



MINUTES

EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES & TRAUMA SYSTEM (EMSTS)

DIVISION OF COMMUNITY HEALTH

SOUTHERN NEVADA INJURY PREVENTION PARTNERSHIP

July 11, 2016 - 10:00 A.M.

MEMBERS PRESENT

Dineen McSwain, RN, UMC, Acting Chairman
Ying Zhang, PhD, SNHD, Epidemiology
Erin Breen, UNLV
Kathryn Barker, SNHD, Epidemiology (Alt.)

Julie Gallagher, NV Office of Traffic Safety
Linda Kalekas, RN, Clark County School District
Laura Gryder, CTSR-UNSOM

MEMBERS ABSENT

Andrew Eisen, MD, Touro University
Jeanne Marsala, RN, Safe Kids Clark County
Holly Lyman, St Rose-Dominican Hospitals
Traci Pearl, NV Office of Traffic Safety

Kathryn Hooper, Henderson Fire Dept.
Tara Phebus, MA, NICRP-UNLV
Nancy Menzel, UNLV- SON
Dorothy Pewitt, NV Office of Traffic Safety

SNHD STAFF PRESENT

Laura Palmer, EMSTS Supervisor
Deb Williams, OCDPHP

Gerry Julian, EMS Field Rep
Judy Tabat, Recording Secretary

CALL TO ORDER – NOTICE OF POSTING

The Southern Nevada Injury Prevention Partnership convened in the Red Rock Trail Conference Room at the Southern Nevada Health District (SNHD), located at 280 S. Decatur Boulevard, on July 11, 2016. Acting Chairman Dineen McSwain called the meeting to order at 10:13 a.m. and the Affidavit of Posting was noted in accordance with the Nevada Open Meeting Law. Acting Chairman McSwain noted that a quorum was not present.

- I. PUBLIC COMMENT:** A period devoted to comments by the general public about those items appearing on the Agenda. Comments will be limited to five (5) minutes per speaker. Please step up to the speaker's podium, clearly state your name and address, and spell your last name for the record. If any member of the Board wishes to extend the length of a presentation, this may be done by the Chairman or the Board of majority vote.

Acting Chairman McSwain asked if anyone wished to address the Committee pertaining to items listed on the Agenda. Seeing no one, she closed the Public Comment portion of the meeting.

- II. CONSENT AGENDA:** Items for action to be considered by the Southern Nevada District Board of Health which may be enacted by one motion. Any item may be discussed separately per Board Member request before action. Any exceptions to the Consent Agenda must be stated prior to approval.

Approve Minutes/Southern Nevada Injury Prevention Partnership: 04/11/2016

Acting Chairman McSwain stated that the minutes could not be approved without a quorum.

III. REPORT/DISCUSSION/POSSIBLE ACTION

A. Nominations for Chairman and Vice Chairman

Tabled

B. Update on Trends in Non-accidental Trauma

No update given

C. Update of Current Injury Trends to Follow

Ms. McSwain referred to the handout in the packet and stated she wants to review this document to make sure they are still on target and in agreement with the injury prevention emphasis areas that were previously identified by this Committee.

Ms. Breen suggested adding seniors to the traffic related injury area. She added that they are seeing a disproportion number of senior drivers dying due to medical episodes and left hand turns.

Deb Williams asked if it was due to the flashing yellow lights.

Ms. Breen stated that any left turn into traffic but the permissive left hand turns are particularly deadly for seniors.

Ms. Williams noted that pedestrian/bicyclist was listed under traffic related injuries. She explained that one of things they are doing in her office in addition to injury is chronic disease prevention. They are trying to increase levels of physical activity so they are doing a lot with promoting walking and biking. She questioned if they are seeing an increase in injuries deaths as they get more people walking and biking.

Ms. Breen stated that they are seeing an incredible increase in pedestrian fatalities. Right now they are 2 ahead of last year and more than double since 2011. She also felt that there are solutions but it would slow down cars. She stated she did a presentation on pedestrian and bike safety in front of the Traffic Incident Management (TIM) Coalition and asked if they would be interested in bringing the Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) to do a class on their new guidelines for how to set safer speed limits and there was no interest.

Ms. Williams suggested that a group that they might be able to engage would be the RTC to adopt a modest complete streets policy.

Ms. Breen agreed and added that after speaking with them they agreed to bring the FHWA here to do a class. She added that she felt the complete streets policy was a good policy but there is nothing in that policy that says 45 mph streets are unacceptable.

Ms. Williams explained that she called it a modest policy because politically they had to pull out a lot of those key components that they wanted in. She added that they have received some grant funding and is currently working with City of North Las Vegas supporting a project there.

Ms. McSwain stated that the North Las Vegas Police Department have been doing weekly prevention activities especially in pedestrian safety.

Ms. Breen commented that their pedestrian problem was out of control.

Julie Gallagher stated that they have a big problem percentage wise with how many serious injury and fatal crashes they have with DUI's. She added that she is with the Office of Traffic Safety and she handles the fatals for the state. She informed the Committee that there have been changes to the "form 5" traffic report that the officers collect. They've added the parking lot as a check box or active school zone and then also on the pedestrian page, they are adding whether they were in a pedestrian zone to capture that data so they will be able to provide it this Committee. It is data elements that we will be able to capture now and show if it's going up or going down. She will provide a copy of the complete form when it becomes available.

Ms. McSwain asked the Committee if there was anything that needed to be reviewed under Violent Injuries or Suicide.

Ms. Breen suggested adding unintentional gunshots especially in children under Violent Injuries.

She recommended adding the Brooklyn Mae Mohler Foundation under existing groups with June 4th National Safe Day as the Current Activities. Ms. McSwain questioned if that would fall under non-accidental trauma.

Ms. McSwain introduced Kathryn Barker, the new epidemiologist at the Health District who will be taking over the data collection and tracking for all pediatric drowning. Ms. Barker stated that she has been working with Mike Bernstein and Deb Williams and will be changing the format of the way they post the statistics on the Health District website to something that is user friendly and that the public will be able to look at and really understand. They will also be looking more into the questions of which groups are most at risk for drowning.

There was considerable discussion with regard to drowning and the need to continue to feed the message.

Ms. Williams stated that the Southern Nevada Drowning Prevention Coalition continues to grow and the ABC&D's of drowning prevention has been adopted across all jurisdictions. She reported that if you go back to when they started collecting drowning data in 1999, their numbers have come down. She added that they received a small investment that the Health District gives them each year to run the drowning campaign and then they seek donations. She remarked that they get about \$15 to \$18 thousand a year in donations to support media campaigns which doesn't amount to much coverage. It is great when Channel 3 and Channel 5 continue to do those spots.

Ms. McSwain asked the Committee if there was anything that needed to be reviewed under unintentional prescription drug overdose.

Ms. Williams stated that Mr. Bernstein was chairing an internal workgroup at the Health District to look at defining the public's health role with that issue. Obviously there are a number of coalitions that are working on this so they are moving forward with finding ways to keep all of these groups communicating so that there is consistent messaging along with consistent use of data. This workgroup will be meeting on Friday internally again to continue the discussion. She advised that Mr. Bernstein's last day was July 5th and they are doing interviews and hope to be filling his position soon.

Ms. McSwain stated that the last one is non-accidental traumas. Unintentional gunshots will be added to the injury area with the Brooklyn Mae Mohler Foundation as the existing group.

Ms. Williams questioned if the issue of big screen television sets falling over is still an issue.

Ying Zhang stated that recently Ikea has recalled their dressers because it is causing so many injuries.

Ms. McSwain stated it is a very common injury. They are supposed to brace the furniture to the wall and this furniture comes with the braces

Ms. Kalekas stated that with all the emergency management committees that she sits on she believes they need to start thinking about an all hazards approach to disaster planning and mitigation. The reason why they don't have kids dying from fires in schools anymore is because it was legislated and codified in all of the planning things that we do that maybe ultimately the goal long term would be to change the law which changes the codes and statutes that relate to building construction. I look at it as at anytime we could have an earthquake, we are 3rd seismically most active state in the union and we forget about that. People that get injured in areas where they have frequent higher level quakes do so because of the objects falling off the shelves and the walls. Ultimately it is a matter of code. We now have to strap our water heaters because it's required by law because of the potential of earthquakes. Maybe that is something we look at pushing forward in some capacity.

D. Discussion of Upcoming SNIPP Meeting Schedule

Ms. Palmer advised the Committee that the Health District Administration has set up a meeting that is going to be on Mondays at 8:30 am and cannot guarantee to be finished by 10:00 am so they have asked that we adjust our meeting times. She asked the Committee what date and time would work best with everybody's schedule.

Ms. McSwain asked if her office can send a poll out in survey monkey.

Ms. Palmer agreed and added that they will let everyone know when the next October meeting will

be.

E. Next Meeting and Agenda Items

Acting Chairman McSwain announced that the next SNIPP meeting is scheduled for October. The discussion of nominations for Chairman and Vice Chairman will remain on the agenda, Ms. Gallagher will bring back more information on the "Form 5" and Erin Breen will give another update on the legislative session.

IV. INFORMATIONAL ITEMS

Legislative Update

Erin Breen gave updates on the upcoming legislative session.

- V. PUBLIC COMMENT: A period devoted to comments by the general public, if any, and discussions of those comments, about matters relevant to the Committee's jurisdiction will be held. No action may be taken upon a matter raised under this item of this Agenda until the matter itself has been specifically included on an agenda as an item upon which action may be taken pursuant to NRS 241.020. Comments will be limited to five (5) minutes per speaker. Please step up to the speaker's podium, clearly state your name and address, and spell you last name for the record. If any member of the Committee wishes to extend the length of a presentation, this may be done by the Chairman or the Community by majority vote.

Acting Chairman McSwain asked if anyone wished to address the Committee. Seeing no one, she closed the Public Comment portion of the meeting.

VI. ADJOURNMENT

As there was no further business on the agenda, Ms. McSwain adjourned the meeting at 11:26 a.m.