

# CalENA Injury Prevention Committee

## MINUTES

January 13, 2012  
San Francisco, CA

### Present:

Luella Buell, East Bay Chapter  
Lark Boyer, Kern County Chapter  
Agnes Faria, Kern County Chapter  
Vicki Johnson, Greater Northern LA Chapter  
Christine Marshall, Orange Coast Chapter  
Julie Rossie, Loma Prieta Chapter  
Cynthia Saunders, Greater LA Chapter  
Erin Summers, Mid Valley Chapter  
Patrice Christensen, Chair, Loma Prieta Chapter

### Introductions

Introductions were made. Minutes from the November meeting were reviewed and approved.

### 2012 Budget

- Patrice submitted to Board the committee's 2012 budget of \$2,875. This year there will be one additional meeting, therefore the increase in budget to cover this cost.

### 2012 Goals

- Marcus Godfrey, President informed the Board that one of his goal for the Council this year was to work on violence in the ED.
  - Marcus envisions the State Council working with Cal ACEP to do a study of the issue.
  - Patrice discussed with committee who are committed to support and assist Marcus and the State Council in any way they can.
  - The committee discussed that a clear definition of workplace violence needs to be established. Verbal abuse more subjective to measure than physical violence.
  - ENA has released a tool kit last year to prevent and mitigate violence against staff

<b>ACTION ITEM – Patrice will access ENA Tool kit and research best practice for discussion at next meeting</b>
---

## **What's Happening?**

### **NATIONAL**

#### **Institute for Quality, Safety and Injury Prevention (IQSIP)**

- Nothing new from National on reorganization and how injury prevention is going to be addressed by the Institute for Quality and Safety (IQS).

### **STATE**

- Governor Brown signed into law SB 929 (Evans) which increases the age in which children are required to be restrained in car or booster seats (in the back seat of vehicles) to 8 years. Currently law is 6 years of age or 60 lbs. There is no weight requirement for this new legislation as weight is not a good predictor of proper fit into seat belts.
  - This new legislation went into effect. January 1, 2012.
  - Hospitals will need to incorporate this new information into their current practices of notifying families of the law upon discharge from the hospital (Section 27363.5 –California Vehicle Code )
  - The passage of this new law will allow California to rank higher in ENA's National Traffic Safety Score Card.
  - The California Department of Public Health, Office of Traffic Safety, and Highway Patrol will be sending out new posters. Patrice brought sample of English and Spanish versions for committee to review. Additional language will follow. These can be accessed from Cal ENA website – Injury Prevention page and [chdp.ca.gov/vosp](http://chdp.ca.gov/vosp)

**ACTION ITEM – Patrice will bring poster to next meeting for distribution to chapter reps**

**Next Meeting – March 15, 2012  
Sacramento**