

## September 2003

Attendees and Area Announcements listed after minutes.

### HQE IP Positions, Update

Progress on filling on the HQE IP Program Manager position was halted by the recently announced hiring freeze at HQE.

Betty Hastings starts as the HQE-EMSC Coordinator October 1, 2003. She is currently manages HRSA's Traumatic Brain Injury Program.

### New SNAP Course Materials

Holly Billie and Bobby Villines discuss efforts over the past week to facilitate the distribution of the new Safe Native American Passengers training course.

- The information announcing the availability of the materials has been posted on [www.dehs.ihs.gov/noinjuries](http://www.dehs.ihs.gov/noinjuries).
- The material should be used only by CPS certified staff. Bobby developing a place on the web site to register and download the course materials. The registration will require the requester's certification number and other program information.
- Bobby is preparing a digital version of the non-copyrighted video used in the course.
- Holly would like feedback on the use of the course materials, the workgroup is interested in further refining the course based on the experience of instructors.
- The SNAP course takes the 32 hour NHTSA course and scales it down to an 8 hour version. This is a simpler format to present in communities. The course materials were reviewed and edited for literacy by a contractor.
- There is high interest in the course materials by groups outside IHS. Access through the IHS web site will be the main method of distribution of the course materials.
- The course materials should not be mass distributed. Area's are encouraged to market the availability of the course materials to CPS certified staff in their Area's.
- Some of the course materials will be adopted for use in the next version of the NHTSA support CPS curricula.

Holly and her workgroup have done an outstanding job with this difficult task. Thank you!

### TSC Meeting

Dennis Renville, Aberdeen Area TSC representative hosted a Tribal Steering Committee meeting at the United Tribes Technical College in Bismarck the first week of Sept. Dennis, his staff, and the TSC leadership did an exceptional job of organizing a great meeting. UTTC hosted the meeting at their IP class space, held an evening reception, and had presentations by students and school officials.

Advocating for IP was a focus of the meeting. Gary Hartz attended most of the meeting and made 2 presentations at the tribal leader's conference held concurrently with the TSC meeting. David Grossman presented a summary of the MVC white paper he drafted for the TSC. Tex Hall, Chairman of the National Congress of American Indians made a presentation to the TSC and was very supportive of the need of additional IP funding. The tribal leader's conference drafted a resolution in support of additional funding.

The advocacy message for Injury Prevention:

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**Program Funding Priorities**  
**Increase Injury Prevention funding in the IHS budget.**

New Funding for Injury Prevention will go to supplement the \$1.475M Infrastructure Grant Program.

- Every \$50K increase in the Infrastructure program creates another job in a tribal community.
  - Total Need = \$10M (200 tribal projects at \$50K each)
  - **Targeting a \$1.5M increase in the FY'05 budget.**
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### **Cooperative Agreement Announcement, Update**

The Part II proposal reviews were conducted by tribal and IHS field reviewers over the past month. Thank you to all. Executive summaries of Part I and II proposals are being finalized and sent to Grant's Management for the Oct 1 announcement. A table of funded proposals will be distributed after the announcement date.

### **Reimbursements**

Alan will be sending funds to Areas owed from interagency agreement funds over the next week. X account based reimbursement will follow after the FY change.

### **Annual NHTSA Report**

The deadline for Area's to submit their annual report of NHTSA activities to Ryan Hill was Sept 15. An e-mail outlining the status of reporting by Areas was sent out this week. Several Areas have not reported or notified if the plan to report this year. A final deadline for submitting reports to Ryan is **Friday, October 3, 2003**.

### **Meeting with BIA and NHTSA this Week**

Alan Dellapenna and David Wallace met with Georgia Chakiris, Pat Tucker of NHTSA Region 6 and Charles Jaines and Pat Abata of BIA Highway Safety to discuss program collaboration. Highlights reported from the meeting:

- Alan provided an overview of the IHS IP program
- David discussed the new CDC MVC funding and invited participants to serve as proposal reviewers.
- BIA is reviewing and auditing some of their grantees. They are instituting more oversight and accountability. They expect that some tribal programs that have received funding in the past may not be funded in the future.
- BIA is planning to discontinue funding child car seats. It appears that they have already instituted this approach. They reported that they were not seeing satisfactory results (increased usage) from the programs they were funding and see that IHS has better capacity for distribution of seats and providing training and other aspects of car seat programs.
- BIA reports that their emphasis will be on traffic records in funding. IHS has developed epidemiologic capacity in working with tribal police records in many Area's. We offered to collaborate where BIA funds projects.
- BIA and NHTSA suspect that BIA and IHS are providing funding for the same projects at the same entity at tribes. IHS Part I project site information was provided to BIA. BIA offered to provide information on their funded projects.
- BIA reported that they are not interested in the Law Enforcement Fellowship funded in the interagency agreement between IHS and BIA.
- BIA is interested in collaborating on grant writing workshops.

Further collaboration meetings will be held.

### **Fellowship Update**

Phoenix Area staff and Larry Berger are actively preparing for the Oct 20-24 Fellowship Field Course planning.

The hotel reservation cut-off date for the course is Sept 26. Area's are strongly encouraged to contact their Fellows and make sure their travel arrangements are in order. Experience with this class of infrequent government travelers has proven the contact with the Fellows up front is effective in preventing problems during the course.

Helen Andon offered to help review and update the announcement for the next class of the Fellowship.

### **GPRA**

Alan needs copies of Area IP GPRA reports to prepare the national GPRA report. A few Area's have submitted their reports, please forward a copy of your report if you have not already.

**Next Call**

Next call will be held **October 16, 2003** at 2:00 pm Eastern time. 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:** Not on the call.

**Albuquerque:** Jerry Lee.

**Anchorage:** Helen Andon, Ryan Hill. The Anchorage Area has an "Intermediate Injury Prevention" Course schedule for Oct. Bethel has an IP vacancy, Gretchen Brown has resigned her position. One of the Anchorage Area Program Development Fellow resigned this month due to health issues.

**Bemidji:** Diana Kuklinski. SleepSafe, RideSafe, and the new SNAP course materials will be presented at a regional EMSC meeting next month. Several Bemidji Area staff will present information at the conference. State EMSC programs have been very supportive of IHS initiatives in Bemidji Area. Betty Hastings will attend the conference.

**Billings:** Scheduling conflict, could not make the call.

**California:** Robert Newsad.

**Nashville:** Mickey Rathsam. Mickey will distribute faith-based DUI prevention information he received at a regional NHTSA meeting.

**Navajo:** Nancy Bill. The Shiprock District Injury Prevention Specialist Position has been re-announced. Navajo Area is actively seeking applicants for the position. The new SNAP course materials are being used this week. The "Intermediate IP" course presented this month went very well. CPS training is scheduled for next month.

**Oklahoma:** Not on the call.

**Phoenix:** Holly Billie. Kenny is in Parker preparing for the Fellowship Field Course.

**Portland:** Karin Knopp.

**Tucson:** Don Williams. The Tucson Area "Introduction to IP" course is scheduled for Oct. There are currently 36 registered for the course. Jerry is helping with the course. Richard Sullivan presented at a BIA Roads Conference in Parker, AZ this week.

**Environmental Health Support Center:** Bobby Villines.

**CDC, NCIPC:** David Wallace. The announcement for the NCIPS Tribal Motor Vehicle Injury Prevention Cooperative Agreements closes October 1.

**Rockville:** Alan Dellapenna.