

January 2003

Attendees and Area Announcements listed after minutes.

A December monthly call was not held. The November minutes were not prepared and distributed.

This call was devoted to providing an update/status report on many of the activities.

Fellowship

Larry Berger joined the call this month and provided an overview on the selection of the first Program Development class of the IHS Injury Prevention Specialist Fellowship. He extended his appreciation to everyone for the exceptional effort across IHS recruiting applicants for the new class.

We had a competitive applicant pool for the Fellowship. The target going into the selection process was a class of 12 participants; we had 22 applicants, 21 qualified; and the selection committee selected a class of 14.

Bobby Villines has sent acceptance letters to the successful applicants. His office also sent letters to the unsuccessful applicants, explaining the aspects of their application that can be strengthened for next time.

Larry Berger's Fellowship class is being held the week of January 27-30 in Albuquerque. Included in the facilitators helping Larry during the week are David Wallace and Victor LaCerva. Dr. LaCerva will also present violence prevention information to the class.

This year's Fellowship Symposium will be held the morning of Friday, May 2 in Atlanta. This is day after the Part 1 Project Coordinator/Project Officer's meeting. In addition to the Fellowship papers, Dr. Grim and Gary Hartz from IHS and Sue Binder, Director of CDC's Injury Center have been invited to make presentations. Participants for the other activities during the week in Atlanta are strongly encouraged to make plans to attend the Symposium.

CDC Proposal to Fund Tribal MVC Projects

David Wallace reviewed a proposal developed in the past few weeks by CDC's National Center for Injury Prevention and Control. NCIPC has identified funds and proposed awarding 5 tribes \$50,000 per year for 5 years to implement effective motor vehicle injury prevention strategies. CDC proposes to award the funds to programs that implement programs modeled on CDC's Evidence Based Motor Vehicle Strategies. David Wallace is taking the lead on developing the RFP and will keep us posted on its progress.

We will be able to provide more detailed information on this at the Atlanta meetings. If you are interested in this opportunity and want to find out more about CDC's funding process and priorities, visit this location for a start.

http://www.cdc.gov/ncipc/res-opps/fy_2001.htm

Cooperative Agreement Program

- Draft "Guidance Document for Challenged Programs". During the week this document was distributed to Part 1 Project Officer's and Area IP Specialists. The final document will be used as guidance for the Injury Prevention Program in documenting problems encountered with Part 1 projects.
- Seat Belt Protocol. Through their work with the Part 1 Projects, UNC has developed a draft standard protocol for conducting seat belt surveys. A draft has been distributed for preliminary review by selected IP staff throughout IHS. Several of the Part 1 projects are using the protocol as it is being refined. A working draft will be distributed for review within the month.

- New RFP. We are planning of having an RFP this spring to distribute the Part 1, 2, & 3 funds that have come off line. David Wallace has prepared a draft of the RFP. It is on Alan Dellapenna's desk to finalize and get to Patricia Spotted Horse.

Safety In Numbers Conference and Activities in Atlanta

An update was provided on the week of activities in Atlanta. IHS and Tribal staff are encouraged to plan to participate in all of the activities scheduled for the week.

April 28-29 – CDC's "Safety in Numbers Conference"

April 30-May 1 – IHS Part 1 Project Coordinator and Project Officer's Meeting

May 2, 8am-Noon – Injury Prevention Specialist Fellowship Symposium

The hotel registration has been a little confusing because we have 2 room blocks at the Hyatt Regency (404-577-1234): a block for the CDC days and a block for the IHS days. Please contact Alan Dellapenna if you experience problems when you make your reservation. The hotel information, CDC conference registration and CDC's final agenda can be found at:

<http://www.cdc.gov/ncipc/conference/registration.htm>

Year V of the IP Program Evaluation

The final phase of the External Evaluation of the IHS IP program is starting. This phase will include:

- Portland Area Evaluation in May 2003
- A summary and overview of the National IP program based on the 12 Area Reports
- Survey of Area's to determine how the IP reports have been used and what has been implemented from the reports.
- A presentation of findings and recommendations to IHS-HQE management staff
- A presentation to IP staff at a national IP meeting

IP GPRA

Terry Cullen is the a new acting national GPRA coordinator at HQE. Kelly and Alan had a preliminary review of the 2 IP indicators with Terry. We received a strong recommendation, with solid reasoning, to change the current mortality indicator to an element that is not dependent of morbidity or mortality data. This indicator is a hard sell with the Department because of the problems we have had with reporting new data. This winter we will have a "brainstorming" session with Terry to change the indicator that is sellable to the department and reportable by Areas. We'll keep you posted on the progress and may ask for input, like we did in September, from some IP staff as we refine the element.

IP Course Revision MTG in Denver

The last working meeting of the committee will be held Feb 4-6 in Denver. At the meeting we will act on the Level II recommendations collected during the course in Nov and have working sessions on Level III scheduled for June.

Tribal Steering Committee Meeting in Window Rock

The IP Tribal Steering Committee is scheduled to have their next meeting February 26-27 in Window Rock. Area IP Specialists are encouraged to contact their Area's representative before the meeting to make sure their travel is in order, review the meeting agenda, and see if there is any preparation they need to do before the meeting.

NHTSA Agreement Discussions

Alan Dellapenna and Ann Mitchell met during the week to review the status of the IHS-NHTSA inter agency agreement. Highlights from the meeting:

- New NHTSA Administration – With new administration in NHTSA this year, each program initiative is will be reviewed. Ann will present the IHS proposal by the end of January. She has prepared a briefing packet and outlined the IHS initiatives. The initiatives fall squarely into the direction NHTSA

is going under the new administration. Ann is optimistic and will keep Alan posted on how the review goes.

- \$5k for Part 1 Projects – The proposal included \$5,000 for the Part 1 projects to implement highway safety projects.
- Ride Safe Proposal – An additional request was added to the proposal, \$50,000 so support the new Ride Safe program. Bemidji Area staff have been working this year with IHS funds from the Director's Youth Initiative to develop Ride Safe. Alan is working this year to find partners to sponsor Ride Safe. We have approached Head Start, EMSC, and NHTSA to partner for the program. Ann is looking within NHTSA for funds for the program.
- Car Seat Check Stations – NHTSA has offered to post locations on reservations that offer car seat checking. These can be permanent locations or one time checkpoints. Alan Dellapenna will distribute the NHTSA programs can submit to have their check stations posted on the NHTSA web site. This is a link to the web site, you can sort by state or zip code:
<http://www.nhtsa.gov/nhtsa/whatis/regions/index.cfm?Fitting=yes>

CPS Workgroup

Holly Billie provided an update on the workgroups activities. The next conference call is scheduled for January 31. The workgroup plans to have materials available for distribution in May or June.

Next Call

February 20, 2003, conference call numbers are the same for each call:

Phone Number: **888-323-7711**

Pass Code: **85538**

Leader: **Alan Dellapenna**

Participants and Area Announcements

Aberdeen: John Weaver, Larry Dauphinais, Gina Locklear.

Albuquerque: Jerry Lee.

Anchorage: Not on the call.

Bemidji: Not on the call.

Billings: John Sery.

California: Robert Newsad.

Nashville: Susan McCracken.

Navajo: Nancy Bill.

Oklahoma: Harold Cully.

Phoenix: Holly Billie.

Portland: Linda Tiokasin.

Tucson: Don Williams.

Environmental Health Support Center: Not on the call.

CDC, David Wallace: David Wallace.

Rockville: Alan Dellapenna.

Larry Berger.