

August 2002

Attendees and Area Announcements listed after minutes. Lightly proof read, finding the typo's is a bonus in reading this report.

NHTSA Traffic Records meetings

There has been some activity recently on improving the reporting of motor vehicle crash, injury, and death information from tribes to states and NHTSA. NHTSA has funded 8 tribal assessments of tribal record systems over the past year. The 8 tribal programs with completed assessments are eligible to apply to a grant to fund improve their tribal record system. The BIA Highway Safety Program is holding a grant writing meeting in Albuquerque in September for the 8 tribes.

Alan Dellapenna presented a tribal records forum held during NHTSA's annual state MVC records management meeting. There is a lot of interest in finding ways to convince tribes to improve their reporting, but not much understanding or appreciation of the institutional, political, legal, and financial barriers facing tribes. Some of what IHS has learned over the years was shared with the group, reference documents were posted at: <http://www.dehs.ihs.gov> in the Documents section, under Injury Prevention.

Alan is scheduled to attend more meetings with NHTSA staff over the next month on the topic.

NHTSA Report

Alan will distribute the format and request for Area submissions for the Annual NHTSA Report. Ryan Hill will be compiling the reports. We are shooting for the end of September to send the final report to Ann Mitchell. Alan messed up and didn't get the request for reports out after the last call. He tried blaming it on the computer, how pathetic.

The Annual NHTSA Report is a valuable marketing tool for IHS, this is an important activity. Distribution of the NHTSA funds to Areas will also be based on the Area Reports again this year.

Youth Initiative Funds Distribution

The injury prevention program has been fortunate to have a proposal for \$253,000 in IP projects funded from 2002 IHS Youth Initiative funds. Thank you to all that helped in this flurry of activities associated with committing the funds. Distribution of the funds was conducted this week, a copy is at the end of this document. This is a one-time effort that we will be able to use to advance several programmatic initiatives. Next year the funds will go out in projects similar to our IP Part I Cooperative Agreements. Some of the projects funded next year may prioritize injury prevention initiatives. A co

Program Development Fellowship

Most of the planning for the new Fellowship track is completed to a point that we are ready to start recruiting. It time for the Injury Prevention staff in Areas to gear up for recruiting, the ball is about to be handed off to you. The success of this new milestone effort is in your hands, your recruiting efforts will influence the quality of the applicant pool and new class.

The announcement for the new Fellowship track will be made at the end of August. Recruitment and application period will run through **December 1, 2002**. Larry Berger is preparing a brochure that you can use to promote the program in your Area. Application packets will be available on the IP program website, <http://www.dehs.ihs.gov/noinjuries>. A recruiting PowerPoint presentation will also be available. Bobby Villines will be the contact for applicants. Course content is not finalized; it will continue this fall and winter. The first class is scheduled for May 2003.

Training Revision Committee Status

Short Course Revision Committee meet last week in Minneapolis following the Sleep Safe Workshop, the following is a status of each course.

Level I - A committee to review and oversee the annual revision of the Level I curriculum was established. The committee plans to meet in conjunction with the October Course Revision Committee meeting.

Level II – The Level II course content was reviewed at the committee meeting. Most sessions are close to complete. Plans for completing all sessions were made and time was spent to work on content for some of the sessions. There is more work to be done before the course will be presented in November, but the course preparation is on track. A final meeting will be held October 16-17.

The course will be available for Area's to present in 2003. Like the revised Level I, Areas planning to present the revised Level II course will need to have instructors that have gone through the new Level II course. You may want to consider sending staff to the November course if you plan on presenting the course next year.

Level III – UNC staff, as requested, presented a draft agenda they prepared for Level III. Following discussion the committee approved the agenda, and identified leads for the preparation for most of the sessions. Some new members may be asked to help prepare some of the sessions. We left the meeting with the opinion that we will be able to be prepared to present Level III on schedule in April 2003.

The Committee – Appreciation is extended to the Course Revision Committee members. The revision of the courses has not been an easy task, we have had to make difficult decisions and challenge the way we have done things in the past. The committee members have done a lot of additional work in addition to their normal duties. The Injury Prevention Program is making a great advancement in our training efforts as a result of the committees work. We expect these courses will be presented multiple times a year in many Areas for many years to come. The work of the committee members is greatly appreciated!

Sleep Safe Workshop Last Week

The annual Sleep Safe Workshop was held last week in Minneapolis. Harold, Diana, Chris and all did an exceptional job putting on a great workshop. About 50 Head Start and IHS staff participated in the workshop. Participants were used to help present many of the sessions; it was fun and interactive. Our project officer with US Fire Administration, Cathy Gershner, and one her colleagues participated in the workshop. They were very complimentary of the of the workshop and their commitment to Sleep Safe.

EMSC Position – The HQE IP program has been meeting with HRSA in preparation for the modification on an Inter-Agency Agreement that will result in funding a new Emergency Medical Service for Children coordinator position in the HQE Injury Prevention office. The position is targeted for announcement in the fall. Injury Prevention Specialists, emergency department staff, and EMS staff include the type of applicant targeted for the position. The position would coordinate with HRSA, state EMSC programs, and tribal and IHS programs to promote injury prevention and EMS issues for children.

Infrastructure Program

Year 3 Proposal Review - Tribal applications for Part I & Part II projects for year 3 funding has been sent to project officers for review and comment. **Let Alan know directly via phone or e-mail if project officers from your Area are going to recommend significant negative recommendations or change in funding.**

New RFP – we anticipate over \$200,000 to come off line from the Part 1 & Part II projects at the end of Year 3. David Wallace is taking the lead in drafting an new RFP to put this money out to tribes for Years 4 & 5 (2 year funding only for this RFP to put all of the funds off line at the same time). We anticipate 2 more Part I's and 4 Part II's. We expect to have the RFP go out so awards are made in late spring.

Next Project Coordinators Workshop – Mark your calendar's for project officers and project coordinators, the year 3 meeting is being planned to be held in conjunction with CDC's "Safety in Numbers" conference April 28-29 in Atlanta. The project coordinators workshop will likely be held April 30 & May 1.

CDC's "Safety In Numbers" Conference – Status Report

Alan Dellapenna will attend a planning meeting for the conference on Aug 28. Information on agenda, abstracts, etc will distributed.

Tribal Steering Committee Update

Health Disparities Conference, Sept 25 in Denver – An injury session is proposed for the conference with IHS and TSC participation.

Next Oct 17-18 Meeting in Phoenix – agenda planning is underway, strategic planning activities are proposed, discussion of producing a video, and commission "white papers" on the problem of motor vehicle injury, intentional injury, and the cost of injury among AI/AN.

Injury Prevention Specialist Meeting Ideas

Alan proposed an Injury Prevention Specialist meeting in December in the vicinity of HQE. It has been too long since the last meeting of the IHS Injury Prevention staff. The format of the meeting is proposed to be a mixture of business, presentations by partners and outside speakers, and presentations by initiatives from Area. Some date conflicts were raised. Alan will work on scheduling the meeting and avoid the conflicts, send in you ideas.

Next Call

September 26, 2002, 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: Gina Locklear. Alan Dellapenna will facilitate an Aberdeen Area Program Planning session in Aberdeen in September.

Albuquerque: Jerry Lee. The Santa Fe District Sanitarian/IP Specialist vacancy is expected to be announced soon.

Anchorage: Helen Andon, Ryan Hill. The Alaska tribal Injury Prevention Program managers will hold an annual planning meeting Sept 10.

Bemidji: Diana Kuklinski, Casey Crump. Bemidji Area will host the Fellowship field course Sept 16-20.

Billings: Not on the call.

California: Robert Newsad. California Area Level I course was a big success, 15 participants, summary of evaluations is being prepared.

Nashville: Mickey Rathsam. UNC completed an evaluation visit to the Area over the past month, went very well.

Navajo: Jodi Dennison. The Gallup Elder Safety project was reviewed.

Oklahoma: Harold Cully.

Phoenix: Kenny Hicks. Phoenix Area is starting a strategic planning initiative this fall with management and service unit staff.

Portland: Sharon John. The North West Indian Health Board is announcing 2 PhD trained injury surveillance specialists. Tribal Steering Committee rep's and alternates have been identified; are currently going through the internal approval process.

Tucson: Not on the call.

Environmental Health Support Center: Not on the call.

CDC: David Wallace. Submit abstracts for the Safety in Numbers conference! It's a great opportunity.

Rockville: Alan Dellapenna.

UNC: Carolyn Crump. The proposed date for Level III is close to the Safety in Numbers Conference, consider moving the Level III date up to reduce the conflict for tribal participants

Subject: Injury Prevention Youth Initiative Distribution List

The following are a set of Injury Prevention projects and initiatives for funding with FY 2002 Youth Initiative funds. Areas, contacts and a brief description of what is being purchased is included.

Please let me know if you need additional information, I'll be in all week.

Sleep Safe

Area Office - Oklahoma City Area

Contact Person - Harold Cully

Sleep Safe is an existing IHS-wide program administered by Oklahoma City Area IHS. Funds would be transferred to Oklahoma City to reimburse this existing activity. Two identified initiatives to support Sleep Safe will serve children head start age and of course their parents and siblings - household

\$30,000 - Support 5 existing Sleep Safe sites at \$6,000 per site.

\$40,000 - Support an evaluation of the Sleep Safe Program to revise program materials based on 3 years of experience, and add an impact evaluation module.

Total **\$70,000**

Ride Safe

Area Office - Bemidji Area

Contact Person - Diana Kuklinski

Ride Safe is an IHS-wide child passenger protection program modeled on Sleep Safe under development by Bemidji Area staff. Funds would be transferred to Bemidji Area to reimburse for developing and pilot testing this initiative in Indian communities. Head Start age youth and their parent/care givers are reached by this initiative.

\$25,000 - Develop and produce program materials

\$40,000 - Pilot test the program at 5 sites at \$8,000 per site

Total **\$65,000**

Child Passenger Protection Workgroup

Area Office - Phoenix Area

Contact Person - Kenny Hicks

An existing work group of Injury Prevention staff are developing version of the NHTSA Child Passenger Protection training course designed for a Native American audience. NHTSA's Child Passenger Protection Program has approved the workgroup and the Nevada Highway Safety Program has approved the curriculum. Youth Initiative funds will be used to reimburse Phoenix Area for the costs of producing copies of the training materials for use throughout IHS.

Total **\$25,000**

Child Passenger Protection Training

Area Office - Phoenix Area

Contact Person - Kenny Hicks

Amount - \$5,000

Area Office - Albuquerque Area

Contact Person - Jerry Lee

Amount - \$5,000

Area Office - Navajo Area

Contact Person - Nancy Bill

Amount - \$5,000

Area Office - Aberdeen Area

Contact Person - John Weaver
Amount - \$5,000
Area Office - California Area
Contact Person - Robert Newsad
Amount - \$5,000

IHS Area and Service Unit programs coordinate numerous community-based NHTSA Child Passenger Programs. Youth Initiative funds would be used to reimburse 5 IHS Areas that held Car Seat Checkpoints or 8 hour Child Passenger training courses in 2002. Funds would be transferred to IHS Area's to reimburse their selected Service Units.

Total \$25,000

Booster Seat Initiative with Infrastructure Cooperative Agreement Sites

Office – HQE Contracts and Grants

Contact Person – Patricia SpottedHorse

Increasing the utilization of booster seats for children that have outgrown child car seats but are not large enough for seat belt is a national initiative. IHS currently supports 24 tribal injury prevention programs through the infrastructure cooperative agreement program. Youth Initiative funds would be used to supplement each infrastructure program with \$2,000 to implement a booster seat program. Funds would be transferred to the programs through their existing funding agreements with IHS.

\$48,000

Project Road Warriors: Indian Youth for Traffic Safety

Area Office – Navajo Area

Contact Person – Nancy Bill

Support the collaborative agreement between NHTSA and the National Indian Education Association to promote traffic safety among Indian youth through demonstration projects designed to generate best practice strategies. Funds would be transferred to NIEA through the existing IHS-NHTSA agreement.

\$20,000

Grand total is: \$253,000