

TEMPORARY COMMISSION ON DROWNING PREVENTION
FRIDAY, MARCH 24, 2023
9:30-11:30 AM

Agenda:

Call to Order

Reminder: Commissioners need to be on camera. The volume needs to be unmuted. Your name needs to be displayed.

Guidelines:

- Public Participation:

Introductions:

Approval of Minutes from previous meeting

Guest Speaker #1: **Dr. Clancy Seymour**, Associate Professor & Director- Health, Physical Education & Sports Pedagogy, Canisius College; Co- Executive Director, Association for Health, Physical Education, Recreation, Dance. (Via phone)

- What are Learning Standards?

Guest Speakers #2 & #3: **Sue Nelson & Mick Nelson**, Total Aquatic Programming

Discussion:

Focus on Goal A-1 Determine an appropriate age and/or stage of childhood development when children can properly begin water safety and swimming instructions

Focus on Goal A-2 and develop statewide standards for such instruction;

Define Terms:

- Goal B: Incentivize

- Goal D: Underserved

11:15 For the Good of the Group

Game Plan for next meeting - 4/21/2023. (Meeting on 4/7/2023 cancelled due to lack of quorum)

11:30 Adjourned

Goals of Commission:

The commission shall:

(a) Determine an appropriate age and/or stage of childhood development when children can properly begin water safety and swimming instructions and develop statewide standards for such instruction;

(b) Investigate and evaluate the feasibility and effectiveness of programs which incentivize parents and guardians to enroll children in water safety and swimming instruction;

(c) Develop a comprehensive plan for public-private partnerships between the state and community centers, nonprofit organizations, recreational facilities, swimming instructors, and other relevant stakeholders and expanding existing state resources such as parks and pools to provide access to free swimming instruction, and determine the feasibility of such programs;

(d) Develop an implementation plan to ensure its swimming safety programs are available in underserved communities; and

(e) Develop a comprehensive plan for a public awareness campaign to ensure parents and guardians receive information on the importance of children receiving basic water safety and swimming instruction.

DR. CLANCY SEYMOUR:

Dr. Seymour joined the department of kinesiology as a full-time faculty member in the fall of 2007. He serves as the Director for Health, Physical Education and Sport Pedagogy including the Coaching programs. Dr. Seymour teaches undergraduate and graduate courses in physical education and sport pedagogy specializing in teaching methods, assessment, and coaching.

Dr. Seymour's research involves the exploration of issues related to the physical education profession including educational policy influences, pedagogical and assessment practices, social justice, and coaching. He has several publications to his record in journals like *Quest*, *The International Journal of Education Policy and Leadership*, *The Journal of Inquiry and Action*, *The Physical Educator*, *Strategies*, *Issues in Teacher Education*, and *The British Journal of Educational Psychology*. Additionally, Dr. Seymour serves as a Past President and Co-Executive Director of New York State Association for the Health, Physical Education, Recreation and Dance (NYS AHPERD).

Originally, from Brampton, Ontario, Canada, Dr. Seymour is a former Ice Griff and as a student-athlete at Canisius College earned his Bachelor's Degree in 1997 followed by his Master's Degree in 1998. In November 2013, Clancy was honored by Canisius College with a twenty year (Bene Merenti) service award. He completed his doctorate from D'Youville College in August 2014.