

**Injury Prevention Advisory Council
Minutes for March 17, 2005 Meeting**

Attending:

Nancy Cobb, Director	ISDH Lead Program
Anna Deahl, Associate Director	Bureau of Aging & In-Home Services
Mike Garvey	State Emergency Management Agency
Charlene Graves, MD	Medical Director, Injury Program
Matthew Howard, RN, Injury Prevention Coordinator	St. Mary's Medical Center Evansville
Donna Myers	ISDH Maternal & Child Health
Mathew Smith	Injury Contractor
Karen Stroup	Riley Children's Hospital

"Injuries in Indiana", the ISDH data report, is in process and due to come out in a few months. Karen Stroup and Donna Myers volunteered to be co-readers on the document. (Nancy Cobb also wants a copy of the report). **The State Injury Prevention and Control Plan** is still in draft form (25 pages long) and needs feedback. Dr. Graves thinks it will be ready by late summer or fall. The State Plan will focus on five major injury problems: falls, motor vehicle crashes, poisonings, residential fire fatalities (higher than the national average), and suicide. Karen Stroup has 13,000 posters available showing the dangers of matches and lighters. Donna volunteered to have the posters distributed in MCH clinics statewide.

A State Child Fatality Review Team began functioning in October of 2004. Dr. Laskey is a forensic pediatrician, who studies childhood deaths and how to prevent them. Dr. Graves is the ISDH representative on the Team. Deaths from asphyxia by sleeping with parents are a concern, along with child homicide. The Team is reviewing the degree of contact with Child Protective Services in relationship to childhood homicides. Either a periodic report or news release will be issued with the findings of that review.

Matthew Lee Smith presented on the ISDH **Injury and Violence Prevention Resource Center** web site that he is developing. He has also been working on an Injury Prevention Resource Directory, with information on Indiana organizations and other national organizations. A CD-ROM of this information can be created for distribution. Brochures about the ISDH Injury Prevention Program are being developed as well, containing inserts on specific types of injuries. An educational initiative will be connected with annual injury prevention conferences that are required as part of the next 5-year CDC grant funding cycle. Related to the ISDH on-line Learning Management System (LMS), educational templates will be developed for self-assessment of knowledge. Educational offerings, particularly on-line courses, will be suggested based on the self-assessment, with links to other sites through the web site. Mike Garvey suggested a Speakers' Bureau, referencing Barbara Cole's presentation on taking the wrong medication due to its similar appearance of another drug. Web design will be edited based on interest; references or links to out-of-area educational offerings are possible.

Matthew then described a "Message Board" for Health Professionals to access Regional/District activities in Indiana. A Public Health Preparedness map for Partners was provided, illustrating the 10 Public Health/Emergency Response regions/districts, with contact information for District representatives. Mike Garvey stated the Region/District concept is shared with all first responders, and could be used to announce trainings. A HIPAA reminder was included on the Message Board. An additional project is a needs assessment for injury prevention being completed by local health departments, sent out through the ISDH Local Liaison Office. Those present discussed brochure ideas, and Nancy Cobb suggested specific information, such as, "in the last 10 minutes, 8 people will die from.....".

Announcements

Donna Myers announced that ten violence prevention workshops will be presented around the state by Donna Moore on domestic violence through the ISDH Program - VIP: Violence Intervention is Prevention.

Mike Garvey recommended contact with firemen and EMS workers for presentations, by contacting the regional representatives.

Matt Howard announced St. Mary's has received American College of Surgeons Level II Trauma Center Certification. They will be working throughout southern Indiana with other facilities and available helicopter services to enhance their functioning related to care of trauma patients.

Nancy Cobb announced that methamphetamine legislation is going through the General Assembly. So far, video surveillance has been offered as one possibility, with some people hoping that pseudoephedrine-containing OTC medications would be maintained only through a pharmacist, so would have to be requested, and dispensed in limited amounts. The Lead Poisoning Prevention Program is conducting training statewide, which have received good feedback.

Anna Deahl talked about the "You Can" campaign for the elderly, to promote active movement and exercise as necessary overall good health. A "Celebrate Aging" event will be held in Muncie at Ball State on May 19. Anna will send information to be e-mailed out.

Karen Stroup lauded Matthew Lee Smith's efforts on the development of an injury prevention web site, stating that many people have been waiting 20 years for this to happen. She also announced that the Riley Hospital Safety Store for patients will be starting an Injury Prevention Center, offering specialized products that are difficult to obtain.