Welcome

The meeting began with each person introducing themselves and describing any opportunities pertaining to Injury and Violence prevention. Dr. Gardner noted that each member should sign-up for the section on injury prevention at the AAP. That group has multiple list servers regarding this topic with over 300 people.

ACTION: Ms. Pinkwater will provide the committee with information on where to find and sign up for the section on Injury, Violence and Poison Prevention. (SOIVPP)

To apply online (for current AAP members only), login to the Member Center and click "Join a Section or Council" under "Get Involved."

Dr. Jaudes stated that she would be happy to include any articles regarding injury and violence prevention in the newsletter sent out statewide to all Foster Care families.

Review of Survey

The committee reviewed the results of survey conducted by ICAAP of the chapter’s members of the section on Injury Prevention. The survey revealed that the most commonly seen injury in practices were head injuries, sports injuries and playground injuries. Dr. Tothy suggested the committee pick one or two topics to focus on perhaps starting with head injuries with a focus on helmets and helmet laws. There are no helmet laws in Illinois for Bicycle or Motorcycles and Dr. Allen noted that she looked into working on bicycle law just for Chicago and decided not to peruse it due to the number of organizations against a city wide law. Also, the committee noted the
lack of specific Illinois data regarding helmet use and injuries. However, the committee felt it that the chapter should peruse some sort of reform of bicycle helmet laws.

ACTION: Committee and staff will work on researching information regarding bicycle helmet laws in Illinois and other states.

ACTION: Ms. Pinkwater will follow up with the chapter lobbyist to determine past efforts on helmet laws and the feasibility of perusing something regarding these laws.

ACTION: Dr. Gardner will lobby for an injury prevention topic for the annual educational conference.

Additional Topics

Some addition possible topics were discussed. Dr. Tothy noted that she saw a number of children in emergency room this summer injured from pulling down the television, often on top of them. TV’s have become bigger and lighter and can be easily pulled over. This is also true for furniture such as shelves, dressers etc.

Note: After the meeting, Ms. Pinkwater found an article outlining the increase in these types of injuries: www.injuryprevention.bmj.com/cgi/content/abstract/15/4/240

Also discussed was gun violence. Ms. Pinkwater noted that ICAAP is somewhat involved in gun issues as they are on our legislative list every year. In the past the chapter has received a grant from the Illinois Campaign to End Hand gun violence. In addition, a resident has expressed interest in becoming more involved in gun issues as he worked to past a gun law in Virginia and lost a relative to gun violence.

ACTION: Ms. Pinkwater will contact Marcello Malakooti, a second year at Children’s Memorial Hospital, to join the committee to work on gun issues.

Additional Members

A few potential members were discussed. In addition to Dr. Malakooti, Dr. Joseph Cangas was suggested. He is a pediatrician near St. Louis and has started his own non-profit “Helmets First” that educates kids about helmets and provides free helmets. (www.helmetsfirst.org) In addition, outreach can be done to local members who are members of the national section on injury prevention.

ACTION: Ms. Pinkwater will follow up with Dr. Cangas to join the injury prevention committee.

ACTION: Ms. Pinkwater will create a list of members who are part of the AAP section on injury prevention and will circulate it among current members of ICAAP’s committee.

Next Meeting
The committee agreed they would like to continue to meet on a quarterly basis. Suggested dates and times will be circulated to the committee.

Respectfully Submitted,
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