



Northern California Regional Liability Excess Fund

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Executive Summary Risk Management Committee Meeting March 24, 2017

The following is a summary and highlights of the **Risk Management Committee 2.0** on March 24, 2017 at the Tracy Unified School District in Tracy, CA.

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Vendor Contracts/ Risk Transfer

Risk Management Committee Chair, Kimberly Wright kicked off the first ever Business Skype presentation as part of the Risk Management 2.0 initiative developed at the NCR Strategic Planning Session last July. Kimberly shared her experience and challenges that many districts face when clearing the insurance and DOJ requirements for special education vendors that are selected by the parents as is required by IDEA law for Independent Education Evaluations (IEE). Due to cost, many of the vendors are not able to obtain sexual abuse coverage for the recommended \$1 Million per occurrence/\$2 Million Aggregate limits, which has an impact on the resources available for IEE Services. The Manteca Unified School District has been working through the challenges with the law firm of Spinelli, Donald and Nott who have made some recommendations in the establishment of an agency criteria list to aid the parents with their selection. If parents decide to use a vendor that does not meet the agency criteria, their signature is required on an acknowledgement form drafted by legal counsel as reviewed by Ron Martin with the Committee. Legal counsel has also suggested updated indemnification language as part of the Standard Vendor Agreement for the execution of the IEE services. This matter will be brought back at the June meeting where Alison Winters with the law firm of Spinelli, Donald & Nott will be available to discuss any legal issues the committee might have related to this topic as part of the next Business Skype presentation.

Denial of Service Dogs

Tim Hall reviewed recent U.S Supreme Court decision Fry v. Napoleon Community Schools (Case No. 15-497). This case will obviously have an impact on California Schools and the NCR membership as the discussion surrounded what actually constitutes the need for a service dog and for what disability. If districts are facing issues with Service Animals that may lead to litigation they should be reported to NCR so panel counsel can get involved on an early triage basis.

There are several resources available to the membership on Services on P&C Bridge.

Shop Safety/Grooming Products

The misuse of aerosols and flammable liquids can lead to significant property losses and or personal injury.

Child Abuse Prevention Program Update

Leslie Delozier went over the materials provided to NCR members to participate in Child Abuse Prevention month that takes place in April. The newest enhancement for this year is the inclusion of the Introduction to Child Abuse Prevention Video that has been produced with the assistance of consultant Diane Cranley. The Introduction video can be found on the NCR website under Member Resources/Child Abuse Prevention Program.

Risk Management Award Winners

Leslie Delozier announced the 10 recipients of this year's \$2,500 award winners. Kudos to Contra Costa COE, San Leandro USD, Dublin USD, Kentfield SD, Yreka Union D, Lemoore Elementary, Kelseyville USD, Lassen View Union, Cutler-Orosi SD and Upper Lake USD. NCR greatly





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Drone Policies

Many school districts are in the process of developing a policy in preparation for the use of Unmanned Aircraft Systems (UAS), also known as Drones. Keenan has prepared a DRAFT Drone Policy for member review and feedback. The Committee reviewed the new Policy and requested a few additional revisions. Once finalized, the Policy will be placed under RiskAdvisor.

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HSB/EOB Services

Northern California ReLIEF (NCR) offers equipment breakdown and boiler coverage for its member districts through Hartford Steam Boiler Inspection & Insurance Company (HSB). In an effort to identify potential problems, HSB has developed an electrical inspection and loss prevention program. The Manager provided a list of the NCR districts selected and advised letters will be sent advising them of these inspections.

Loss Control Legislative Briefings

Ron Martin discussed new pending legislation AB424, McCarty that basically repeals the enactments legislated by SB707 which allowed handguns on campus with Superintendent and/or Board approval. The Committee will continue to follow this bill as it goes through the legislature.

Roundtable

Rich Buse from Pajaro USD announced that he would be stepping down from the Committee. Rich also inquired about what other districts are doing to obtain funding for go-kits that are used in emergency situations. Some of the members indicated that they were creating single kit packages for rooms and limit the amount of perishables, etc to keep costs down.

