

Oklahoma Injury Prevention Advisory Committee  
**Meeting Minutes**

January 30, 2009

**Members Present:**

Dr. Mark Brandenburg, Chair;  
Cyndi Basch, OU Medical Center Trauma Services;  
David Bates, Occupational Safety and Health Administration;  
Christy Cornforth, Safe Kids Oklahoma;  
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;  
Dr. Alan Grubb, Cleveland County Board of Health;  
Jeff Hamilton, Interfaith Alliance Foundation of Oklahoma;  
Gayle Jones, Oklahoma State Department of Education;  
Tina Johnson, Pottawatomie County Health Department;  
Chief Jerry Lojka, Midwest City Fire Department;  
Dave Koeneker, Oklahoma Safety Council;  
Dr. Lee McGoodwin, Oklahoma Poison Control Center;  
Teresa Ryan, Oklahoma State Department of Health Maternal and Child Health Service;  
Mendy Spohn, Carter County Health Department;  
Dr. David Teague, OU Health Sciences Center Orthopedic Surgery and Rehabilitation;  
Capt. Chris West, Oklahoma Department of Public Safety;  
John Wilguess, Safe Kids Oklahoma

**Guests:**

Lieutenant George Brown, Oklahoma Department of Public Safety

**Staff:**

Pam Archer, 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;  
Tracy Wendling, 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. Minutes from the previous meeting on September 26, 2008 were approved without changes.

Dr. Brandenburg opened the floor to discuss members' thoughts on what role the OIPAC should play when assisting with injury-related legislation. The committee agreed that support through educational information should be provided to legislators on topics of interest, and a roster of committee members and their area of expertise should be created to distribute to legislators and/or staffers. Members also emphasized that their role as employees of certain organizations/state agencies can only be to provide educational information when requested by legislators. Dr. Brandenburg and other committee members presented injury-related legislation that would be considered in the current legislative session. Members then collectively decided which pieces of legislation the committee should track (list attached). The Injury Prevention Service will send a legislative update on these bills to committee members weekly.

## Injury Prevention Service Update

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

- Smoke Alarms  
2,600 smoke alarms have been distributed in 63 communities since the program was announced at the Turning Point meeting. Smoke alarm recipients must complete an application, the alarm must be installed, and a fire escape plan must be discussed with the recipient.
- Data  
IPS is developing a new unintentional poisoning deaths database and working with the Emergency Preparedness and Response Service to determine a system to capture the number of injuries in disaster situations.
- Publications  
The following Injury Updates were circulated: *Importance, accuracy, and completeness of E coding*; *Bullying perceptions of 3<sup>rd</sup>, 5<sup>th</sup>, and 7<sup>th</sup> graders*; and *Violent deaths in custody*. IPS anticipates *Undetermined manner drug poisoning deaths* to be sent out next week. Members interested in obtaining a copy of one or more Injury Update were asked to sign request sheet. Other reports of interest include fall injuries (especially among the elderly) and the violent deaths annual report. Published journal articles include: *Suicides among persons 65 years and older* (JOSMA, November 2008), *Evaluation of sensitivity and predictive value positive of the Oklahoma violent death reporting system* (submitted to Injury Prevention); and winter storm and unintentional poisoning death publications are pending.
- Special Project  
IPS is working on an evaluation of a lethality assessment intervention. This intervention calls for an evaluation of risk at the scene of a domestic violence incident, and immediate intervention if the situation is of concern. Currently, there are 9 sites in Oklahoma participating in this type of intervention.
- IPS has a new webpage: <http://ips.health.gov> (includes links to each program area).

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- 80% of department funding is through grants. Grantee meetings and continuation reports are coming up. The HRSA TBI follow up grant ends March 31<sup>st</sup>; IPS will not be applying for a new grant.

### Safe Communities-Shawnee

Tina Johnson of Pottawatomie County Health Department presented Shawnee's decision to apply for Safe Communities designation and reported on the progress of the application process. She discussed the significance of receiving a Safe Communities designation (<http://www.safecommunitiesamerica.com/>) and the tremendous support the city has received from county and city leaders as well as community members.

### Poisoning Symposium

Pam Archer provided updates on the Poisoning Symposium to be held at the end of March. The goal of the symposium is to form a poison prevention workgroup consisting of various agencies and organizations. Committee members were encouraged to suggest additional agencies/organizations that may be interested in participating in the symposium and helpful in identifying solutions to unintentional poisoning problem in the State. Representatives from the suggested agencies/organizations will be contacted and invited to serve on the workgroup. The symposium will be structured as a daylong meeting with presentations and discussions on unintentional poisoning deaths/prescription drug abuse among 35-54 year olds in Oklahoma.

### State Strategic Plan

Dr. Brandenburg discussed revision of the State Strategic Plan sections and corresponding subcommittees to assist in the task. Members were asked to choose a topic of interest and serve on a plan section subcommittee. A sign up sheet was circulated to committee members.

Pam Archer reported that IPS is actively updating the objectives, progress, statistics, and implementation plan for several strategic plan sections. The Public Health Emergency Response and Preparedness section will be sent to the corresponding OIPAC subcommittee for review by February 13. Other sections that will be sent to subcommittees in the next few months include Residential Fires (by March 27), Unintentional Poisoning (by April 15), and Occupational Injuries.

### Announcements

- National Poison Prevention Week is March 15-21, 2009
- Poisoning Symposium to be held 4<sup>th</sup> or 5<sup>th</sup> week of March
- Safe and Healthy Schools Videoconference schedule: <http://videoconference.sde.state.ok.us/>
- Revision of the State Strategic Plan in progress

### Upcoming Injury Prevention Advisory Committee Meetings

- May 29, 2009
- September 25, 2009

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**Adjourn**

The Oklahoma Injury Prevention Advisory Committee was adjourned at 1:02pm.