Introductions

Introductions were made. Patrice introduced Kate Bernacki from the Vehicle Occupant Safety Program, California Department of Public Health. Minutes from the January meeting were reviewed and approved.

What’s Happening?

NATIONAL

Institute for Quality, Safety and Injury Prevention (IQSIP)

- Upcoming teleconference in April. Patrice will report at May meeting in Palm Springs

STATE

- Kate Bernacki from CDPH was invited guest speaker to go over the new California Child Passenger Safety law which Governor Brown signed into law SB 929 (Evans) and became effective on 1/1/12. This law expands upon the prior legislation and 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.
- Kate reviewed hospital requirements per the Vehicle Code and addressed questions from the Committee.
  - 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) A summary sheet of hospital requirements was provided and can also be found on CDPH website (www.cdph.ca.gov/programs/pages/cpsinCalifornia-vosp)
  - New State poster does not meet hospital requirement of notification of the risks of not properly restraining a child in a child passenger safety seat. Resources and examples are available through SafetyBeltSafe USA. (www.carseat.org)
• Marcus Godfrey, 2012 Cal ENA President spoke to the committee about his vision of conducting a Violence in the ED Study in California. California data not able to be abstracted out of the National ENA Study.
• Definition of violence need to be define
• ACEP and EMREF interested in jointly sponsoring the study along with Cal ENA
• International Association of Healthcare Security and Safety is conducting two classes this summer at Stanford and UCLA on violence in hospital settings.

Next Meeting – May 21, 2012
Palm Springs