

Oklahoma Injury Prevention Advisory Committee
Meeting Minutes

September 26, 2008

Members Present:

Dr. Mark Brandenburg, Chair;
Dr. Roxie Albrecht, OU Medical Center;
Cherokee Ballard for Dr. Inas Yacoub, Office of the Chief Medical Examiner;
Kevin Behrens for Carol Williams, Oklahoma Highway Safety Office;
Christy Cornforth, Safe Kids Oklahoma;
Harold Cully, Indian Health Service;
Andrea Hamor Edmondson for Marcia Smith, Oklahoma Coalition Against Domestic Violence and Sexual Assault;
Laura Gamino, OU Medical Center Trauma Services;
Patrice Greenawalt, Oklahoma State Department of Health Trauma Division;
Dr. Alan Grubb, Cleveland County Board of Health;
Jeff Hamilton, Interfaith Alliance Foundation of Oklahoma;
Gayle Jones, Oklahoma State Department of Education;
Chief Jerry Lojka, Midwest City Fire Department;
Dr. Lee McGoodwin, Oklahoma Poison Control Center;
R. Shawn Rogers, Oklahoma State Department of Health Emergency Medical Services;
Scott Sproat, Oklahoma State Department of Health Terrorism and Preparedness Response Service;
Capt. Chris West, Oklahoma Department of Public Safety

Guests:

Tabitha Garwe, Oklahoma State Department of Health Trauma Division;
Robert McPherson, Oklahoma State Department of Education Physical Education and Health;
Dr. Emily Piercefield, Oklahoma State Department of Health Injury Prevention Service;
Tracy Wendling, Oklahoma State Department of Health Injury Prevention Service;
Sandra Adcock, Private Citizen

Staff:

Pam Archer, Oklahoma State Department of Health Injury Prevention Service;
Emily Samuel, Oklahoma State Department of Health Injury Prevention Service

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Welcome/Introduction

Pam Archer called the Oklahoma Injury Prevention Advisory Committee meeting to order. Minutes from the previous meeting on April 25, 2008 were approved without changes. Mrs. Archer welcomed committee members and introduced chairman Dr. Mark Brandenburg. Dr. Brandenburg took a few moments to share the background of the Oklahoma Injury Prevention Advisory Committee. He also shared the committee's purpose and mission statement, which may be revised as needed.

Dr. Brandenburg presented the Membership Interests Survey, and requested each member to complete it. The member contact list will be updated, and members were asked to make any necessary changes. The mission statement, survey, and updated member contact list will be emailed to the committee members. Members then took turns introducing themselves and sharing their backgrounds. New members to the committee include Christy Cornforth, Safe Kids Oklahoma and Scott Sproat, Oklahoma State Department of Health Terrorism and Preparedness Response Service.

Injury Prevention Service Update

Pam Archer reported that two new staff members have joined Injury Prevention Service: Dr. Emily Piercefield and Feng Li. IPS has been re-funded on all grants, and one Oklahoma community will be applying for Safe Communities' status (Shawnee, OK). Child Passenger Safety Week was September 21st – 27th, 2008. Nineteen seat check events took place across the state promoting child passenger safety, and IPS received \$30,000 from the Oklahoma Highway Safety Office for Seat Check Saturday events. Two smoke alarm canvassing events were held in the communities of Coalgate and Tecumseh. The department is currently working on collaborating with Tobacco Free Homes, Meals on Wheels, and other organizations to distribute smoke alarms; 20,000 smoke alarms are on order. Topics of recent injury publications include violent deaths in custody, falls, submersions, Traumatic Brain Injury, teen driving, and bullying. Dr. Brandenburg added that both falls among the elderly and unintentional poisoning deaths continue to attract national attention.

Poisoning Trends

Dr. Brandenburg introduced Dr. Lee McGoodwin from the Oklahoma Poison Control Center. Dr. McGoodwin presented the current Poisoning Trends in Oklahoma. She discussed the structure and function of the Oklahoma Poison Center, the incidence of poisoning deaths in Oklahoma, the epidemiology of poisonings among school-aged children, and new trends in drug abuse among teenagers and middle aged adults. (PowerPoint presentation attached.) Mrs. Archer introduced Dr. Emily Piercefield, who gave a short overview on poisoning deaths due to medication overdoses by year, age group, and substances involved. Dr. Piercefield also stressed the importance of informing the public that taking prescription medications of the same class, even when following prescribed dosage, may be dangerous/fatal. Both presentations were followed by questions from committee members.

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Open Discussion

A Poison Symposium will be held in March of 2009. Committee members were asked to think about specific topic ideas, potential speakers, etc. Laura Gamino, Gayle Jones, Chief Jerry Lojka, and Dr. Lee McGoodwin volunteered to help organize the symposium.

Announcements

- October is National Fire Prevention Month
- Safe and Healthy Schools Conference: Monday, November 10, 2008
- Crystal Darkness Oklahoma Campaign: January 13, 2009 at 6:30 p.m. (Network roadblock)
- Poison Symposium to be held in March 2009
- Revision of the State Strategic Plan in progress

Upcoming Injury Prevention Advisory Committee Meetings

Friday, October 31, 2008 (cancelled)
Next meeting: TBA

Adjourn

The Oklahoma Injury Prevention Advisory Committee was adjourned at 1:10pm.