



COMMUNIQUE

16 JUNE 2004 TELECONFERENCE MEETING

The 12th Meeting of the Strategic Injury Prevention Partnership was held via teleconference on 16 June 2004. Members attending the meeting were Rod McClure (Co-Chair), James Harrison (AIHW), Rae Scott (Commonwealth), Pam Albany (NSW), Michael Tilse (QLD), Leah McKinnon (ACT), Nicola Rabot (Victoria), Stan Bordeaux (TAS), Justine Glover (NT), Ron Somers (SA), Nicole Bennett (WA) and Sandy Brinsdon (NZ). Also in attendance were Annamaree Reisch and Samantha Diplock (SIPP Secretariat).

Apologies were received from John Scott (Co-Chair), Richard Franklin (AIPN), and John Wunsch (Treasury).

Updates from jurisdictions

Members provided updates on their recent work.

TAS

- Funding for child injury prevention secured. Child injuries in homes and playgrounds will be the focus and a Strategic Plan is to be developed.
- Child injury prevention policies in relation to fires are under consideration following recent child deaths from house fires.
- A scoping project on Falls in Older People is being conducted as Tasmania's population is ageing.

NSW

- Alcohol Linkage Program (police data system to identify problem drinking areas) currently operating in parts of NSW. The program has reduced crime and has potential to significantly reduce alcohol related injury.
- Media attention surrounding injuries and deaths associated with infant nursery products.

VIC

- Injury Prevention Research Program
- Child Poisoning Prevention Project report will be circulated shortly.
- A number of injury related research projects are being funded in the next 12 months, including poisoning, playground safety and protective equipment.
- Preliminary evaluations on injury prevention initiatives are positive.





ACT

- Water Safety Working Group is developing regulations for swimming pools.
- An audit of popular swimming areas is currently being conducted.
- The application for funding for the Swimming in Schools Study was not successful.
- A falls prevention community outreach program is currently operating. This involves ambulance officers referring people who fall but don't go to hospital to the program for an assessment and falls prevention advice or interventions.

QLD

- Mackay Child Injury Prevention Project (case study) is currently running to increase community awareness of home safety practices and reduce childhood injuries.
- 12 volunteers are being trained for the Wide Bay Falls Prevention Project.
- Safe Communities project is strengthening and growing.
- Strong political interest in the Sustainable Housing Project. This project involves incorporating smart housing principles, including those with a safety focus.

SA

- Better Regulations for dog control have been introduced. The Regulation includes a requirement for dogs to be leashed on public footpaths
- Agreement in principle has been reached with Therapeutic Goods Administration (TGA) for laboratory testing of pharmaceutical packaging.
- Road Rules Maintenance Group has taken on the issue of restraints for transporting children in vehicles.
- SA Trauma Registry making excellent progress. Bench-marking comparisons between hospitals now regularly conducted, and Registry has gone beyond the monitoring of clinical performance indicators to assess patient outcomes. Present efforts aimed at uncovering opportunities for improving clinical management of cases of severe trauma.

NT

- A new 5 year plan for health is being developed. Injury has been identified as a priority for inclusion in the plan.
- Territory Day is approaching and a survey on firework related injury is being conducted.

NZ

- Developing injury outcomes based on serious injury & fatalities.
- Website address – www.nzips.gov.nz
- Stocktake of government and non-government injury prevention work is being undertaken.





AUST GOVT (Department of Health and Ageing)

- Currently prioritising injury prevention projects (focusing on population and risk factor groups identified for inclusion in the new plan) for funding.

Evaluation of the National Injury Prevention Plan

Members of the Centre for Accident Research and Road Safety – Queensland (CARRS-Q) project team provided an update on the evaluation of the National Injury Prevention Plan 2001-2003. They stated that the evaluation is progressing well. The first stage (Delphi process) has been completed. The second round (critical analysis of extant documents) is currently underway. The final report is expected to be provided at the end of August.

Development of the National Injury Prevention Plan – Beyond 2004

The first draft of the new National Injury Prevention Plan was discussed. Members supported submitting the draft plan to the NPHP meeting in July, seeking endorsement for the plan to be released for public consultation. There was brief discussion about the consultation and implementation process. These will be further discussed with the sub-committee that is overseeing the development of the new plan.

Standards / Legislative Clearing House Project

It was agreed that the proposal for the Standards/Legislative Clearing House project needs to be revised. A new project proposal is to be circulated to jurisdictions to seek funding for this project.

Report from the Injury Conference in Vienna

Pam Albany mentioned the 7th World Conference on Injury Prevention and Safety Promotion recently held in Vienna. Pam advised that the debate has shifted, with plenary sessions, previously given to science now given over to strategic thinking and planning.

WHO Meeting on developing national planning profiles

The WHO meeting on developing national strategies and planning profiles was held in Geneva last October. The first draft which was discussed at the Vienna meeting is currently being revised and is expected to be available in the near future.

Update on Product Safety Issues

John Wunsch was unable to participate in the teleconference but provided an email update on product safety issues which was circulated to members. Treasury is working on developing a consumer awareness campaign for baby bath safety and baby bathing aids. It is expected that awareness materials will be available within 2 to 3 months. Treasury is also drafting a





Regulation Impact Statement for a mandatory safety standard (warnings) for baby bathing aids.

ATSIIPAC Update

A draft National Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Safety Promotion Strategy, based on the NSW Aboriginal Safety Promotion Strategy has been developed by the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Injury Prevention Action Committee (ATSIIPAC). The draft plan will be provided to the NPHP meeting in July 2004, and will then be released for public consultation.

Future Meetings

The next face to face meeting is to be held in Mackay on 14 September 2004.

