

Oklahoma Injury Prevention Advisory Committee
Meeting Minutes

October 28, 2011

Members Present:

Dr. Mark Brandenburg, Chair
Janet Barker for David Bates, Occupational Safety & Health Administration
Kevin Behrens, Oklahoma Highway Safety Office
Lauren Farrah, Safe Kids Oklahoma
Laura Gamino, OU, Trauma Services
Jessica Hawkins, Oklahoma Department of Mental Health & Substance Abuse Services
Tina Johnson, Pottawatomie County Health Department Administrator
Stacey Puckett, Oklahoma Association of Chiefs of Police
Alan Grubb, Cleveland County Board of Health
Jerry Lojka, Midwest City Fire Department
Toni Short, Caddo Nation
David Teague, OU, Health Science Center
Mildred Ramsey for Annette Jacobi, Oklahoma State Department of Health, Children First
Gayle Jones, Independent Contractor

OU Trauma Staff:

Cyndi Basch, RN, Trauma Program Manager

Staff:

Pam Archer, Oklahoma State Department of Health, Prevention & Preparedness Administration
Sheryll Brown, 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 meeting to order, and members introduced themselves. Minutes from the previous meeting on June 24, 2011 were approved without changes.

Legislative Update

- HB 1211 – Rep. Dan Kirby- Social Host Initiative – Cody's Law –Modified underage drinking prohibition – Any person may be prosecuted, regardless of age, if any property is under their control and they are allowing underage drinking. Beer was added to the law and the penalty is enforced without a death occurring. Effective Nov. 1, 2011.
- HB 1319 – Rep. Harold Wright – Driving under the influence – Relates to child endangerment - Mark McGee Act of 2011 – which relates to penalties for driving under the influence of alcohol. Effective Nov. 1, 2011
- SB 5296 – Sen. Jolley – Erin Elizabeth Sweeney Act – Relates to periods of revocation; requiring the installation of ignition interlock device during the period of revocation. Must show proof that ignition interlock was on the vehicle during the time of revocation. Effective Nov. 1, 2011.

Discussion

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- Unintentional overdose deaths caused by opioids and benzodiazepine/alcohol, is a big problem.
- Dr. Brandenburg said the sales of opioids have increased in direct correlation to an increase in deaths. There are factors that are unknown and research is needed to determine who is writing the prescriptions. He discussed the problem with a legislator and there is no realistic push for legislative fixes this year.
- One of the problems is that there is no access to information from the Prescription Monitoring Program (PMP) for research studies. Dr. Brandenburg can look in the PMP to see a prescription drug history for his patients. He has seen instances of the following:
 - o Patients calling in their own prescriptions
 - o Pharmacies not requiring identification from patients
- Oklahoma is #1 in US for hydrocodone usage.
- Dr. Brandenburg suggested legislation that prescriptions for hydrocodone could not be called in to a pharmacy by a physician. Patients would have to pick up the prescription from the doctor's office and take it to the pharmacy.
- We would need to get the pharmaceutical industry on board to change the law.
 - o Talk to them about protecting the pharmacist from liability issues
 - o Legislation might also affect pharmacy robberies
- Jessica Hawkins thinks we are ripe for a study to learn what prescription drugs the population in Oklahoma is abusing. We need to determine who the groups are that are using and abusing prescription drugs and how to prevent access.
- Studies of users in Utah & Massachusetts showed two very different populations
 - o 24-40 year old employed males
 - o 40 year old white males exiting prison
- Changes that could be made in Oklahoma
 - o Reschedule hydrocodone to Class II.
 - o Require training of pharmacies
 - o Notify prescriber in real time
- Dr. Brandenburg wants to collaborate with the Oklahoma Bureau of Narcotics (OBN) to look at deaths and link to the PMP system to determine pharmacy histories of decedents. Jessica said there is a problem with the local level interpretation of the law. Terri White, Commissioner of the Department of Mental Health and Substance Abuse Services, is working with OBN and looking at ways to change the law so they can share the data. Many consider Oklahoma's PMP as the best quality PMP in the nation but the data is not being used. She said many PMPs are located in state health departments.
- Jessica wants to work with the Oklahoma State Medical Association, Oklahoma Health Care Authority, and the Medicaid population on the use of PMP. The Health Care Authority is not requiring their pharmacies to use the PMP. She said lobby groups for pain clinics are opposed to legislation restricting pain medications.
- Colorado has made driving under prescription drugs a DUI.
- Stacey Puckett said the Dentistry Board is also interested in this problem and there have been several deaths.
- Kevin Behrens said the Oklahoma Highway Safety Office will be proposing that the Department of Public Safety pursue legislation to increase the age requiring children to be in booster seats from age 6 to 8 years and requiring seat belt use for back seat passengers 13 – 16 years of age. They will also propose raising the fine for not wearing seat belts to \$100.

Sheryll Brown said the Injury Prevention Service (IPS) requested legislation requiring ATV riders less than 16 years of age to possess a safety certificate. They also requested that the Health Education for Middle Schools Act be

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reintroduced. Health education is still not required in Oklahoma schools according to our state law. Efforts in the last two legislative sessions to change the law regarding health education in Oklahoma have not been successful.

- The health department will request changes to the graduated licensing law to prohibit the use of hand held electronic devices while driving for persons less than 18 years of age.
- Laura Gamino wants to focus on the issues of auto pedestrian injuries among children, traumatic brain injury and child abuse. She would like to see an increase in bike helmet use for bicycles and skateboards.

Injury Prevention Service Update

- Sheryll Brown reported that the IPS recommended modifying the four priority areas that would be addressed in the new Core Injury and Violence Prevention Program. Originally, the priority areas were drowning, motor vehicle crash injuries, older adult falls, and sports-related TBI. However, she said they would like to change the priorities to unintentional poisoning deaths, drowning, motor vehicle crash injuries, and TBI among children less than 24 years of age. She asked the committee if they were in agreement with the change. The committee acknowledged their approval.
- Sheryll also requested that the Oklahoma Violent Death Reporting System (OKVDRS) advisory committee become a subcommittee of OIPAC. The OKVDRS subcommittee will continue to meet independently twice annually and report on issues related to violent death to the OIPAC. The action was approved.

A list of *Injury Update* reports and IPS publications was included as a handout.

Election of a Chair and Vice-Chair

Dr. Brandenburg agreed to continue as Chair and Tina Johnson was elected to serve as Vice-Chair.

Announcements

None

Upcoming Injury Prevention Advisory Committee Meetings

The next meeting is set for January 27, 2011 at OU Medical Center, Presbyterian Tower, Lawson Center in Conference Room A.

Adjourn

The meeting was adjourned.