



MINUTES

EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES & TRAUMA SYSTEM (EMSTS)

SOUTHERN NEVADA INJURY PREVENTION PARTNERSHIP

JANUARY 13, 2015 - 10:00 A.M.

MEMBERS PRESENT

Nadia Fulkerson, MPH, UNSOM	Dorothy Pewitt, NV Office of Traffic Safety
Traci Pearl, NV Office of Traffic Safety (by phone)	Dineen McSwain, RN, UMC
Mike Bernstein, SNHD - OCDPHP	Deb Williams, SNHD - OCDPHP (alternate)
Jeanne Marsala, RN, Safe Kids Clark County	Ying Zhang, SNHD - Epidemiology

MEMBERS ABSENT

Abby Hudema, RN, UMC	Erin Breen, UNLV
Kathryn Hooper, Henderson Fire	

SNHD STAFF PRESENT

Mary Ellen Britt, RN, SNHD – OEMSTS	Michelle Nath, Recording Secretary
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CALL TO ORDER – NOTICE OF POSTING

The Southern Nevada Injury Prevention Partnership convened in the Southern Nevada Health District (SNHD) 330 S. Valley View Boulevard facility, Administration Conference Room 2 on January 13, 2015. Mike Bernstein called the meeting to order at 10:05 a.m. and the Affidavit of Posting was noted in accordance with the Nevada Open Meeting Law. Mike Bernstein noted that a quorum had been established.

I. PUBLIC COMMENT

Members of the public are allowed to speak on Action items after the Committee’s discussion and prior to their vote. Each speaker will be given five (5) minutes to address the Committee on the pending topic. No person may yield his or her time to another person. In those situations where large groups of people desire to address the Committee on the same matter, the Chair may request that those groups select only one or two speakers from the group to address the Committee on behalf of the group. Once the action item is closed, no additional public comment will be accepted.

Mr. Bernstein asked if anyone wished to address the Committee. Seeing no one, he closed the Public Comment portion of the meeting.

II. CONSENT AGENDA

Mr. Bernstein stated the Consent Agenda consisted of matters to be considered by the Southern Nevada Injury Prevention Partnership (SNIPP) that can be enacted by one motion. Any item may be discussed separately per Committee member request. Any exceptions to the Consent Agenda must be stated prior to approval.

Approve Minutes/Southern Nevada Injury Prevention Partnership: 10/9/14

Mr. Bernstein asked for approval of the minutes from the October 9, 2014 meeting. A motion was made by Deb Williams, seconded by Dorothy Pewitt, and passed unanimously to approve the minutes as written.

III. REPORT/DISCUSSION/POSSIBLE ACTION

A. Welcome and Introductions

Mike Bernstein welcomed everyone to the quarterly meeting of the Southern Nevada Injury Prevention Partnership (SNIPP). He introduced himself and requested that the committee members in attendance also introduce themselves.

B. Selection of Chairman

Mr. Bernstein explained that the SNIPP is now a formalized committee of the Regional Trauma Advisory Board (RTAB) and as such will be operating under bylaws approved by the RTAB. Historically, the person who served as the RTAB representative for health education and prevention services served as the SNIPP chairman. Currently, the SNIPP chair position is vacant because the RTAB health education and prevention services representative resigned. Dineen McSwain has been selected as the new health education and prevention services representative. Under the new bylaws, the SNIPP chair should be elected from among the members to serve a two year term. Ms. McSwain's name can be entered into nomination along with others who may be nominated by the committee at the next meeting.

C. Selection of Vice Chairman

Mr. Bernstein stated that the position of vice chairman also needs to be filled, and nominations can be submitted to the OEMSTS prior to the next meeting.

D. Discussion of Draft Committee Bylaws

Mary Ellen Britt opened the discussion by giving a brief history of SNIPP. Although the committee has been meeting for a number of years, it was never formalized as a committee of the RTAB. The decision to formalize the committee was made after reviewing and revising the Southern Nevada Trauma System Plan. Ms. Britt read through the draft bylaws, pausing to ask for comment throughout. A question was raised regarding the process of selecting a chairman. As previously stated, in the past the individual who served as the injury prevention RTAB representative also served as the SNIPP chairman. Ms. Britt explained that the draft bylaws follow the same language found in all SNHD EMS & Trauma System (EMSTS) committee bylaws. As such, the chairman and vice chairman positions are open to anyone interested to serve in that capacity. Mr. Bernstein suggested that they keep the bylaws in sync with the other SNHD EMSTS committee bylaws.

A motion was made by Dorothy Pewitt to approve the draft bylaws, as written. The motion was seconded by Ms. Fulkerson, and passed unanimously.

E. Update on Proposed Legislative Seatbelt Presentation

Nadia Fulkerson gave a PowerPoint presentation to support primary seatbelt legislation in Nevada. She stated that she incorporated Fatality Analysis Reporting System (FARS) data because it's the most accurate data for fatal traffic crashes. Ms. Fulkerson stated that she revised the presentation as recommended by the committee in October. The presentation update included the following:

- 1) Added pictures of three different motor vehicle crashes provided by Nevada Highway Patrol
- 2) Revised the background stories for all three crashes
- 3) Included a graph depicting the primary seatbelt law by state
- 4) Included a graph depicting the average seat belt (uninsured) use rate in 2011 in Nevada
- 5) Included a slide depicting Minnesota's cost savings since changing the seat belt law to a primary offense
- 6) Included a slide stating that restraint use is the highest predictor in Nevada's motor vehicle crash fatalities
- 7) Included a slide on occupant protection and brain injury

- 8) Included a slide on the national seat belt use rate, crash fatality, and injury rate per 100 million vehicle miles traveled between 1998-2010
- 9) Included slides from the Office of Traffic Safety depicting the fatalities that have happened over time, and how many of them were unrestrained
- 10) Added a slide depicting the rate of unrestrained per 100,000, Esmeralda and Lincoln counties had the highest rate
- 11) Added a slide depicting Nevada restraint status by age
- 12) Included slides depicting teen seat belt use and the types of injuries sustained from being unrestrained
- 13) Included a slide of the 2014 seat belt use survey by UNLV Transportation Research Center Pre and Post Click It or Ticket program
- 14) Included a slide depicting restraint use in children ages 0-17, Hispanic vs. non-Hispanic.
- 15) Included a slide depicting restraint by gender
- 16) Included a slide depicting restraint that involved alcohol use
- 17) Included hospital charges and costs to the State of Nevada
- 18) Included hospital charges: belted vs. unbelted
- 19) Included hospital charges of uninsured with suspected alcohol/drug use: Unrestrained vs. restrained
- 20) Included hospital charges (median) by primary payer: restrained vs. unrestrained

A suggestion was made to include the case counts in addition to giving the percentages of restraint use by county. Ms. Fulkerson agreed to include the frequency rates. She noted that the statistics related to ethnicity shows Hispanics as having the highest rate of being unrestrained, followed by African Americans.

Mr. Bernstein referenced the Click It or Ticket program slide and noted the importance of continuing to educate the public. Ms. Fulkerson agreed and stated it was interesting that 465 people failed to use their seat belts even after they attended the program.

Ms. Fulkerson reported that the trauma centers use the New Injury Severity Score (NISS) to explain the degree of injury severity: 0-3 = minor; 4-8 = moderate; 9-15 = serious; 16-24 = severe; and 25 or more = critical. According to her calculations, Nevada could save about \$1.6 million annually for injury-related care if crash victims were restrained. In addition, she projected 261 lives could have been saved in Nevada during the past eight years if the victims had worn a seat belt.

F. Update on Proposed Injury Prevention Related Legislation

Traci Pearl stated that the Nevada Department of Transportation was initially going to sponsor the primary safety belt law, but there was concern the governor was not supportive. Therefore, sponsorship will come from either Senator Woodhouse or Senator Manendo, as they are introducing various traffic safety initiatives in 2015. She is anticipating other traffic related bills, including an attempt to repeal the motorcycle helmet law, one regarding implied consent for DUI blood draws, and the possibility of increasing the speed limit on certain roads in Nevada to 85 mph. She agreed to send a tracking list of the upcoming legislative issues to the OEMSTS to distribute to the committee members.

G. Next Meeting and Agenda Items

Mr. Bernstein presented the following injury reports, prepared by Ms. Zhang, a SNHD Senior Scientist (see attached):

- 1) Leading causes and total 10-year incidence of injury deaths by age group Clark County, Nevada, 2004-2013.
- 2) Fatal injury health status indicators, Clark County, 2004-2013
- 3) Rate of suicide deaths, youths aged 15-24, Clark County, Nevada, 2004-2013
- 4) Rate of homicide deaths, youths aged 15-24, Clark County, Nevada, 2004-2013

5) Rate of poisoning deaths, youths aged 15-24, Clark County, Nevada, 2004-2013

Mr. Bernstein announced that the next SNIPP meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, April 7, 2015 at 9:00 a.m.

IV. INFORMATIONAL ITEMS

Ms. Britt stated she is a member of the Nevada Executive Committee on Traffic Safety. The committee last met on September 16th. There was an addendum added to the 2011-2015 Nevada Strategic Highway Safety Plan to include the addition of new members; one from the Inter Tribal Council of Nevada and one from SNHD. The committee renamed the safety belt critical emphasis area to occupant protection; it expanded EMS to include emergency response and incident management; and specified support for the traffic incident management coalition. There are currently specific road user groups for the critical emphasis areas (CEA). Given the rise in motorcycle fatalities in the state of Nevada, a decision was made to create a CEA for motorcycles. Further, there was a great deal of discussion about not using the word “accidents” anymore and to focus on the term “crashes” when discussing motor vehicle related injury incidents that occur.

The next scheduled meeting of the Nevada Executive Committee on Traffic Safety is scheduled for January 27th in Carson City.

V. PUBLIC COMMENT

None

VI. ADJOURNMENT

As there was no further business on the agenda, Mr. Bernstein adjourned the meeting at 11:13 a.m.