

Oklahoma Injury Prevention Advisory Committee
Meeting Minutes

January 10, 2014

Members Present:

Dr. Mark Brandenburg, Chair
David Bates, Area Director, Occupational Safety & Health Administration
Laura Gamino, Injury Prevention Coordinator, OU Medical Center, Trauma Services
Chief Virgil Green, Spencer Police Department for Phil Cotten, Oklahoma Assn. of Chiefs of Police
Sunshine Gross, Oklahoma Coalition Against Domestic Violence and Sexual Assault
Jessica Hawkins, Oklahoma Department of Mental Health & Substance Abuse Services
Jeff McKibbin, University of Central Oklahoma, Graduate Athletic Training Education Program
Katie Mueller, Director, and Cassandra Herring, SAFE Kids Oklahoma
Kevin Pipes
Scott Schaeffer, Managing Director and Stephanie Garland, Student, Oklahoma Poison Control Center
Toni Short, Injury Prevention Coordinator, Caddo Nation Injury Prevention
Mendy Spohn, Administrator, Carter County Health Department
Scott Sproat, Director, Emergency Preparedness & Response Service, OSDH

Guest: Steven Buck, Deputy Commissioner, Communications and Prevention, Oklahoma Department of Mental Health & Substance Abuse Services

Staff:

Tracy Wendling, Oklahoma State Department of Health, Injury Prevention Service
Regina McCurdy, Oklahoma State Department of Health, Injury Prevention Service
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Welcome/Introduction

Dr. Mark Brandenburg called the meeting to order and members introduced themselves. Minutes from the previous meeting on October 11, 2013, were approved.

Legislation Update

Dr. Brandenburg reviewed several bills that were newly filed. HB3340 is a bill raising age, weight and height limits for car/booster seats. Katie Mueller with Safe Kids Oklahoma said this is an amendment to the current law; 39 other states have added these changes. The current law states children have to be appropriately restrained until age 6 years. This bill changes the age to 12 years or 4 ft. 9 inches tall. There is also a bill specifying every operator and passengers in all seating positions must use seat belts.

There are several bills concerning texting while driving and cell phone usage being introduced. It was suggested that we add no texting or cell phone use in school zones.

Many municipalities have issues on electronic cigarettes per Scott Schaeffer, including a dramatic rise in the number of ingestions/poisonings by children. There were 77 exposures from e-cigarettes to children last year. The FDA is just now looking at regulations. Dr. Brandenburg asked if we could have someone from the OSDH Center for Wellness give a presentation on the problems of e-cigarettes at the next meeting. There will probably be a bill on electronic cigarettes retail sales. The Federal Department of Labor has a policy against the use of e-cigarettes

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per David Bates. The Oklahoma House/Senate also held a hearing on January 22nd on Tobacco Harm Reduction and Proposed Update to the E-Cigarette Policy. There are 1700 bills still not filed for the new legislative session.

Mental Health in Oklahoma

Steve Buck, Deputy Commissioner of Communications and Prevention at the Department of Mental Health and Substance Abuse Services (ODMHSAS), spoke on their policies and strategies. He said, "Rep. Bennett filed a synthetic drug bill which produced hearings. It resulted in a ten month lapse of the bill. The state needs to come to grips with mental health problems and our ability to respond. The illegal drug chemists change quickly in order to stay within the law." There were four specific bills passed last year related to prescription drug abuse. OSDH and ODMHSAS are now able to receive prescription monitoring program data for research and prevention efforts. The naloxone bill allows first responders and family members to access and administer the drug in the event of an opioid overdose. The ODMHSAS is working on pilot testing a first responder naloxone program in Tulsa. There is now a law concerning no refills for hydrocodone. It is still considered a Schedule 3 drug to keep reasonable controls. The fourth piece of legislation requires the Oklahoma Bureau of Narcotics to proactively send letters to providers about potential doctor shoppers. For the 2014 legislative session, Good Samaritan legislation will be introduced and supported by the OSDH. ODMHSAS is in discussions with stakeholders about a bill mandating physicians check use the prescription monitoring program.

Underage drinking is also a focus area for the ODMHSAS. Policy issues include the availability of strong beer and wine in grocery and convenience stores, Sunday access, and the age of retail clerks. These things are marketed as an economic incentive, but they have implications in terms of increased availability leading to increased consumption and possibly greater underage exposure. Dr. Brandenburg asked about looking into what other states are doing. Could it be possible to package this as a county option?

Mr. Buck then spoke about inpatient and crisis psychiatric care in Oklahoma. The state has a need of approximately 80 more psychiatric beds; although, data are lacking on exactly how many psychiatric beds are operated in the state. Work has been done to increase the number by 48, but Deaconess will be closing 55 beds this year, which negates that progress. There is a particular need for beds for 21-64-year-olds. This demographic is neglected because of payer source (pediatric and geriatric psychiatric care can be compensated by Medicaid and Medicare). A proposed bill would require accurate hospital reporting on the number of psychiatric beds.

In 1999, New York state enacted legislation that provided for assisted outpatient treatment for people with mental illness who, in view of their treatment history and present circumstances, are unlikely to survive safely in the community without supervision. This law is commonly referred to as "Kendra's Law" and Oklahoma is looking into the law.

The ODMHSAS is working to help providers in the state become more accepting of the SBIRT approach (screening, brief intervention, and referral to treatment). Seventy percent of doctors report not being comfortable telling patients they drink too much. A lot of these individuals need addiction treatment. For 25-30% of the population, intervention in primary care could help them return to a safe level of use. Over 100 studies show that SBIRT helps.

Lastly, Mr. Buck mentioned suicide prevention and how numbers in Oklahoma have not improved. A lot of work still needs to be done in this area.

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Kevin Pipes asked about the repercussions for mental health as a result of Oklahoma refusing the ACA Medicaid expansion money. Mr. Buck said that many would have been eligible if this money had been accepted. Dr. Brandenburg asked where to find hospitals with mental health beds available. He noted the difficulties in the hospital setting with needing to find and transfer patients for appropriate care.

Injury Prevention Service Update

Tracy Wendling gave an Injury Prevention Service Update:

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1. Unintentional poisoning prescription drug overdoses. We are working with the ODMHSAS and the Oklahoma Bureau of Narcotics to access and clean data from the prescription monitoring program.
 2. We are championing the Good Samaritan bill this legislative session.
 3. We are offering a "train the trainer" presentation for county health department health educators on the topic of prescription drug abuse.
 4. On December 19th, the Governor held a press conference formally announcing the prescription drug abuse state plan and the associated statewide media campaign, *Take as Prescribed*.
 5. We are still working on the May 2013 tornado study. Over 800 medical records have been abstracted with one hospital left. There is also a community survey targeting residents in the damage path of the May 20th tornado. Tracy and Sheryll Brown are presenting preliminary findings at the National Tornado Summit on February 10 at the OKC Cox Convention Center.
 6. We worked with the OSDH Emergency Preparedness and Response Service to develop two questions for the Behavioral Risk Factor Surveillance System to obtain data on the number of tornado shelters in the state.
 7. The motor vehicle health educator position is currently vacant.
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2014 Meeting Dates

June 13 and October 10.

Adjourn

The meeting was adjourned at 1:00 pm.