

The Indiana State Dept. of Health Injury Prevention Advisory Council
March 25, 2004
2 North Meridian Street

Present:

Sandra Beck, Epidemiologist, Injury Prevention, ISDH
Dawn Daniels, RN, Clarian Health Partners
Mike Burns, Indiana State Police
Wendy Clingaman, Indiana Childhood Lead Poisoning Prevention Program, ISDH
Nancy Cobb, Director, Lead & Children's Environmental Health
Barbara Cole, Indiana Poison Center
Dawn Daniels, Clinical Nurse Specialist, Clarian Health Partners
Charlene Graves, MD, Medical Director, Injury Prevention, ISDH
Joanne Martin, Director, Healthy Families, IU School of Nursing
Shayne Merritt, Director, Automotive Safety Program, Riley Children's Hospital
Donna Myers, Maternal and Child Health, ISDH
Mick Kidwell, IOSHA
Karen Stroup, Community Education & Child Advocacy, Riley Children's Hospital

Dr. Charlene Graves called the meeting to order, welcomed those present and asked for introductions.

The December 18, 2003 minutes were approved as read.

The Injury Prevention Program is now listed on the ISDH website. Links to other pertinent entities will be added in the future.

The Mission Statement for the Injury Prevention Advisory Council was discussed. Dr. Graves suggested that the statement was too difficult to remember easily and offered a suggestion: "The mission of the Injury Prevention Advisory Council is to assist the Indiana State Department of Health in making Indiana a safer place to live." Members made several suggestions on that theme including "to help Hoosiers stay safe". The following suggestions were provided for an easy to remember slogan, if needed for a public awareness initiative:

- Injuries - Awareness & Education
- Injuries, they don't have to happen!
- Injury Prevention – Learn & Live

Other Mission statement or slogan ideas can be emailed, or phoned in, to Dr. Graves or Sandra Beck and will be incorporated into future discussions.

The **Goal**, which was developed previously, reads as follows: "Through improved data collection and dissemination, and coordination of injury prevention and control

efforts, the Indiana State Department of Health will reduce Indiana injury-related morbidity and mortality.” The Goal, as written, was approved and accepted by members present.

Sandra Beck reported that she had received the hospital discharge database the first week of March and has made progress in writing the Injuries in Indiana report. The format of the report will be in two sections. The first section will deal with mortality data, which will give details of the seven leading causes of injury deaths for 1999-2001. Section two will contain various charts and highlights from the 2002 hospital discharge database. Ms. Beck hopes to have a first draft available for review by April. The Advisory Council membership will be sent the draft of the entire report for review and feedback. There was discussion among members of what should be included in the report. Limitations of the currently available data will be explained in the report, and additional data on occupational-related injuries may be needed from OSHA.

Nancy Cobb reported on HUD's Supernova Grant. Supernova means that it's an umbrella grant with a lot of grant programs underneath. HUD will make the announcement very soon, with 90 days allowed to apply. This year, HUD is moving more toward Healthy Homes, a concept that incorporates several programmatic themes, such as lead poisoning, asthma, and unintentional injuries. Rather than having the State apply, due to the length of time for contracts to move through state government, ISDH is looking at having other entities willing to be the fiscal agent and submit applications. Anyone wishing to stay tuned in on the process can contact Ms. Cobb via email at: ncobb@isdh.state.in.us, or via phone at 317/234-2273.

Dr. Graves and Sandra Beck reported on the CDC Injury Grantees Meeting that was held on March 16-18, 2004, in Atlanta. Every year CDC brings the core Injury Grantees together to focus on building an infrastructure for injury prevention in states. Several good presentations and workshops were provided. There is an effort to integrate Traumatic Brain Injury grant funding with core Injury grant funding, and additional funding is available to support violent death reporting efforts. The Wisconsin web-based interactive injury data query system may be a good model for Indiana eventually. Technical assistance and education on child death reviews and fall prevention in the elderly could be provided in Indiana from two experts based in Michigan. Perhaps an ISDH "mini-conference" on injury prevention featuring those speakers may be possible later this year.

Joanne Martin "showcased" the Healthy Families program. Healthy Families of Indiana is part of the Healthy Families America/Prevent Child Abuse America initiative based in Chicago, described in yellow folder handouts she distributed. Indiana has 56 Healthy Family sites serving all 92 counties, reaching 48,000 families deemed to be at risk for child abuse/neglect (58% of the cohort of 84,000 births). Ms. Martin's role in the contract with FSSA is to provide all of the training, technical assistance, quality assurance, data management and the evaluation of the statewide program. In 2003, about 15,000 families were screened with a home visit and standardized assessment tools, and 8,500 families receive ongoing home visits. The value of home visitation as used by the Healthy

Families program was noted. Barbara Cole of the Indiana Poison Center expressed interest in providing poison prevention education to the Healthy Families staff, and will follow-up with Joanne.

Barbara Cole reported that this week is Poison Prevention Week and she has been doing a lot of media presentations with TV, radio and the State Police Road Show.

Donna Myers reported that MCH is still struggling to get Child Care Health Consultants hired. A statement has been prepared that was sent to FSSA regarding current Rules affecting Child Care Centers, recommending elimination of the Mr. Yuk Program and syrup of Ipecac, per a recent American Academy of Pediatrics policy statement. She also noted that the MCH-supported school-based clinics (Indianapolis, Lake County, Jasper) perform suicide risk surveys on adolescents in those school systems.

Mike Burns, of the Indiana State Police, spoke about concerns related to seat belt law ticketing and the ease of deferrals.

Shayne Merritt, new director of the Riley Hospital Automotive Safety Program, described information about booster seats. The booster seat bill recently was passed in the state legislature and goes into effect in July 2005. The Automotive Safety Program is also focusing on keeping children riding in the back seat. The URL for more information from the Automotive Safety Program is www.preventinjury.org. The Program is also partnering with YMCAs and Head Start centers.

Dawn Daniels reported that Clarian Health Partners is using money from the grant received from SEMA to distribute smoke detectors. A bike rodeo is scheduled for June. They are also working on getting injury data from all hospital emergency rooms in central Indiana.

Dr. Graves announced that ISDH is moving ahead with state trauma system planning efforts, hoping to hold the first meeting with hospital representatives on May 7th. In August she will have an opportunity to participate in a State and Territorial Injury Prevention Directors Association (STIPDA) State Technical Assistance Team (STAT) one-week site visit in Georgia. (STAT is a program that analyses how well injury prevention programs in state health departments meet comprehensive guidelines established by STIPDA). This will provide valuable experience and knowledge useful in the development of the ISDH Injury Prevention Program.

The next meeting is scheduled for June 10th at 10:30 AM at ISDH. We will continue to try to meet on a quarterly basis. An updated contact information list will be emailed to members to allow for continued contact with each other outside of these meetings. Anyone wishing to volunteer to do the "Showcase Presentation" in June should contact Dr. Graves.

The meeting was adjourned.