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## INJURY COMMUNITY PLANNING GROUP MEETING MINUTES

Colorado Department of Public Health and Environment  
4300 Cherry Creek Drive South, Denver, CO  
Sabin/Cleere Room  
October 7, 2009  
8:00-9:45 a.m.

### **Team Members:**

#### **Attendees:**

Nancy Frizell, Lindsey Myers, Sallie Thoreson, Holly Hedegaard, Bill, Sandra Morris, Kim, Kimbell, Tracy Lauzon, Mike Merrill, Tessa Meunier, Jon Montana, Sherrie Nugent, Janine Pieterse, Sally Barbe, Kim Schallenberger, Tamara Cornell, Gary Col, Lynn M Anderson, Larry Reeves, Cheryl Gelmac, Kim Muramoto, Jason Cleckler, Paula Holman, Clancy Meyers, Eric Schmidt, Travis Polk, Anne Clomatre, Lynn Anderson, Dee Cramp, Sally Duncan, Carol Gould, Holly Hedegaard, Allen Hughes, Karen Lindhorst, Lori McDonald, Melody Mesmer, Cheryl Milner, Dan Noonan, Sherrie Peckham, Lisa Ward, Randall Koehn, Ralph Vickery, Gene Eby, Kimberley Horn, Sandra Morris, Maura Proser, and Francesca Isabelle.

### **I. Introductions**

Nancy Frizell opened the meeting and introductions were made. Members were invited to sign up for the following subcommittees: Rural Traffic Taskforce, Falls Free Coalition, Suicide Prevention Trainer, Child Injury Policy Subgroup, Teen Dating Violence Prevention Team, and ICPG 2010 Priorities Workgroup.

### **II. 2008-2009 Priority Updates and Discussion**

#### **Letter to Colorado Health Foundation (Nancy Frizell)**

Nancy Frizell announced that Sallie Thoreson, Holly Hedegaard and Vicky Cassabaum finalized the Letter to Colorado Health Foundation and sent it in September. The letter suggested adding injury indicators to the Colorado Health Foundation Report Card.

#### **Rural Traffic Safety Taskforce (Sallie Thoreson)**

Sallie Thoreson reported that the kickoff meeting for the Rural Traffic Safety Taskforce will be in May 2010. ICPG members recommended marketing the Rural Traffic Task Force using the

trauma coordinators list and website (<http://colorado-trauma-network.org>). The Colorado Department of Transportation (CDOT) recommended expanding topics to speeding, impaired driving, rollovers, road design in rural areas, and emergency responding in rural areas.

#### CDOT Grant Update (Carol Gould)

The Colorado Department of Transportation (CDOT) awarded up to \$50,000.00 to the seven Regional Emergency Medical and Trauma Advisory Councils (RETACs) that applied for the rural occupant protection grant to improve adult seatbelt use rates. The grant kickoff meeting was held in May 2009. Next spring, CDOT will collaborate with CDPHE to host the first Rural Traffic Safety Taskforce meeting. CDOT rural seatbelt safety grantees will be invited to attend, as will other individuals or groups that are working on rural traffic safety issues in their communities.

#### EMS Suicide Prevention Training (Lindsey Myers)

SEMTAC awarded the ICPG \$50,000 to pilot a EMS Suicide Prevention Training. The funds must be spent by the June 30, 2010. The Injury, Suicide and Violence Prevention Unit is looking into the possibility of contracting with the QPR Institute to adapt their existing first responder curriculum to meet the needs of the Colorado EMS community. QPR has completed an evaluation of their suicide prevention curriculum for law enforcement and will be able to apply the same evaluation techniques for this project. Grant funds will also be used to pay for a train-the-trainer course, which will be offered to individuals in each RETAC region, as well as through EMT Basic courses. These master trainers will then be able to offer the course in their region. Lindsey Myers invited ICPG members to let her know if they are interested in attending the master training.

#### Motor Vehicle Symposium

Lindsey Myers provided an overview of the Child and Adolescent Motor Vehicle Symposium that was held on July 17, 2009 at the Children's Hospital. Over 125 leaders in motor vehicle safety from around the state participated. The symposium received positive evaluations from attendees.

### **III. Child Injury Prevention Grant**

#### Develop Child Injury Prevention and Control Policy Subgroup (ICPG-CIPS)

Colorado was one of five states selected to develop a state Child injury Prevention and Control Policy Plan that includes a plan for implementing and evaluating policy activities related to three state-selected priorities. Based on feedback from members of the ICPG during the July 2009 meeting, the Injury, Suicide and Violence Prevention (ISVP) Unit selected the following child injury policy issues to focus on for the grant proposal: enhancing Colorado's booster seat law, strengthening the Graduated Drivers License (GDL) law, and creating policies mandating ski/snowboard helmets for kids. Colorado's grant aims to integrate the work of three existing statewide groups: the ICPG, the Teen Motor Vehicle Leadership Alliance (TMVLA) and the Child Fatality Prevention System (CFPS). In order to achieve the objectives of this grant the ISVP Unit is creating this Child Injury Policy Subgroup (CIPS), which will have representation

from the ICPG, the TMVLA, the CFPS, as well as other child injury prevention organizations and coalitions from around the state. The ISVP Unit is also hiring a public relations firm to help the CIPS develop the policy plan.

#### **IV. Teen Dating Violence Prevention Grant (Lindsey Myers)**

Colorado was one of six states to be awarded a Teen Dating Violence Prevention grant. This grant is intended to: 1) raise teen dating violence (TDV) as a public health priority; 2) build and/or enhance internal and external partnerships with key TDV violence prevention stakeholders; 3) build capacity of state and local health departments to support and evaluate TDV prevention programs and policies; and 4) generate recommendations for local leaders and partners to support the implementation and evaluation of TDV prevention programs and policies through surveillance and partnerships. A majority of this project will be dedicated to working with community-based organizations in the Denver and Aurora to conduct an inventory of teen dating violence primary prevention activities and programs, organizational policies, and organizational evaluation capacity in the Denver/Aurora area. Members of a Teen Dating Violence Prevention Team will use this information to generate recommendations for local leaders and partners to support primary teen dating violence primary prevention.

During the next three ICPG meetings, members of the Teen Dating Violence Prevention Team will provide brief presentations on the risk and protective factors associated with teen dating violence and empowerment evaluation. The results of the environmental and policy scans, as well as the prevention recommendations will also be shared with the ICPG.

#### **V. Older Adult Falls Coalition**

The ICPG discussed the need to develop a statewide Older Adult Falls Coalition to help Colorado achieve the goals related to older adult fall prevention outlined in the Colorado Injury Prevention Strategic Plan. Having a statewide falls coalition will also help Colorado be competitive for future CDC grant money.

Sallie Thoreson shared information from the first older adult falls prevention statewide conference call that occurred on September 22, 2009. There were many people interested in helping form an older adult falls coalition. Sallie Thoreson will be organizing a subsequent meeting in the first part of 2010 to finalize the coalition structure and next steps.

#### **VI. Set 2010 Priorities**

##### **Review of ACS Recommendations**

ICPG members reviewed the injury prevention recommendations from the American College of Surgeons (ACS) assessment of the Colorado Trauma system. Recommendations for injury prevention included:

- Complete development of the injury prevention website to make prevention program resources more accessible to injury partners.

- Integrate tertiary injury prevention into the planning of injury control priorities for the state.
- Enhance communication and collaboration between the Injury Community Planning Group, trauma centers and other partnering organizations to foster commitment for use of evidence-based injury prevention strategies recommended in the strategic plan.

The ACS final report is available at <http://www.cdphe.state.co.us/em/traumaconsultation/index.html> .

### Selecting 2010 ICPG Priorities

Sallie Thoreson reviewed ICPG's 2009 priorities and highlighted ICPG's progress during the last calendar year.

ICPG members were given the opportunity to review all of the recommendations listed in the Colorado Injury Prevention Strategic Plan. Members agreed on the following criteria for selecting 2010 priorities:

1. Select one priority for each of the five goal areas of the Injury Strategic Plan
2. Select at least one priority addressing each injury area (Motor Vehicle, Falls, Suicide, and Unintentional Poisoning)
3. Select priorities based on ICPG's ability to influence the outcome
4. Select priorities that are timely
5. Select priorities that are achievable in approximately one year

After lengthy discussion, the ICPG selected the following priorities to work on in 2010. Sallie Thoreson agreed to convene an ad-hoc subcommittee to fine-tune the priorities and action steps prior to the January meeting.

### **ICPG Injury Prevention Priorities Selected for 2010**

GOAL 1: Improve and maintain injury data collection and dissemination to focus prevention efforts.

- Encourage improvements in data collection systems for medical records and emergency medical services trip reports to provide more details on the mechanism of injury and contributing factors for injuries.

GOAL 2: Promote the use of injury prevention guidelines and evaluation measures that are based upon current evidence-based research and literature.

- Promote the use of community prevention programs that are multi-faceted, data-driven, evidence-based, and utilize effective evaluation.

GOAL 3: Coordinate and link emergency medical services, trauma care, and public health

agencies with other injury prevention programs at the national, state and local levels to increase collaboration and maximize the use of resources.

- Promote the use of injury prevention funding guidelines for the Emergency Medical Services Provider Grants to ensure that newly funded injury prevention programs are multi-faceted, evidence-based and include evaluation measures
- Collaborate on older adult fall prevention programs with agencies working in the areas of health and safety, such as osteoporosis, chronic diseases, nutrition, recreation programs, and physical activity. (Develop a Colorado Falls Free Coalition)
- Support the Rural Traffic Safety Task Force to tackle the traffic safety issues in the rural areas of Colorado. (e.g. seatbelt use, rollover crashes, speeding, etc.)

GOAL 4: Develop leadership and infrastructure to identify, promote, and respond to injury prevention needs at the state and local level.

- Encourage the development and implementation of gatekeeper and means restriction training for hospital staff, EMS, primary care providers, and public health agencies to detect, treat and refer suicidal patients.

GOAL 5: Strengthen state and local legislation and policies that lead to the prevention of injuries.

- Advocate for the strengthening of Colorado's safety belt use law to a primary enforcement law for all seating positions and all ages.
- Strengthen Colorado law for booster seats and Graduated Drivers License.
- Advocate for the passage of local and statewide policies and/or laws regarding helmet use and safety equipment for bicycling, other wheeled-sports, winter sports, and equestrian activities.

**Standing Agenda Topics (Covered in earlier sections)**

1. Review of Best Practice Strategies
2. Specific Injury Surveillance Data Report
3. Ideas for Obtaining Resources
4. Review of Potential Legislation: All members report
5. Other Member Updates

**VII. Adjourn**

Meeting adjourned at 9:45 a.m.