

<p>Minutes</p> <p>Provincial Steering Committee</p>	<p><i>Alberta Occupant Restraint Program</i></p> <p><i>A.O.R.P.</i></p> <p style="text-align: right;"><i>April 26, 2005</i> <i>9:00 – 11:00</i> <i>RCMP HQ 11109 109 Street, Edmonton</i></p>
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Decisions & Actions Resulting from the Meeting.

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ACTION 004, April 26, 2005: J. McBean-Salvador to ensure supporting documents accompany the letter

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ACTION 008 April 26, 2005: J. McBean-Salvador to contact and invite L. Hayes to participate with the committee as a guest, to ensure that appropriate input is received by the committee for provincial planning.

A **MOTION** by K. Belton, seconded by B. Podlubny that the Insurance Bureau of Canada remain on the Provincial Steering Committee. **CARRIED**

ACTION 009 April 26, 2005: J. McBean-Salvador to contact L. Bremness and respond, “No”.

Alberta Occupant Restraint Program

Provincial Steering Committee Meeting

April 26, 2005

9:00 – 11:00

Present: Jerry Pawluk (Alberta Transportation, Joyce McBean-Salvador, (Coordinator), Bob Podlubny (Alberta Transportation), Kathy Belton (ACICR), Adel Dorey (KIDSAFE Connection), Beverly Lafortune (St. John Ambulance), Liz Kohle (Alberta Health & Wellness), Larry Bellows for D. Mitchell (RCMP “K” Division), Cst. Wayne Nay (Edmonton Police), Cst. Karl Kaesmodel (Edmonton Police), Debbie McCoy (RHA Aspen).

Regrets: Ted Semeniuk (Transport Canada), Louise Bremness (Insurance Bureau of Canada), Carol Beringer (Calgary RHA), Elly Webster, (Chinook RHA), Mike O’Connor (Calgary Police Service)

Agenda Item 1

Introductions

L. Kohle welcomed everyone. As there was problems with the teleconference hook-up, members joining in by phone were not able to participate for the first part of the meeting.

Agenda Item 2

Additions, deletions to Agenda

There was one addition to the agenda to speak to an email from L. Bremness, to be added prior to adjournment. Agenda was approved.

Agenda Item 3

Approval of minutes

The March meeting was cancelled and the notes from February meeting were discussed.

Agenda Item 4

Review action items of March 2005

As per discussion in March a letter to the Minister of Infrastructure and Transportation is to be draft for L. Kohle and D. Mitchell’s signature. The committee discussed that there should be two separate discussions (presentations) during the allotted time, one for booster seats and one for demerits. It was suggested that A. Dorey and K. Belton may attend meeting, but that L. Kohe and D. Mitchell would check to see if they should attend as well.

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It was suggested that the letter needs to be accompanied by the supporting documents.

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All other action items were completed.

Agenda Item 5

Committee Reports.

Report from Co-chairs.

a) L. Bellows attended the roundtables representing D. Mitchell and indicated that the roundtables were well received and had positive support. One consistent issue brought up at the roundtables was training of enforcement. It was suggested that short sessions, providing information off the reference cards would be appropriate. L. Bellows also indicated that there may be an increase in requests from enforcement. B. Podlubny also attended several roundtables and indicated that the request had already been directed to the education sub-committee. The education sub-committee should be able to report back shortly.

b) J. McBean-Salvador informed the committee of a request by the Camrose City Police to have representation on the provincial steering committee, as the smaller police services are not represented at the provincial table. There was considerable discussion on how to ensure that smaller services, such as Taber, Vulcan, Medicine Hat, Lethbridge, Camrose & Lacombe have a voice at the table. It was suggested that a letter be sent to the AACP requesting representation for the smaller services, in addition a letter be sent to Camrose requesting that they champion the request for the provincial committee. At the annual December planning session, an ad hoc enforcement committee will meet to discuss occupant restraint enforcement issues to incorporate into provincial plan.

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c) Provincial Traffic planning process (McDermid report)

The plan has been presented to the Deputy ministers and will now go to the Ministers. Funds were not included in this years budget so it would be next fiscal year before major changes occurred. There may be some minor programs implemented this year if funds are made available. The three major departments, Infrastructure, Solicitor General and Justice will be meeting on May 2 to further discuss the plan. AORP has recieved excellent profile in the stakeholder discussions.

Communication Sub-Committee Report

J. McBean-Salvador informed the committee that the STEP components will be up for the beginning of May. Rural billboards (49 locations) street level posters (Calgary & Edmonton), Wild Postings (major routes & towns to Fort MacMurray and High Level), provincial radio for child radio spots and limited controlled distribution for the Trena radio spot. NORP and Canada Road Safety week are all occurring in May. An electronic media kit has been forwarded to all primary contacts for local use. A concern expressed by communication sub-committee is that now that we have achieved 87%, it will become increasingly difficult to “find” non-users and we are communicating to a smaller group of non-conformers.

Education Sub-Committee Report:

B. Podlubny

Enforcement training is being dealt with by the Education Sub-committee, with a possible PowerPoint presentation by Alberta Infrastructure. It will provide information as per the cheat card, but could be used by others. The education session materials continue to be worked on and should be done around May 4, 5, as J. McBean-Salvador and B. Beringer-Brown are working on it in Calgary. There were some technical issues with the formatting. The supplemental sheets are being find tuned and when completed will be posted on the AORP website. There was a recommendation to inform the Steering Committee that Calgary will be presenting a paper/poster at the Injury Conference in Nova Scotia on inspection clinics. Calgary is questioning whether they have merit or if they create a dependency for the parents. The committee discussed in detail and will wait for the paper to be presented.

Research Sub-Committee:

Rotating Chair - A. Dorey

a) A. Dorey indicated that work on the position paper for demerits was moving forward. The committee discussed the systematic scientific review process vs the less scientific approach. The committee prefers the systematic review process, but this will be dependent on the number of articles that can be found. The question to be researched is: how effective are demerits in increasing the use of seat belts and child safety seat” It is good timing for the paper and to have solid scientific evidence to support the position.

b) A Dorey informed the committee of the group discussion on the possible study of high risk drivers in urban and rural, rural remote, resident vs shadow population, industry sector and aboriginal sector as possible interesting points in the study. At this point the study will focus on the oil/gas sector and not culture.

Aboriginal Traffic Coalition Report:

K. Belton informed the committee that J. Fersowitch is no longer in the position with First Nations Inuit Health Branch and that the position is vacant at this time. The committee discussed that with the increased interest being expressed by Aboriginal and First Nations to address occupant restraints and in particular child restraints, that AORP should, for the time being, included them as we would for any community. The committee discussed that the McDermid report will address this issue but that AORP should continue to respond to requests from communities. It was suggested that L. Hayes should be approached to assist the committee in having information/background for Aboriginal and First Nations.

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Addition to the Agenda.

The committee discussed the email from L. Bremness suggesting that the Insurance Bureau had missed the required number of meetings and questioned whether it would be necessary to step down. The committee indicated that the response to emails was of no concern as they were all responded to and in a timely manner, they continue to participate in the communications sub-committee. As such the committee determined that it would not be appropriate for the Insurance Bureau to step down.

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Meeting adjourned at 11:00

Next Meeting
May 24, 2005
9:00 - 11:30
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