nakamura, HSPP

NON-CPSC ATTENDEE(S): Kay Samulak-Roschlau, Task Group (TG) Lead; Scott Lewis; Paul Ware; Steven Anzaroot; Amber (Pip & Grow); Tony Paolo; Peter Richier; Brian Grochal; Piyush Shah; Lisa Trofe; Meredith Birkhead; Sean Oberle; Dave (Kids in Danger); Rachel Weintraub; Carol Pollack-Nelson; Sarah Newens; please contact ASTM for the full list of participants.

SUMMARY OF MEETING:

The meeting was called to discuss the 12 December 2019 CPSC letter regarding compact bassinets and in-bed sleepers and to discuss next steps.

Ms. Kish explained that in light of Infant Inclined Sleep Products development, staff is concerned with adding “compact” bassinets and “in-bed sleepers” to the Bassinet standard because they do not meet the current bassinet standard. Dr. Pollack-Nelson asked if they could be their own standard. Ms. Kish explained that inclined sleep products were taken out of the bassinet standard and made their own standard and then we started seeing deaths and injuries. Ms. Samulak-Roschlau stated that the bassinet subcommittee pursued compact bassinets because there weren’t any injuries and that they were not intended to be used in adult beds. Mr. Paolo also stated that in-bed sleepers don’t have incident data for roll overs or instability. A few other task group members stated that in-bed sharing is not going away and therefore, there needs to be a standard to allow in-bed sleepers so infants have their own space in the bed. There isn’t any data showing infant injury or death because of adult roll-over while infant in the product. A member stated that 39 deaths a year occur in cribs because of mis-use. Ms. Kish explained that this is exactly why we are concerned with in-bed sleepers and compact bassinets because they can be used in enclosed areas that lead to potential injury and death. We are already aware that infants are put of risk because of extra bedding, mattresses, and soft bedding while in products that should be used correctly, why should another product that can be used incorrectly be introduced. Ms. Samulak-Roschlau stated that EN1466:2014 Standard for Carry Cots and Stands has been around for almost 20 years and that ASTM F2050-19 Hand-Held Infant Carriers is an established standard. Mr. Grochal stated that he felt compact bassinets should definitely be included in the bassinet standard. He indicated that the 20 degree stability test is

sufficient to address potential tipping if placed in a bed. Ms. Samulak-Roschlau then asked if the rest of the task group agrees with Mr. Grochal that compact bassinets should be included with bassinets. There was not a formal count of members, but those who responded states agreement. Two members stated that they support the AAP guidelines for safe sleep. Mr. Lewis then encouraged task members to submit comments for the open comment period for Infant Sleep Products. Ms. Kish explained that the comment period closes at midnight Feb 26, 2020. Then Ms. Samulak-Roschlau said the compact inclusion was ready to go to ballot. Meeting adjourned at 11:35am.