

Oklahoma Injury Prevention Advisory Committee
Meeting Minutes

January 11, 2013

Members Present:

Dr. Mark Brandenburg, Chair
Shelly Collins for Marcia Smith, Oklahoma Coalition Against Domestic Violence and Sexual Assault
Michael Echelle, Administrator, County Health Departments
Katie Mueller for Lauren Farrah, Safe Kids Oklahoma
Laura Gamino, Injury Prevention Coordinator, OU Medical Center, Trauma Services
Virgil Green for Phil Cotten, Oklahoma Association of Chiefs of Police
Alan Grubb, Cleveland County Board of Health
Jessica Hawkins, Oklahoma Department of Mental Health & Substance Abuse Service
Annette Jacobi, Chief, Family Support Services, Oklahoma State Department of Health
Gayle Jones, Independent Contractor
Chuck Mai, Vice President, Public Affairs, AAA Oklahoma
Jeff McKibbin, UCO, Graduate Athletic Training Education Program
Scott Schaeffer, Managing Director, Oklahoma Poison Control Center
Toni Short, Injury Prevention Coordinator, Caddo Nation
Mendy Spohn, Administrator, County Health Departments
Garry Thomas, Director, Oklahoma Highway Safety Office

Guests:

Prasli Mathew, guest of Laura Gamino
Teryn Mazurkewich, guest of Scott Schaeffer

Staff:

Pam Archer, Chief, 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
Andrea Hamor Edmondson, 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 October 26, 2012, were approved.

Presentation

Dr. Brandenburg said that reports indicated there was a recent decrease in prescription drug abuse in Oklahoma and possibly a decrease in the number of deaths. There is a statewide leadership committee that has been involved in developing a plan to reduce prescription drug abuse in Oklahoma. He congratulated Pam Archer and Jessica Hawkins on completing a final draft of the plan. Pam Archer gave a PowerPoint presentation on the State Plan to Reduce Prescription Drug Abuse. A copy of the slides is attached.

Discussion – Prescription Drug Abuse

Some of the strategies included in the State plan are increasing use of the Prescription Monitoring Program by providers, creating a prescription drug fatality review board, legislation to limit the number of refills for Schedule II drugs, increasing the number of public disposal boxes, creating a pilot Naloxone (an opioid antagonist) program to

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prevent overdose deaths, and screening and intervention programs, such as Screening, Brief Intervention, and Referral to Treatment (SBIRT), for treatment. SBIRT is a billable service for emergency departments and primary care physicians.

There is controversy regarding Naloxone. It is not a controlled substance. At present it is administered through injection. Narcan is a form of Naloxone in a nasal spray. A pilot project would make Naloxone available to police, fire, and emergency medical services, and phase in family members. It is not prescribed to patients. There is some discussion with the FDA about making it an over-the-counter medication. It is a harmless medication but may have some intense side effects if not administered properly. In the case of an opiate overdose, the vital signs return within 5 to 10 minutes.

Jessica Hawkins said the state plan is posted for public comments and will be finalized after approval by Dr. Cline, Commissioner of Health, and Terry White, Commissioner of Mental Health and Substance Abuse Services. The group will request formal endorsement from OIPAC and other groups when it is finalized. It will be rolled out with a press release and media interviews.

Andrea Hamor Edmondson asked if Naloxone may have a potential for abuse. Dr. Brandenburg said that it does not have an effect on people who have not taken an overdose of opiates. If taken orally-it doesn't do anything. There were some drugs that previously mixed Naloxone with opiates to prevent overdose by injection.

Mendy Spohn asked if the state plan would be available to Regional Epidemiological Outcome Workgroups focusing on preventing prescription drug abuse. She also mentioned that the Veterans' Administration (VA) and tribes were very focused on preventing prescription drug abuse. VA patients can get a large number of pills at a time. Pam talked with a tribal liaison who commented on pain medication addiction occurring following child birth and that OB-GYNs need to be included.

Gary Thomas talked with the Governor's office about alcohol-impaired driving. The number of alcohol-involved crashes is available but no one is prepared to deal with the issue of drug-impaired driving. The officers on the street anecdotally can say that the drunk at 3 A.M. is no longer the problem, but rather it is the soccer Mom at 3 P.M. This can be confirmed with roadside stops.

Chief Virgil Green said that officers pull people over and there is no sign of alcohol, but the driver is impaired. It is difficult to get consent and to get to a hospital to get their blood drawn. The officer can give a ticket for reckless driving, and people don't get off without a ticket of some kind. He said that it is more of a problem and that training is needed for police to be able to identify the drugs involved.

Scott Schaffer said there is a resurgence of heroin use and an increase in crocodile, a drug seen in Russia that is now in the U.S. It can be made from Codeine.

Chuck Mai announced that the Road Wise website (<http://www.roadwiserx.com/>), a tool designed to help senior adults assess how medications may affect their driving, has been opened up for all people to use and not just senior adults.

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Discussion – Child Passenger Safety

Katie Mueller said that Children's' Hospital is involved in community outreach and education on child passenger safety, and bike and pedestrian safety. She provided a handout on booster seat legislation. Currently the law requires children under age 6 to be restrained in a car or booster seat. The law needs to be changed to bring the age up to 8. Also height and weight of the child also need to be addressed in the law. Thirty-two states have height and weight regulations in their law. Obesity is an issue now and children 45 lbs and 2 years of age are being placed in booster seats when they really need to be in a harness. Katie said that Rep. Jeannie McDaniel (Tulsa) is interested in moving this legislation forward next session (2014), and that she needs a champion to do this. The Police Chief's association is putting together a package that includes increased fines for the child passenger safety and seat belt laws. The current language is ambiguous. Chief Green said that in rural areas it is something that they don't think is necessary, but if the ticket is \$100, then people are more likely to use them. Laura Gamino mentioned that the current \$20 fine is not an incentive.

Discussion – Legislation

Dr. Brandenburg discussed legislation priorities. He thinks the people are already at the table and moving forward with legislation on prescription drug abuse. Chuck Mai said that as of January 17, no bills had been filed for a texting while driving ban. Katie said that there is nothing planned for child passenger safety this session, but maybe next year.

Discussion - Steubenville, Ohio Sexual Assault

Dr. Brandenburg discussed the sexual assault case in Steubenville, Ohio, that was recently publicized in the news. A news article was included in the hand outs. There were many factors in this case that may be similar to the culture here in Oklahoma. Athletes were involved and highly regarded by the community. Other things involved were drugs, powerful officials, cultural factors, internet and social media. The website Anonymous picked up the story and went after the perpetrators in this case. He said we need to push for education in schools.

Sheryll said the Injury Prevention Service has a sexual assault prevention program and supports programs in 3 communities to provide education to youth to prevent teen dating violence and sexual assault. Laura mentioned the recent case at Oklahoma State University (OSU). Andrea suggested that OSU might consider a recommendation to always refer a report of sexual assault to law enforcement. It is not enough for the report to go to the school official or Dean, because it is a crime.

Announcements/Upcoming Events

Kohl's, OU Trauma Prevention, and EMSC, are going together to have a safety day in 12 communities across the state on May 18. Toolkits are available on child passenger safety, car fit (AAA), and bike safety. They are hoping to expand these next year.

Meeting Dates for 2013

June 14, 2013 & October 11, 2013

Adjourn

The meeting was adjourned at 1:00 pm.