

U.S. Consumer Product Safety Commission

LOG OF MEETING

SUBJECT: Baby Boxes Task Group of Bassinet subcommittee

DATE OF MEETING: 1 July 2019

LOG ENTRY SOURCE: Hope E J. Nesteruk, ESHF

LOCATION: Teleconference from Rockville, MD

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

NON-CPSC ATTENDEE(S): Very large number of participants included members and representatives of JPMA, testing laboratories, consumer advocacy groups, hospitals, public health agencies (federal, tribal, state, and local), among others.

SUMMARY OF MEETING:

Task Group Lead: Brian Grochal

The meeting was called to discuss the result of last subcommittee meeting, including ballot results and other discussions from the meeting.

The ballot requiring warnings on baby box lids did not pass subcommittee balloting, and the subcommittee found comments that lids should be banned to be persuasive. The task group discussed this direction at length, with some expressing concern that the lid was an integral part of shipping the box. Others felt there were shipping options that could avoid the use of a lid and agreed that lids should be banned. The task group chair expressed that it was the intent of the subcommittee to ban lids, and was preparing a ballot to do that, and that disagreements could be handled through the ASTM processes.

The warnings ballot had some negatives, and the task group discussed if everyone feels that the proposed warnings address everything parents need to know to use correctly. There was some discussion about other warnings, such as pets and older children, but overall, the task group was content with the warnings.

The final discussion was a direction from the subcommittee to reevaluate the safety of the product category, especially in light of recent recalls of other sleep products (*i.e.*, infant inclined sleep products). One member of the task group expressed that infant sleep boxes follow AAP safe sleep requirements, while IISPs products did not, so there should be no concern. Others expressed concerns that a box used on the floor is not a crib or raised bassinet, so it is inherently different. Experiences in other countries, including the 80 years of use in Finland, was discussed as evidence of infant box sleep safety.

Two additional issues were raised at this meeting. One surrounding formaldehyde and other glues, and should the standard address that. In addition, the subcommittee raised the question as to if infant sleep boxes belong within the bassinet standard or should be their own standard. This will be discussed at the next task group meeting to be scheduled toward the end of July.