

# Injury Prevention Advisory Committee Minutes

## **Members present:**

Edward Brandt, Jr., M.D., Ph.D., Chair; *OU Health Sciences Center*,  
James Cox, *Oklahoma Association of Chiefs of Police*;  
Michael Echelle, *Pittsburg, Pontotoc, Coal, Atoka County Health Departments*;  
Tabitha Garwe, *OSDH Trauma Division*;  
Patrice Greenawalt, *OSDH Trauma Division*;  
Jeff Hamilton, *Interfaith Alliance*;  
Gayle Jones, *Oklahoma Department of Education*;  
Joe McDonald, *Oklahoma Highway Safety Office*;  
Shawna McWaters-Khalousi, *OSDH Terrorism Preparedness and Response Service*;  
Shawn Rogers, *OSDH Emergency Medical Services*;  
Melinda Spohn, *Carter, Johnston, Jefferson, Love County Health Departments*.

## **Members absent:**

Roxie Albrecht, M.D., *OU MEDICAL CENTER*; James Blocker, *Oklahoma City Fire Department*; Jim Brown, *Occupational Safety and Health Administration*;  
Martha Collar, *Safe Kids Oklahoma*; Harold Cully, *Indian Health Service*; Martha Ferretti, M.P.H., P.T., *OU MEDICAL CENTER*; Raymond Huhnke, Ph.D., *Oklahoma State University*; Tina Johnson, *Pottowatomie, Hughes, Seminole and Okfuskee County Health Departments*; Jay Smith, *Logan, Kingfisher, Blaine County Health Departments*; David Teague, M.D., *OU MEDICAL CENTER*; Chris West; *Oklahoma Department of Public Safety*; Inas Yacoub, M.D.; *Office of the Chief Medical Examiner*.

## **Staff:**

Pam Archer, M.P.H., *OSDH Injury Prevention Service*; Sylvera Demas, *OSDH Injury Prevention Service*; Regina McCurdy, *OSDH Injury Prevention Service*; Shelli Stephens-Stidham, *OSDH Injury Prevention Service*.

## **Guests:**

Keith Reed.

## **Welcome and Introductions:**

Edward Brandt, Jr., M.D., Ph.D., called the meeting to order.

## **Announcements:**

Dr. Brandt announced that Dr. Roxie Albrecht has been awarded the 2007 Shubin-Weil Master Clinician/Teacher Excellence in Bedside Teaching Award from the

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Society of Critical Care. Shelli Stephens-Stidham announced that the Oklahoma State Department of Health Terrorism Preparedness and Response Service had received a perfect score of 10 for bioterrorism, bird flu, and health disaster preparedness from the Trust for America's Health, a non-profit, non-partisan organization. Oklahoma was the only state to receive a perfect score.

### **Legislative Update:**

Dr. Brandt and Pam Archer reported meetings have been held to pursue legislation regarding all-terrain vehicles (ATV). During the 2006 Oklahoma Legislative session, the *Children's ATV Safety Act (S.B. 1830)* passed the Senate and the House Committee, but the House leadership did not schedule it for a hearing on the House floor, therefore, the bill died. The bill would have required youths under age 18 to wear a helmet when riding on an ATV, and drivers less than 14 years of age would not have been permitted to carry passengers. The new bill that will be introduced during the 2007 legislative session will be authored by Senator Andrew Rice. It will prohibit the operation and riding of all-terrain vehicles by persons under 18 years of age without helmets; prohibit passengers for operators under 18 years of age; require safety training for operators under 18 years of age; and restrict the operation of all-terrain vehicles by persons under 16 years of age based on engine capacity. There will be exemptions for hunting, fishing, and farm operations.

Dr. Brandt said a Traffic Safety subcommittee would be organized to consider issues related to motor vehicle safety, including cell phone use, eye exams persons with diabetes and older drivers, increasing the fine for violation of the seat belt law. The subcommittee will make recommendations regarding policy/legislation.

### **Injury Prevention Service Update:**

Ms. Stephens-Stidham reported the Injury Prevention Service has been awarded the Crash Outcome Data Evaluation System (CODES) grant from the Oklahoma Highway Safety Office (OHSO). CODES is designed to link multiple databases to obtain comprehensive information on traffic crashes, including information from the crash scene, pre-hospital, and hospital records and data on fatalities. Staff will be using emergency medical services, hospital discharge, and Vital Statistics data and linking to traffic records data to identify and collect information on persons injured in a motor vehicle crash in order to develop, inform, and evaluate traffic injury prevention programs in Oklahoma.

The Injury Prevention Service will also be collaborating with the Indian Health Service (IHS) to sponsor the IHS Introduction to Injury Prevention training workshop on April 10-13, 2007 in Tulsa, Oklahoma. The workshop is open to IHS and tribal employees, county health department health educators, local Safe Kids coordinators, and Oklahoma Highway Safety Office grantees.

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During May, the Injury Prevention Service, OHSO, IHS, and Safe Kids Oklahoma will be collaborating on activities for Injury Prevention Month, May Mobilization, and Safe Kids Week. This year's activities will tie into the Oklahoma Centennial celebration. In addition to the state centennial, 2007 marks the 10-year anniversary of the primary enforcement seat belt law, 20-year anniversary of the Injury Prevention Service, and 20-year anniversary of Safe Kids. Plans are underway to hold a kick-off breakfast on May 1, 2007.

The Injury Prevention Service sponsored a strategic planning meeting on September 11-12, 2006 to develop a statewide plan for sexual assault prevention. Meeting participants selected four priority areas (media, faith, K-12 schools, and colleges/universities) and developed objectives for these priority areas.

During 2007, the Injury Prevention Service will update *Injury Free Oklahoma*, the strategic plan for injury and violence prevention, to include terrorism and disaster response.

### **Fatal Injuries Among Children Left Unattended in or Around a Motor Vehicle in Oklahoma, 2000-2004:**

Sylvera Demas, M.P.H., Injury Prevention Service, presented information regarding data from the Oklahoma Office of the Chief Medical Examiner. *A copy of the presentation is attached.*

### **Future Injury Prevention Advisory Committee Meeting Dates:**

Friday, May 4, 2007  
Friday, August 24, 2007  
Friday, October 26, 2007

### **Adjourn:**

The meeting adjourned at 12:55 p.m.