

Injury Prevention Advisory Committee Minutes

Members present:

Edward Brandt, Jr., M.D., Ph.D., Chair; *OU Health Sciences Center*,
James Blocker, *Oklahoma City Fire Department*,
Jim Brown, *Occupational Safety and Health Administration*;
James Cox, *Oklahoma Association of Chiefs of Police*;
Harold Cully, *Indian Health Service*;
Tabitha Garwe, *OSDH Trauma Division*;
Jeff Hamilton, *Interfaith Alliance*;
Tina Johnson, *Pottowatomie, Hughes, Seminole and Okfuskee County Health
Departments*;
Gayle Jones, *Oklahoma Department of Education*;
Joe McDonald, *Oklahoma Highway Safety Office*;
Shawn Rogers, *OSDH Emergency Medical Services*;
Marcia Smith, *Oklahoma Coalition Against Domestic Violence and Sexual
Assault*;
Kenneth Stewart, *OSDH Trauma Division*;
Chris West; *Oklahoma Department of Public Safety*.

Members absent:

Roxie Albrecht, M.D., *OU MEDICAL CENTER*; Michael Echelle, *Pittsburg,
Pontotoc, Coal, Atoka County Health Departments*; Martha Collar, *Safe Kids
Oklahoma*; Martha Ferretti, M.P.H., P.T., *OU MEDICAL CENTER*; Raymond
Huhnke, Ph.D., *Oklahoma State University*; Shawna McWaters-Khalousi, *OSDH
Terrorism Preparedness and Response Service*; Melinda Spohn, *Carter,
Johnston, Jefferson, Love County Health Departments*; David Teague, M.D., *OU
MEDICAL CENTER*; Inas Yacoub, M.D.; *Office of the Chief Medical Examiner*.

Staff:

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

Guests:

Betsy Randolph, *Oklahoma Department of Public Safety*.

Welcome and Introductions:

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

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Legislative Update:

Dr. Brandt and Pam Archer reported that the ATV bill (H.B. 1686) passed both the House and Senate (with amendments). *The bill was returned to the House for consideration of the Senate amendments and passed on May 7, 2007. The bill was sent to the Governor on May 8.* The legislation requires all persons less than 18 years of age to wear a helmet when riding an ATV on public lands, and carries a fine of up to \$25. It also prohibits passengers on ATVs unless the ATV is specifically manufactured to carry a passenger.

Dr. Brandt reported there is federal legislation (S.845, the Safety of Seniors SOS Act of 2007) to authorize new programs to help prevent falls among older adults through public education, research, and demonstration projects. He said Senator Tom Coburn has been hesitant to support this legislation, and that the bill will not get out of committee without Sen. Coburn's support. Dr. Brandt said several physicians' organizations have contacted Sen. Coburn encouraging him to support the bill, and that Sen. Coburn is now negotiating with the sponsors of the bill.

Jeff Hamilton reported on legislation that has been filed at the federal level to authorize a Department of Peace and Non-violence to meet at the Cabinet level. The legislation has two dimensions. First, the Department would look at international issues and seek to find non-violent strategies for the resolution of international conflicts; however, it does not affect the Department of Defense or other governmental entities assigned to provide for national security. Second, the Department would address domestic issues such as gangs, interpersonal violence, domestic violence and other violence-related issues. The Department would work with the states and also assist with funding issues. It would provide coordination of resources and seek to overcome duplication of efforts in terms of violence prevention. (Much of the material is found in the Task Force on Violence in Oklahoma led by Dr. Brandt in 1993. His task force advocated a more coordinated approach to violence prevention efforts.) Rev. Hamilton shared this information with Congresswoman Mary Fallin's Office, in an attempt to make the Oklahoma connection so that they would consider the legislation.

Rev. Hamilton also stated that he is reviewing theological literature for books that are dealing with violence issues from the perspective of the faith communities. He will make his findings available in the future.

Marcia Smith reported that HB 1649, by Rep. Pam Peterson, R-Tulsa, and Sen. Judy Eason McIntyre, D-Tulsa, enacts a State Plan for Coordination of Efforts for Prevention of Sexual Violence to provide a comprehensive, coordinated, multidisciplinary and interagency effort to reduce the rate of sexual violence within the state. The measure creates 14-member Interagency Coordinating Council for Coordination of Efforts for Prevention of Sexual Violence to complete a State Plan and to present the plan to the governor for approval by July 1, 2008.

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After approval of the State Plan, the council would be required to monitor implementation of the plan, evaluate the plan and make revisions to the plan when required and to submit an annual report by Sept. 1, beginning in 2008, on the implementation and evaluation of the State Plan to the governor, the Senate president pro tempore and the House speaker.

Jim Cox reported that HB 1650, by Rep. Pam Peterson, R-Tulsa, and Sen. Susan Paddock, D-Ada, requires the Council on Law Enforcement Education and Training, by Jan. 1, 2008, to include in its required courses of study for law enforcement certification a minimum of six hours of evidence-based sexual assault and sexual violence training. A portion of the sexual assault and sexual violence training would be required to include instruction presented by a certified sexual assault service provider. By Jan. 1, 2012, every active full-time peace officer previously certified by CLEET would be required to attend and complete the training. CLEET would be required to promulgate rules for enforcement and, with the assistance of certified sexual assault service providers, establish a comprehensive integrated curriculum for the teaching of evidence-based sexual assault and sexual violence issues.

Joe McDonald reported that SB 51, which would have increased the seat belt fine from \$20 to \$40 did not pass.

Injury Prevention Service Update:

Shelli Stephens-Stidham reported the Indian Health Service and Injury Prevention Service had co-sponsored the Indian Health Service's Level 1 Introduction to Injury Prevention training workshop on April 10-13 in Tulsa at the Cherokee Nation Casino and Resort. Approximately 15 persons from local Oklahoma tribes and county health departments, as well as individuals from out of state participated in the training.

The Injury Prevention Service will also be contracting with the University of North Carolina to conduct a training workshop for agencies/organizations receiving Rape Prevention Education (RPE) funds from the Injury Prevention Service. Ms. Stephens-Stidham said that although the training workshops are geared toward sexual violence prevention, other organizations interested in injury and violence prevention would be invited to attend.

During May, the Injury Prevention Service, OHSO, IHS, and Safe Kids Oklahoma will be collaborating on activities for May Mobilization/Injury Prevention Month/Safe Kids Week at a kick-off breakfast at the Oklahoma History Center on May 8. 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, 20-year anniversary of Safe Kids, and 40-year anniversary of the Oklahoma Highway Safety Office. The activities will feature four persons who have been

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saved by a seat belt.

Ms. Stephens-Stidham announced that Martha Collar will be joining the staff of the Injury Prevention Service on June 25, 2007 as the Policy/Media Coordinator.

Traffic Safety Work Group Update:

Dr. Brandt said the Traffic Safety Work Group met on April 20, 2007. The group will be looking at Oklahoma Highway Safety Office data to determine issues related to increase in emergency department cases, cell phone use and other distracted driving, and older drivers. The subcommittee will make recommendations regarding policy/legislation.

Burn Injuries Due to Cigarette-Related Residential Fires in Oklahoma, 1988-2003 – Pam Archer M.P.H.

Pam Archer presented information that Tracy Wendling, M.P.H., had prepared on cigarette-related residential fires in Oklahoma. *A copy of the presentation is attached.*

Future Injury Prevention Advisory Committee Meeting Dates:

Friday, August 24, 2007
Friday, October 26, 2007

Adjourn:

The meeting adjourned at 1:15 p.m.