

Injury Prevention Advisory Committee Minutes

Members present:

Cecilia Alsobrook, *Oklahoma Highway Safety Office*;
Jim Brown, *Occupational Safety and Health Administration*;
James Cox, *Oklahoma Association of Chiefs of Police*;
Andrea Hamor Edmondson for Marcia Smith, *Oklahoma Coalition Against Domestic Violence and Sexual Assault*;
Patrice Greenawalt, *OSDH Trauma Division*;
Gayle Jones, *Oklahoma Department of Education*;
Tina Johnson, *Pottawatomie, Hughes, Seminole and Okfuskee County Health Departments*;
Robert Irby for Shawn Rogers, *OSDH Emergency Medical Services*;
Melinda Spohn, *Carter, Johnston, Jefferson, Love County Health Departments*.

Members absent:

Roxie Albrecht, M.D., *OU MEDICAL CENTER*; James Blocker, *Oklahoma City Fire Department*; Michael Echelle, *Pittsburg, Pontotoc, Coal, Atoka County Health Departments*; Jeff Hamilton, *Interfaith Alliance*; Harold Cully, *Indian Health Service*; Martha Ferretti, M.P.H., P.T., *OU MEDICAL CENTER*; Raymond Huhnke, Ph.D., *Oklahoma State University*; Shawna McWaters-Khalousi, *OSDH Terrorism Preparedness and Response Service*; David Teague, M.D., *OU MEDICAL CENTER*; Chris West, *Oklahoma Department of Public Safety*; Inas Yacoub, M.D.; *Office of the Chief Medical Examiner*.

Staff:

Pam Archer, M.P.H., *OSDH Injury Prevention Service*; Regina McCurdy, *OSDH Injury Prevention Service*; Shelli Stephens-Stidham, *OSDH Injury Prevention Service*.

Welcome and Introductions:

Shelli Stephens-Stidham called the meeting to order. She introduced Cecilia Alsobrook, Interim Director, Oklahoma Highway Safety Office, who has replaced Joe McDonald. Mr. McDonald retired in July.

Ms. Stephens-Stidham reported that the Injury Prevention Service is in the process of identifying a new chairperson for the Injury Prevention Advisory Committee. She said Edward Brandt, M.D., Ph.D., who passed away in August, had chaired the Committee since its inception and was recognized as an international and national leader in injury and violence prevention.

Legislative Update:

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Pam Archer reported that H.B. 1686 passed the Oklahoma Legislature and was signed by Governor Henry. The law, which requires helmets for riders less than 18 years of age and prohibits passengers unless the ATV is manufactured to carry passengers, went into effect November 1, 2007. The law applies to ATVs ridden on public lands.

Ms. Stephens-Stidham reported that Representative Joe Dorman and Senator Don Barrington have expressed interest in introducing legislation, which would require that only “fire-safe cigarettes” be sold in Oklahoma. A fire-safe cigarette has a reduced propensity to burn when left unattended. The most common fire-safe technology used by cigarette manufacturers is to wrap cigarettes with two or three thin bands of less-porous paper that act as “speed bumps” to slow down a burning cigarette. If a fire-safe cigarette is left unattended, the burning tobacco will reach one of these speed bumps and self-extinguish. Fire-safe cigarettes meet an established cigarette fire safety performance standard. Fire-safe cigarettes are already the law in New York, New Hampshire, Vermont, California and Oregon. Sixteen other states have passed legislation and nine states have filed legislation.

Injury Prevention Service Update:

Ms. Stephens-Stidham reported the Injury Prevention Service collaborated with the Indian Health Service (IHS) to sponsor the IHS Introduction to Injury Prevention training workshop on April 10-13, 2007 in Tulsa, Oklahoma. The workshop was open to IHS and tribal employees and county health department staff.

During May, the Injury Prevention Service, OHSO, IHS, and Safe Kids Oklahoma collaborated on activities for Injury Prevention Month, May Mobilization, and Safe Kids Week. This year's activities tied into the Oklahoma Centennial celebration. In addition to the state centennial, 2007 marked the 10-year anniversary of the primary enforcement seat belt law, 20-year anniversary of the Injury Prevention Service, and 20-year anniversary of Safe Kids. The OHSO sponsored an invitation-only kick-off breakfast on May 8, 2007.

The Injury Prevention Service contracted with the Injury Prevention Research Center at the University of North Carolina to conduct two sexual violence prevention training workshops in August and October. The workshops included information about how to apply the public health approach to violence prevention, identify data sources for effective program development, planning and evaluating effective prevention programs, and promising programs in sexual violence prevention in four priority areas: media, pre-K through 12 schools, colleges and universities, and faith communities.

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The Injury Prevention Service has two vacant epidemiologist positions. Angie Bowles resigned in September to relocate to Texas with her family. Ms. Bowles coordinated the residential fire injury prevention and child passenger safety projects. The other vacancy is a position to link multiple databases to obtain comprehensive information on traffic crashes, including information from the crash scene, pre-hospital, and hospital records and data on fatalities. The data will be used to develop, inform, and evaluate traffic injury prevention programs in Oklahoma.

The Injury Prevention Service is also conducting a special study on injuries resulting from the winter storm that occurred in January 2007. These injuries include, but are not limited to, slipping or falling on the ice/snow, weather-related motor vehicle crashes, injuries from clearing debris or downed power lines, hypothermia, sledding injuries, and carbon monoxide poisoning. The study will allow the Oklahoma State Department of Health to determine the number, types, and causes of injuries that resulted from the storm; establish the health impact and costs; and make recommendations regarding winter storm preparedness and prevention of injuries among Oklahomans during extreme winter weather conditions.

Injury Free, Oklahoma Revision

Ms. Stephens-Stidham reported that the Injury Prevention Service receives funding for the Public Health Injury Surveillance and Prevention Program from the National Center for Injury Prevention and Control at the Centers for Disease Control. One of the funding requirements is periodically update *Injury Free Oklahoma*, a state action plan to guide injury and violence prevention efforts in the state. *Injury Free Oklahoma* was completed in January 2004. The plan used the best-known scientific knowledge available to address eight areas including residential fire, traffic, suicide, occupational injuries/fatalities, unintentional drug and poison-related deaths, violence, falls, and infrastructure. Ms. Stephens-Stidham suggested that the revised goals and objectives be structured around the core components of a model state injury program, which were developed by the State and Territorial Injury Prevention Directors Association (STIPDA). These core components are outlined in the STIPDA publication, *Safe States, 2003 Edition*, and include:

- Infrastructure/Training
- Data Collection, Analysis, and Dissemination
- Interventions: Design, Implementation, and Evaluation
- Public Policy

Ms. Stephens-Stidham also suggested that the activities/strategies to meet the revised goals and objectives be developed using the Spectrum of Prevention, a systematic tool that promotes a multifaceted range of activities for effective prevention (Attachment 1). The Intervention Decision Matrix was also distributed as a tool for selecting effective prevention strategies (Attachment 2). A draft copy

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of the revised goals and objectives was distributed (Attachment 3). Please email comments/suggestions to Regina McCurdy concerning the goals and objectives. Ms. McCurdy will be scheduling work group meetings for January 2008 to finalize the revision of *Injury Free Oklahoma*.

Future Injury Prevention Advisory Committee Meeting Dates:

Friday, March 28, 2008

Friday, June 27, 2008

Friday, October 31, 2008

Adjourn:

The meeting adjourned at 1:00 p.m.

Please note:

Martha Collar passed away on Friday, November 23, following a two-year battle with acute leukemia. She established Safe Kids Oklahoma and for 19 years served as the State Coordinator of that organization. She also served as a member of the Injury Prevention Advisory Committee since its inception. Her commitment, passion, and enthusiasm will be missed and impossible to replace.