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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  
January 27, 2010  
8:00-9:45 a.m.

### **TeamMembers:**

**Attendees:** Beth Cotter, Gary Cox, Sally Duncan, Eulala Chapman Echols, Nancy Frizell, Maile Gray, Jarrod Hindman, Francesca Isabelle, Kelli Jones, Linda Joseph, Arthur Kanowitz, Richard Kinsaen, Jon Montana, Lindsey Myers, Sherrie Peckham, Janine Pieterse, Travis Polk, Larry Reeves, Carla Rowland, Kim Schallenberg, Jeff Schanhals, Mary Shelton, Phyllis Uribe, Ralph Vickrey, Jon Montana, Mike Merrill, Teresa Meunier, Kim Muramoto, Dan Noonan, Eric Schmidt, Lisa Ward, Melody Mesmer, Randy Kuykendall, Bonnie King, Jesse Hawke, Laney Gibbs, Grace Sandeno, Joan Nichols, Julie Graves, Dee Crump, Shirley Tery

**On the phone:** Sallie Thoreson, Theresa Rapstine, Cheryl Gilmore

### **I. Introductions**

Chair Nancy Frizell opened the meeting and introductions were made.

### ***ICPG Mission/Role***

Lindsey Myers reviewed the mission of the ICPG: *to reduce injury in Colorado through collaboration with community partners*. The ICPG is both a statewide injury coalition that includes a diverse group of injury prevention partners, as well as the injury prevention committee of the State Emergency Medical and Trauma Advisory Council.

### ***ICPG Goals***

Lindsey Myers summarized the ICPG's overall goals: strength infrastructure of injury prevention in Colorado; collect, analyze and use injury prevention data; implement, evaluate, and revise the Injury Prevention Strategic Plan; select initiatives to work on in coordination with RETAC, EMS community, health departments and broader injury prevention partners throughout the state; and create action steps for each recommendation.

## ***ICPG Accomplishments***

Lindsey Myers provided an overview of ICPG accomplishments over the past five years: revised strategic plan from 2003-2008 for 2010; created an implementation plan for strategic plan; worked on marketing plan; selected priorities from the strategic plan to implement; leveraged funding to help to bring money into the ICPG group RETAC prevention fund; leveraged fund through EMS suicide prevention project; helped developing the marketing symposium; and helped the Colorado Department of Public Health and Environment obtain funding to create a child injury prevention policy plan and begin a teen dating violence prevention initiative.

## **II. Review of 2010 Priorities and Discussion (See handout)**

### ***Suggestions from Priorities Workgroup***

Sallie Thoreson summarized the process the ICPG goes through each year to select recommendations from the ICPG strategic plan to prioritize. During the October 2009 ICPG, the ICPG chose ten priority recommendations to work on in 2010. A Priorities Workgroup was established to discuss ways to operationalize the selected recommendations under each of the five Injury Prevention Strategic Plan goals. The workgroup was able operationalize seven of the ten recommendations. Three of the recommendations (to enhance the graduated driver's license law, to strengthen the booster seat law, and to promote helmet use for kids during sport activities) were combined into a single priority: "ICPG members will participate in the CDPHE Child Injury Prevention Policy Subcommittee." Sallie Thoreson reviewed the revised priority list and facilitated a short discussion regarding the three recommendations that still need specific ICPG action steps: 1) How will the ICPG work with EMS Task Force as the Task Force begins to update/enhance the MATRIX to become compliant with the National EMS Information System (NEMSIS) Version 3?; 2) How will ICPG members support and promote Best Practices, guidelines and evaluation measures?; and 3) How can ICPG best work with SEMTAC Public Policy and Finance Committee to evaluate and offer suggestions for the 2012 grant cycle where proposals will be out Dec 2010?. These priorities will be discussed again at the April ICPG meeting.

### **2010 Priority Updates**

#### ***EMS Suicide Project-Goal 4 (Lindsey Myers)***

The main goals of the EMS Suicide Prevention Project are to: 1) create an EMS suicide prevention curriculum that is tailored to the Colorado EMS community; 2) train trainers to implement the curriculum around the state; and 3) use evaluation tools to determine the effectiveness of the pilot program. The Injury Prevention Program is finalizing a contract with the QPR Institute, which has an evidence-based curriculum that they are willing to adapt of Colorado's EMS community. As soon as the contract is in place the QPR Institute will conduct interviews with members of the EMS community to determine how best to tailor the curriculum. At the beginning of April the Injury Program will begin to schedule train-the-trainer sessions that will take place in May or beginning of June. At least four train-the-trainer classes will be held for EMT basic course instructors and at least three persons from each RETAC area. Costs for attending the training will be covered for all participants. More information regarding the training will be provided as it progresses.

### ***Older Adult Falls Coalition-Goal 3 (Sallie Thoreson)***

Sallie Thoreson provided highlights from the first Older Adult Falls Coalition meeting that took place on January 19<sup>th</sup>. Approximately 15 people participated. The group decided to name the coalition: the Colorado Adult Fall Prevention Coalition. Tamara Connell and Sallie Thoreson will act as the co-chairs for the group. The Coalition goals will include: creating a statewide older adult falls prevention structure; identifying community-based programs; increasing awareness about falls; increasing access to falls data; promoting guidelines for development of hospital-based and community-based programs for all sites and facilities; and creating community fall prevention initiatives. The group will meet every other month. The next meeting will be conducted as a webinar on March 16, from 10-11:15 a.m. If you would like the minutes of the Colorado Adult Fall Prevention January meeting, please send your request to Sallie Thoreson at [sallie.thoreson@state.co.us](mailto:sallie.thoreson@state.co.us). The minutes will also be posted in the Injury Prevention website [www.coinjuryprevention.org](http://www.coinjuryprevention.org).

### ***Rural Traffic Safety Taskforce-Goal 3 (Sallie Thoreson)***

Sallie Thoreson updated the ICPG about the Rural Traffic Safety Taskforce that will become subcommittee of the ICPG. The CDPHE is partnering with the Colorado Department of Transportation and the Western Regional Emergency and Trauma Advisory Council to host a kick-off meeting for the Taskforce on May 5-6<sup>th</sup> in Montrose. The planning group for this event created a survey to help identify topics for the kick-off meeting. Lindsey Myers passed out hard-copies of the survey for ICPG members to fill out during the meeting. The survey can also be filled out on-line at <http://fs8.formsite.com/cohelath/form888790669/index.html>.

## **III. CORE II Grants and Teen Dating Violence Prevention Presentations**

Lindsey reminded the ICPG that CDPHE was awarded two new injury prevention grants from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention: Child Injury Prevention Policy and Teen Dating Violence Prevention.

### ***Child Injury Policy Subgroup-Goal 5 (Lindsey Myers)***

The Child Injury Policy Subgroup (CIPS) was formed as a subcommittee of the ICPG to create a child injury policy plan to: 1) enhance Colorado's graduated driver's license law; 2) strengthen Colorado's booster seat law; and 3) encourage helmet policies kids participating in snow sports. These three priorities are all recommendations in the Injury Prevention Strategic Plan. The CIPS has met twice since October 2009, when the grant went into effect. The CDPHE has contracted with the Capstone Group to help the CIPS develop the policy plan.

### ***The Teen Dating Violence Prevention Initiative***

The purpose of the Teen Dating Violence Prevention grant is to: 1) raise TDV as a Public Health Priority; 2) build internal and external partnerships with key TDV violence prevention stakeholders; 3) build capacity of the state and local health departments to support and evaluate TDV prevention programs and policies; and 4) generate recommendations for leaders and partners in the Denver-Aurora area to support the implementation and evaluation of TDV prevention programs and policies through surveillance and partnerships. The Teen Dating Violence Prevention Initiative will focus primarily in the Denver-Aurora community.

***Presentation: Teen Dating Violence Risk and Protective Factors, Laney Gibbes***

Laney Gibbes, of Capacity 360°, is the technical assistance provider for the Denver-Aurora Teen Dating Violence Prevention Initiative. She provided a presentation on the risk factors and warning signs associated with teen dating violence. For questions regarding this presentation, please contact Lindsey Myers at [lindsey.myers@state.co.us](mailto:lindsey.myers@state.co.us) or Laney Gibbes at [laneygibbes@earthlink.net](mailto:laneygibbes@earthlink.net).

***Presentation: Principles of Empowerment Evaluation, Julie Graves (Epidemiology, Planning and Evaluation Branch at CDPHE)***

Julie Graves, provided a presentation regarding Principles of Empowerment Evaluation. Julie Graves talked about the benefits and unique approach to evaluation, which includes involving community members in developing surveys, collecting and interpreting data, and evaluating programs. Empowerment evaluation will be used for teen dating violence project, and is also an approach that can be used for any injury prevention initiative. For more information about this presentation, contact Lindsey Myers at [lindsey.myers@state.co.us](mailto:lindsey.myers@state.co.us) or Julie Graves at [Julie.Graves@state.co.us](mailto:Julie.Graves@state.co.us).

**IV. Enhancing Participation**

ICPG members discussed ways to improve participation during ICPG meetings. ICPG members provided a positive feedback for the January meeting set-up and recommended that CDPHE should have other ICPG members take the lead on agenda items so that more people are engaged in the discussion. Other suggestions included: 1) sending agenda earlier to provide an opportunity to members to incorporate other agenda items they would like to share; 2) to include an open forum for members to bring up issues; and 3) to have a non-SEMTAC co-chair. Members expressed their frustration that when new grant funding opportunities come up, the group spends time talking about them, which takes away from discussions about the strategic plan and projects. Lindsey Myers asked if the group would like her to put together a survey to solicit additional feedback from the group. ICPG members seemed open to the idea.

**V. Strategic Plan Update**

The current strategic plan will expire in 2010. A short-term workgroup will be formed to develop a Strategic Plan for 2011-2015 that will be based on the current plan. Two meetings have been scheduled for February 25<sup>th</sup> and March 18<sup>th</sup>. Please email Lindsey Myers if you are interested in participating on the Strategic Plan Workgroup. The Workgroup will present its progress at the April ICPG meeting.

**VI. Standing Agenda Topics**

- 1. Review of Best Practice Strategies**  
Covered under discussion of 2010 ICPG Priority Recommendations.
- 2. Specific Injury Surveillance Data Report**

Lindsey Myers told the group that a new Suicide Prevention Fact Sheet that contains data from 2004-2008 will soon be available on the Injury Prevention Website

**3. Ideas for Obtaining Resources**

- Injury Prevention Website: [www.coinjuryprevention.com](http://www.coinjuryprevention.com) (currently under construction)
- Updated Driver's Seat Website: [www.coteendriver.com](http://www.coteendriver.com)

**4. Review of Potential Legislation**

Lindsey briefly described four injury prevention-related bills that are currently pending in the 2010 legislative session:

- Senate Bill 10-110: requires all children under age 8 be properly restrained in a child restraint system in the back seat of a motor vehicle. If passed, this bill would strengthen Colorado's child passenger safety law by requiring 6-7 year olds to be restrained in a booster seat, and requiring all children under age 8 to ride in the rear seat of a vehicle.
- House Bill 10-1147: requires that a minor wear a protective helmet while using non-motorized wheeled transportation on public streets and premises.
- House Bill 10-1059: clarifies that a minor who is 15 years of age or older and in the foster care system is not required to complete and present an affidavit of liability in order to register for a driver education class prior to applying for a minor's instruction permit.
- Senate Bill 10-015: changes from 18 to 16 ½ the age at which a minor is required to obtain behind-the-wheel training to obtain a driver's license.

**VII. Meeting Adjourn**

Meeting adjourned at 9:50 a.m.