

Oklahoma Injury Prevention Advisory Committee  
**Meeting Minutes**

October 13, 2010

**Members Present:**

Dr. Mark Brandenburg, Chair;  
Dr. Roxie Albrecht, OU Medical Center;  
Kevin Behrens, Oklahoma Highway Safety Office;  
Michael Echelle, Pittsburg County Health Department;  
Laura Gamino, OU Medical Center Trauma Services;  
Dr. Alan Grubb, Cleveland County Board of Health;  
Tina Johnson, Pottawatomie County Health Department;  
Dave Koeneke, Oklahoma Safety Council;  
Jerry Lojka, Midwest City Fire Department;  
John Wilguess, Safe Kids Oklahoma

**Guests:**

Janet Barker, Occupational Safety and Health Administration;  
Chuck Mai, AAA Oklahoma;  
Young Onuorah, Oklahoma Department of Mental Health & Substance Abuse Services;  
Mike Whaley, Oklahoma Secondary School Activities Association

**Staff:**

Pam Archer, Oklahoma State Department of Health, Injury Prevention Service;  
Liz Langthorn, Oklahoma State Department of Health, Injury Prevention Service;  
Regina McCurdy, Oklahoma State Department of Health, Injury Prevention Service;  
Emily Samuel, Oklahoma State Department of Health, Injury Prevention Service

**Welcome/Introduction**

Dr. Mark Brandenburg called the Oklahoma Injury Prevention Advisory Committee meeting to order, and members introduced themselves. Minutes from the previous meeting on May 21, 2010 were approved without changes.

**Legislative Update**

Dr. Brandenburg opened the floor to discuss the legislative agenda for 2011. Members discussed legislation of interest and discussed legislation the committee should focus on during this year's session. Possible focus areas include:

- Strengthening the existing law that prohibits texting/cell phone use while driving to include drivers of all ages (current legislation applies to novice drivers with a permit or intermediate license).
- Strengthening the current child restraint law to include the use of child restraints/booster seats up to age 8.

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- Promoting health education and teen dating violence education curricula in schools.
- Strengthening the concussion legislation to include young athletes (elementary school age).

### Injury Prevention Service Update

Pam Archer reported on the following Injury Prevention Service (IPS) activities:

- New committees/workgroups: Older Adult Falls Coalition, Unintentional Poisoning Advisory Committee, Traumatic Brain Injury Advisory Committee.
- Older adult falls: A falls prevention symposium was held in June 2010. The OSDH hosted a *Tai Chi: Moving for Better Balance* training instructed by Dr. Fuzhong Li earlier this month (13 instructors trained); Liz Langthorn will be going to Oregon to receive second level training so she will be able to train additional instructors across the state.
- Traumatic Brain Injury: sports-related concussion materials were mailed to Oklahoma schools (grades 7-12).
- Child passenger safety: As of October 1, 2010, Safe Kids Oklahoma is coordinating the program statewide. Child safety seats will be available to families who are on government assistance; there will not be a cost for seats when provided through the county health departments.
- Rape prevention education: Sexual Violence Advisory Committee Summit to develop prevention action plan; PREVENT training held on working with communities to affect organizational change and policy; Faith Communities Conference will be held later this month.
- Statewide hospital and fatal injury surveillance completed for burns, workers' comp hospitalizations, traumatic brain injuries, and drownings/near drownings.
- New web pages: older adult falls prevention and unintentional poisoning.
- News releases since May 2010: Summer Safety, Fireworks Safety, Older Adult Falls, Prescription Drug Overdose, Children In and Around Water, Children in Hot Cars, Child Passenger Safety, Fire Prevention, Teen Driver Safety, and Infant Safe Sleep.
- Publications: Increase in Unintentional Medication Overdose Deaths: Oklahoma, 1994-2006 to be published in the American Journal of Preventive Medicine (October Issue); ATV-Related Injuries and Teen Dating Violence published in American Indian Horizons.
- Injury Updates and other articles: Construction-Related Deaths, Farming-Related Deaths, Motorcycle Injuries, Occupational Health Indicators, Rollover Crash Injuries, Undetermined Manner Deaths Among Infants, Work-Related Mobile Machinery Deaths, Work-Related Roadway Crash Fatalities, and Youth Suicide.

#### Other

- Earthquake this morning near Norman: few injuries – falls off roofs/ladders.
- Members interested in study involving falls and weather-related trauma patterns and during specific seasons (Christmas, hunting); possible *Injury Update* on falls from ladders.

### Sports-Related Concussions

Dr. Brandenburg presented on sports-related concussions and Ms. Langthorn presented on the high school concussions survey. Members discussed the following:

- Oklahoma law (SB 1700) and challenges schools face.

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- Baseline concussion knowledge of school staff is unknown.
- Challenges for individuals who do not have access to healthcare/no health insurance.
- Challenges for religious groups that do not use medical services.
- Challenges for small/rural school systems.
- Challenges for volunteer doctors/medical professionals.
- Injuries among children below the 7<sup>th</sup> grade.
- Reporting information collected to a central location.
- Uses for collected information.
- Training for school staff.
- Reaching coaches, game officials, and parents.
- Reaching sports clubs and leagues outside the school system.
- Reaching athletes beyond football (basketball, baseball, soccer, cheerleading, martial arts, etc.).

### Announcements

- Oklahoma Department of Mental Health & Substance Abuse Services: SPF SIG grant monies available for programs addressing underage drinking and prescription drug abuse; interested in collaborating with other organizations to prevent repetitive programs. Contact Young Onuorah for more information.
- November 17, 2010: Texting While Driving Summit; State Capitol Building, Rm. 412C at 1:30 p.m.; RSVP with Chuck Mai, [chuck.mai@aaaok.org](mailto:chuck.mai@aaaok.org) or (405) 753-8040 / (405) 209-8260.

### Upcoming Injury Prevention Advisory Committee Meetings

- TBA

### Adjourn

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