



**MINUTES**

**EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES & TRAUMA SYSTEM (EMSTS)**

**SOUTHERN NEVADA INJURY PREVENTION PARTNERSHIP**

**APRIL 13, 2015 - 10:00 A.M.**

**MEMBERS PRESENT**

Mike Bernstein, Chairman, SNHD - OCDPHP	Dineen McSwain, RN, UMC, Vice Chairman
Nadia Fulkerson, MPH, UNSOM	Erin Breen, UNLV - TRC
Holly Lyman, St Rose-Dominican Hospitals (by phone)	Jeanne Marsala, RN, Safe Kids Clark County
Andrew Eisen, MD, Touro University	Tara Phebus, MA, NICRP-UNLV
Nancy Menzel, UNLV – SON	Linda Kalekas, RN, CCSD
Deb Williams, SNHD - OCDPHP (alternate)	Ying Zhang, SNHD – Epidemiology

**MEMBERS ABSENT**

Traci Pearl, NV Office of Traffic Safety	Kathryn Hooper, Henderson Fire
Dorothy Pewitt, NV Office of Traffic Safety	

**SNHD STAFF PRESENT**

Mary Ellen Britt, RN, Manager, OEMSTS	John Hammond, Supervisor – OEMSTS
Michelle Nath, Recording Secretary	

**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 April 13, 2015. Mike Bernstein called the meeting to order at 10:04 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: 1/13/15

Mr. Bernstein asked for approval of the minutes from the January 13, 2015 meeting with the revision to add Jeanne Marsala to the list of members present. *A motion was made by Dineen McSwain, seconded by Nancy Menzel, and passed unanimously to approve the minutes with the noted revision.*

### 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 opened the discussion by noting that any member of the SNIPP who attends the meetings regularly could be nominated for the position of chairman, and he stated that nominations for the position of chairman would be entertained. Erin Breen nominated Mike Bernstein for chairman, and Nadia Fulkerson nominated Dineen McSwain. As there were no further nominations, there was a request to close the nominations and move forward with the voting process. *A motion was made by Erin Breen to close the nominations, seconded by Nancy Menzel, and passed unanimously. The members voted by a show of hands, and Mike Bernstein was selected the chairman by a majority vote.*

#### C. Selection of Vice Chairman

During the selection of vice chairman, Chair Bernstein commented that as Dineen McSwain had received a nomination for chairman he would recommend she be considered for the position of vice chairman. He inquired if there were any additional nominations and none were brought forward. *A motion was made by Linda Kalekas to nominate Dineen McSwain for vice chairman, seconded by Erin Breen, and passed unanimously. Dineen McSwain was selected the vice chairman with a unanimous vote.*

#### D. Discussion of Goals and Objectives of the Southern Nevada Injury Prevention Partnership

During the discussion of the goals and objectives, there was reference to a handout which was included in the members' packet that outlined various injury prevention areas in Clark County. The document was created in 2011 when the American College of Surgeons conducted the trauma system consultation visit in Clark County. Ms. Britt remarked that motor vehicle crashes and falls are the two leading causes of injury in both the adult and pediatric population, and there are injury prevention programs currently in place dedicated to these high risk areas. Chair Bernstein added that the Nevada Goes Falls Free Coalition is trying to obtain funding in order to develop a stronger senior citizens fall prevention program.

As discussion ensued about the available injury prevention resources, it was noted that drowning, blunt trauma, and suicide are other areas that are included in the resource list. Chair Bernstein recommended that unintentional drug overdose be added to the list as it's an emerging topic in the realm of injury prevention. Linda Kalekas agreed that this subject needs to be an area of focus. She reported that there has been a steady increase of reports in the Clark County School District of prescription drug abuse by middle school and high school students. Chair Bernstein added within the last year that there has been national attention to this issue, and the Governor, through the National Governor's Association Program, is currently involved in addressing the problem.

Chair Bernstein referred to two handouts with drowning statistics and he explained the methodology for calculating the fatality rates that were listed. The cumulative five year drowning fatality rate for children 0-4 years of age in Clark County was lowest in 2010-2014 with a 2.74 rate. Overall, there had been a decline in drowning fatalities since the inception of the drowning registry which was started in 1994. Dr. Eisen questioned if there is access to data from other counties with similar rates of private pools, like places in Southern California, Florida and Texas. He remarked that when

comparing the Clark County rates to national data, the national statistics include areas like North Dakota and Minnesota where private pools are not very common. Chair Bernstein responded that he would research this matter.

Ms. Kalekas inquired if there were specific factors which lead to the decline of drowning fatalities. Chair Bernstein replied that the ABCDs of drowning prevention campaign developed by SNHD, being adopted by the Southern Nevada Child Drowning Prevention Coalition (SNCDPC), was likely a contributing factor in reducing the rate. Further, submersion incident reports, completed by EMS personnel, illustrate that there are a disproportionate number of Hispanic children involved in submersion incidents. As a result of this information, the SNCDPC developed a Hispanic subcommittee to work within this community to address the issue. Since that effort, the rates have decreased by almost 50% for this population. It's a unified message which has received generous media coverage over the years and is promoted by partnering agencies through their public service announcements. The annual April Pools Day press conference is another important component of the drowning prevention activities. The event is well attended by the fire chiefs from various jurisdictions, elected officials, and the media.

Another example of the multi-disciplinary nature of the drowning coalition is the availability of scholarships for free swim lessons for toddlers provided by the Southern Nevada International Code Council. This is a great example of a community working together, engaged in activities ranging from education and engineering, to enforcement to change the pool codes to require some sort of secondary barrier for any new pools constructed after 2003.

As the discussion pertaining to community resources was coming to a close, Nadia Fulkerson referred back to the resource list and suggested the Center for Traffic Safety be added to the list. She also recommended that non-accidental injuries and pediatric deaths be included in the resource list. Tara Phebus commented that she will add Prevent Child Abuse Nevada to the list and that she can provide information on prevention efforts as well as data on injury and fatality rates. As a result of the dialogue, Ms. Britt recommended that the members review the list and submit any information that would need to be incorporated to the existing resources list to Michelle Nath, OEMSTS. There will be a final review of the document at the next meeting.

E. Update on Proposed Injury Prevention and Trauma Related Legislation

Erin Breen provided the following legislative update:

**SB2:** Increases the maximum speed at which a person may drive or operate a vehicle to 80 mph. Despite opposition by NDOT, the bill was passed by the Senate Transportation Committee and is awaiting review by the Assembly.

**SB144:** Designates pedestrian safety zones in certain circumstances; provides for enhanced penalties for certain traffic violations in pedestrian safety zones; and prohibits a driver from making a U-turn or passing another vehicle in a school zone. The bill was passed by the Senate Transportation Committee and is awaiting review by the Assembly.

**SB188:** Changes the word "accident" to crash as it relates to motor vehicles. The bill was passed by the Senate Transportation Committee and is awaiting review by the Assembly.

**SB189:** Develops a standardized system for the collection of information concerning the treatment of trauma and establishes a fund for the trauma registry. The initial intent of the bill was to create a dedicated and sustainable funding source for EMS and trauma system activities statewide; however, the bill was amended to remove the funding mechanism (\$1.00 per motor vehicle and homeowners insurance policies sold in Nevada) and to solely cover the trauma registry. The bill was heard by the Senate Health and Human Services Committee and has been referred to the Senate Finance Committee. A request has been made to the sponsor of the bill to make a revision to note that the funds are to be used for EMS and trauma system activities. During the update, Dr. Eisen recommended that the efforts continue to at least create the fund and define the activities to be funded during this session. He also recommended an additional

amendment be included to permit the fund to receive grants, gifts and donations.

**SB267:** Revises provisions relating to the transportation of children in motor vehicles. This bill would have revised the requirements for a child to be secured in a child restraint system, until age 8, 80lbs and 4'9" tall, and children less than 13 years of age to wear a safety belt and ride in the back seat of a motor vehicle. The bill was heard by the Senate Transportation Committee and did not get voted out of committee.

**SB383:** Provides under certain circumstances for the examination, including physical and mental examinations, of a holder of a driver's license. The bill requires a physician submitting documentation in support of an application by a licensee for an identification card to engage in the medical use of marijuana to also submit a report to the Department of Motor Vehicles about the condition of the licensee. Dr. Eisen expressed concern that bill creates an unnecessary burden on a physician since there are already provisions in statutes requiring a physician to notify DMV if a patient has a condition that potentially affects their ability to drive. The Senate Transportation Committee has heard the bill, it was recommended for exemption, but it did not pass out of Committee.

**SB404:** Provides for the registration of mopeds and requires a fee for the registration, and depending on the size of the moped the rider will be required to wear a helmet. The bill was passed by the Senate Transportation Committee and is awaiting review by the Assembly.

**AB148:** Revises provisions governing firearms; authorizes a person holding a permit to carry a concealed firearm to do so on certain property of a public airport or on the property of the Nevada System of Higher Education under certain circumstances. The bill was passed by the Assembly Judiciary Committee and is awaiting review by the Senate. Dr. Eisen indicated there is concern the bill might undermine local authority regarding registration ordinances.

F. Discussion of Southern Nevada Trauma System Website

The Southern Nevada Trauma System website, southernnevadatraumasystem.org, was introduced to the SNIPP. The definition of a trauma system and the components of the system, which are included on the site, were displayed to the members. The site will provide a mechanism to link to the websites of partnering agencies and will serve as a tool for publishing information related to injury prevention.

G. Next Meeting and Agenda Items

Mr. Bernstein announced that the next SNIPP meeting is scheduled for Monday, July 13, 2015 at 10:00 a.m.

IV. INFORMATIONAL ITEMS

Jeanne Cosgrove reported that there would be a media kickoff for heat stroke awareness at Sunrise Hospital on April 16 beginning at 10:00 a.m. There will be education about the dangers of leaving children unattended in vehicles, and Clark County Fire Department will do a mock rescue. On April 17, there is a mandatory child safety seat checkpoint that will be set up by the Metropolitan Police Department. The checkpoint will provide an opportunity to educate parents in the appropriate installation of car seats and booster seats.

Ms. Breen announced that there will be a Family Fun Day event on May 2, 10:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m., at the Las Vegas Lotus at Centennial Center and US95. There will be a bike rodeo and the audience will be eligible to receive free bicycle helmets. Various organizations will be present to promote injury prevention and safety awareness communication. She also reported that there is a scheduled Bicycle and Pedestrian Summit scheduled for May 5-6, at the Henderson Convention Center. This information, and details to other scheduled events, is posted on the pedsafe.vegas website.

Tara Phebus stated that Prevent Child Abuse Nevada will host their second Pinwheels for Prevention event, to raise awareness for child abuse prevention, at Container Park on April 18. This is a community

resource fair with activities for children and families. A child abuse and safety conference is planned for June 5 and there will be opportunities to obtain continuing education credits. The information is posted on the Prevent Child Abuse Nevada website at [preventchildabusenevada.org](http://preventchildabusenevada.org).

**V. PUBLIC COMMENT**

None

**VI. ADJOURNMENT**

As there was no further business on the agenda, Mr. Bernstein adjourned the meeting at 11:14 a.m.