

CalENA Injury Prevention Committee

MINUTES

November 11, 2011

San Diego, CA

Present:

Marty Hay, San Diego Chapter
Jan Fredrickson, Greater LA Chapter
Nancy McGrath, Greater LA Chapter
Lark Boyer, Kern County Chapter
Christine Marshall, Orange Coast Chapter
Karen Kosmala, Loma Prieta Chapter
Julie Rossie, Loma Prieta Chapter
Patrice Christensen, Chair, Loma Prieta Chapter

Introductions

Introductions were made. Minutes from the March Meeting were not available for review.

What's Happening?

NATIONAL

Gail P. Lenehan Advocacy Award

- Cindy Hearrell, formerly a member of the California State Council and now living in Virginia received the 2011 award for her work with children and their safety in vehicles. Congratulations to Cindy. The CA State Council was requested by the Virginia State Council to formally support her nomination.

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 goes 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 working on public education and media campaigns.

ACTION ITEM - Patrice will write article for Newsletter/Website that is to include links to CADPH Vehicle Occupant Safety Program and other resources for materials.

Committee Roundtable

Ideas for next year were brainstormed as follows:

- Firearm safety – pediatric focus
- Safe Sleeping Practices – New guidelines out from AAP – Possible project with Pediatric committee
- Emergency Department Injury Prevention Tool Kit

**Next Meeting – January 13, 2012
San Francisco**