

Oklahoma Injury Prevention Advisory Committee
Meeting Minutes

January 14, 2011

Members Present:

Dr. Mark Brandenburg, Chair;
Garry Thomas for Kevin Behrens, Oklahoma Highway Safety Office;
Amy Buford, Oklahoma Coalition Against Domestic Violence & Sexual Assault;
Laura Gamino, OU Medical Center Trauma Services;
Ken Stewart for Patrice Greenawalt, Medical Facilities, OSDH
Dr. Alan Grubb, Cleveland County Board of Health;
Jessica Hawkins, OK Dept. of Mental Health & Substance Abuse Services;
Tina Johnson, Pottawatomie County Health Department;
Gayle Jones, OK State Dept of Education;
Jerry Lojka, Midwest City Fire Department;
Chuck Mai, AAA Oklahoma;
Jeff McKibbin, University of Central OK;
Kevin Pipes, Legislative Expert;
Teresa Ryan, Maternal & Child Health, OSDH;
Scott Sproat, Emergency Preparedness & Response, OSDH;
David Teague, Orthopedic Surgery & Rehab, OUHSC;
Don Vogt, OK Bureau of Narcotics & Dangerous Drugs;
Chris West, Dept of Public Safety, OK Highway Patrol;
John Wilguess, Safe Kids Oklahoma;
Dr. Inas Yacoub, Office of the Chief Medical Examiner
Cherokee Ballard, Office of the Chief Medical Examiner

Guests:

Lauren Farrah, Safe Kids Oklahoma

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

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 October 13, 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:

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- Strengthening the existing law that prohibits texting while driving to include drivers of all ages and for it to be primary enforcement (current legislation applies only to novice drivers with a permit or intermediate license)
- Eliminate pain and suffering damages for uninsured motorists
- Statewide social host law
- Promoting health education, including teen dating violence & bullying education curricula in schools
- Reducing the allowable blood alcohol concentration while boating
- Bike safety

The membership voted to focus on three legislative bills.

- Prohibit texting while driving for all age groups
- Statewide social host law
- Reducing the allowable blood alcohol concentration while boating

Injury Prevention Service Update

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

- Announced that Emily Samuel had left OSDH Injury Prevention Service and relocated to Washington DC with Safe Kids Worldwide
- Occupational Fatalities
- Oklahoma Health Improvement Plan - Priorities are motor vehicle crashes, graduated drivers license, all-terrain vehicles, drowning, and teen dating violence (healthy relationships)
- Core Capacity Grant – The IPS is applying for a new competitive core grant. The Committee approved the following priority areas: motor vehicle crashes, older adult falls, drowning & sports-related traumatic brain injuries
- The IPS is applying for a Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) grant for smoke alarms

Injury Updates and reports were passed around.

- *Injury Updates:*
 - Gang and Gang-like Homicides in Oklahoma (Oct 29, 2010)
 - Unintentional Poisonings related to Medications, Oklahoma, 1999-2006 (Nov 30, 2010)
- Annual Reports:
 - Injuries in Oklahoma, 2004-2008; TBI's in Oklahoma, 2004-2008
 - TBI Surveillance Summary
- Traffic Data Linkage Project:
 - Safety Equipment Use Saves Lives
 - Pickup Truck Drivers-Crash Injuries, Oklahoma, 2007
- Occupational Safety Sheet:
 - Mobile Machinery-related Deaths, Oklahoma, 1998-2008 (English – have been sent for Spanish translation)
 - Work-related Motor Vehicle Crash Deaths, Oklahoma, 2007 (English-have been sent for Spanish translation)

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- Work Zone-related Deaths, Oklahoma, 1998-2008 (English-have been sent for Spanish translation). Received Spanish translation for: Construction-related Deaths
- Farming-related Deaths
- Safety in Eating and Drinking Establishments
- Teenage Restaurant Workers
- Web Pages: Posted
 - Unintentional Poisoning (was in draft form at last meeting)
- New Injury Update category
 - Injuries and Deaths related to Drugs, Medication, or other Poisoning
- New in HTML (previously only posted in PDF)
 - Information about Head Injury (English & Spanish)

Bylaws for the Oklahoma Injury Prevention Advisory Committee

Bylaws were received, discussed and passed by member vote. Also, the bylaws address officers. Persons interested in running for Chair and Vice Chair should send an email to Dr. Brandenburg or Pam Archer. Each position will be a two year term. The Vice-Chair will move into the Chair role. We will vote at the next meeting.

Announcements

- Strong & Healthy Oklahoma February 12, 2011 – Contact Laura Gamino, 405-271-3557
- Trauma Symposium “Native Oklahoma Trauma”, May 6, 2011 – Contact Laura Gamino, 405-271-3557
- Publications available through Gayle Jones for educators and parents. Contact Gayle at 405-271-2107

Upcoming Injury Prevention Advisory Committee Meetings

- The next meeting will be coordinated with the CDC site visit (May or June)
- The October meeting is set for October 28, 2011, Conference Room A

Adjourn

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