

Oklahoma Injury Prevention Advisory Committee
Meeting Minutes

May 29, 2009

Members Present:

Dr. Mark Brandenburg, Chair;
Dr. Roxie Albrecht, OU Medical Center;
James Cox, Oklahoma Association of Chiefs of Police;
Harold Cully, Indian Health Service;
Michael Echelle, Pittsburg County Health Department;
Andrea Hamor Edmondson for Marcia Smith, Oklahoma Coalition Against Domestic Violence and Sexual Assault;
Laura Gamino, OU Medical Center Trauma Services;
Tabitha Garwe for 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;
Dave Koeneke, Oklahoma Safety Council;
Sabrina Mackey for Kevin Behrens, Oklahoma Highway Safety Office;
Dr. Lee McGoodwin, Oklahoma Poison Control Center;
Teresa Ryan, Oklahoma State Department of Health, Maternal and Child Health Service;
Scott Sproat, Oklahoma State Department of Health, Emergency Preparedness & Response;
Capt. Chris West, Oklahoma Department of Public Safety

Guests:

Kevin Pipes, Oklahoma State Department of Health, Office of State & Federal Policy;
Stacey Puckett, Oklahoma Association of Chiefs of Police

Staff:

Pam Archer, Oklahoma State Department of Health, Injury Prevention Service;
Sheryll Brown, 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

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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 September 26, 2008 were approved without changes.

On behalf of the advisory committee, Dr. Brandenburg presented a recognition of service award to James Cox, who recently retired as the Executive Director of the Oklahoma Association of Chiefs of Police. Stacey Puckett, the new Executive Director of the Oklahoma Association of Chiefs of Police, will be taking his place on the committee.

The minutes from the Unintentional Poisoning Deaths Symposium were distributed, and Dr. Brandenburg gave a summary of the symposium. The goals of the symposium were to form a poison prevention workgroup consisting of various agencies and organizations, to share information on the problem and current prevention efforts, and to develop an action plan to address the issue. The symposium was structured as a daylong meeting with presentations and discussions on unintentional poisoning deaths/prescription drug abuse among 35-54 year olds in Oklahoma.

Dr. Brandenburg opened the floor to discuss the past legislative session and members' thoughts on what improvements the OIPAC should make when assisting with injury-related legislation in the future. Members reviewed and discussed bills which were introduced in the 2009 legislative session, and injury-related legislation that should be considered for next year's session. Members also discussed how the committee can better impact policy in Oklahoma and be more effective in the next legislative session:

- Develop a strategic plan of action to influence policy makers.
- Be aware of circumstances that affect the legislation process – legislator term limits, timing with current events.
- Choose a few injury areas and focus on those – members agreed that the primary focus for next year should be legislation related to cell phone use/texting while driving, drivers age may remain unspecified or relate to drivers 18 years of age and younger.
- Form a subcommittee to assist in writing bills and meet with legislators.
- Be aware of opposing arguments (i.e., Bluetooth technology as a standard feature in vehicles).
- Review related bills from previous sessions (i.e., cell phone use).
- Promote cohesive partnerships among legislators and bill supporters to minimize repetitive bills on the same injury area.
- Review benefits of laws passed by other states; are these primary laws?

Additional legislation/education that will be considered:

- Flat screen TVs to be sold with mounting devices; caution fact sheet to be distributed to customers who purchase a flat screen TV or posted in stores
- ATV-related legislation
- Teen dating violence/health education curriculum for middle schools
- Social host ordinances (currently, 55 communities have social host ordinances; this does not include field parties in rural areas); consider adults responsible if parties are permitted to be held on their property with their knowledge

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Injury Prevention Service Update

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

- Funding
Approximately 80% of IPS funding is federal. IPS currently has 8 federal grants; annual continuation applications have been prepared for 7 of the 8 grants.
- Peer-reviewed manuscript articles
The following articles are in the final draft stage: evaluation of the Oklahoma Violent Death Reporting System, unintentional medication-related deaths, and winter storm injuries.
- Injury Updates and reports
Four reports have been published since February – Why People Drown, Work-related Burns among Restaurant and Food Service Workers, Teen Traffic Crashes; reports on alcohol-related crashes and older adults are being written.
Four national presentations have been conducted since February on teen traffic deaths, law enforcement data collection, and winter storm. Upcoming presentations include: deaths among young workers and unintentional medication deaths, and alcohol-related injuries.
- Media events/topics
Water safety/drowning prevention, Click It or Ticket, dating violence prevention, summer safety tips
- Safe Communities America
The application for Safe Community Shawnee is currently being reviewed; a site visit will be scheduled upon approval; working on a fall prevention program for older adults in the City of Shawnee.
- State Strategic Plan
The preparedness and emergency response section has been finalized. The poisoning and residential fires sections are close to finished.
- Smoke Alarms
Nearly 4,000 smoke alarms (with 10-year lithium batteries) have been distributed in 75 communities since September 2008. Smoke alarm recipients must complete an application, the alarm must be installed, and a fire escape plan must be discussed with the resident.
- Surveillance
Surveillance data is being collected at all hospitals in the state for burns (usually only at the 3 burn centers), and ATV injuries (not previously collected). Information will also be collected on older adult falls among Shawnee residents.
- Tornado Surveillance
IPS assisted with the grant application by Oklahoma Institute for Disaster and Emergency Medicine. If funded, IPS will collect information on emergency department, inpatient, and medical examiner tornado injuries.
- Sheryll Brown of the Injury Prevention Service received a trophy and cash award for Central Office Employee of the Year Honorable Mention.

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Announcements

- August 24, 2009: Safe Kids Oklahoma Charity Golf Tournament – participants, volunteers, and donated door prizes needed. Information about “Johnnie’s Nights” will be emailed.
- Department of Education: Information regarding Title IV funding cuts can be found on: <http://www.cadca.org>.
- November 6, 2009: Safe and Healthy Schools Conference

Upcoming Injury Prevention Advisory Committee Meetings

- September 25, 2009

Adjourn

The Oklahoma Injury Prevention Advisory Committee was adjourned at 1:07 p.m.