

**Section VI Concussion Management Team**  
**Meeting Minutes**  
**March 26, 2009**

**Attendance:**

John Baker PhD

John Leddy MD

Dennis Fries

Karen Roehling ATC, Dawn Springer NP,

Dennis Kwaczala and Keith Bender, Erie 1 Risk Management

Bob Dinse, Tim Marong

Dr. Leddy and Dr. Baker have received a grant from the Buffalo Sabres to promote awareness of Concussion Management and Post Concussion Syndrome. They are looking to create a video that can be accessed on-line for use by schools, coaches, nurses etc.

Dennis mentioned that 2 DVDs already exist entitled *Heads-Up* that promote concussion awareness and these DVDs were distributed to all state public high schools. Sideline Cards with concussion management information was also distributed to all schools with the instruction that these cards should be placed in all first aid kits used by coaches.

The University of Buffalo South Campus operates a Concussion Clinic open to any family/child who needs help with a head injury. We will investigate if any clinic of this type exists in the Southern Tier. Keith mentioned that the Hamet Medical Center in Erie PA might offer this service. He will investigate.

The initial push of the committee is to develop a protocol to be used by all Section VI Schools when a head injury/ possible concussion is suspected, to review that protocol with Athletic Directors, to disseminate that protocol to all school districts, and to assist school districts in setting up Concussion Management Teams in their respective schools.

A plan was formulated for the May 11<sup>th</sup> Safety Workshop to be held at Erie 1 BOCES in the afternoon. The Section Committee will be introduced. The committee will administer a Concussion Quiz based on our two previous workshops held in 2007, and 2008. A protocol for use when a concussion is suspected will be reviewed and distributed, and the make-up of School based concussion management teams will be reviewed. Keith Bender will also review the New York State Coaches' requirement for First Aid/CPR.

We will meet next at Erie 1 BOCES 1:00 P.M. May 11, 2009

Submitted by T. Marong