



# California Sudden Infant Death Syndrome Advisory Council

## Minutes of the January 24, 2012, Meeting

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**California SIDS Advisory Council  
Sacramento, California, October 27, 2011**

- **Members Present:** Thomas G. Keens, M.D., *Chair*; Lorie Gehrke, *Vice Chair*; Kathleen Beichley, *Secretary*; Aline Armstrong, P.H.N.; Yolanda DeMello, M.S.P.M.; Karen Jackson, P.H.N.; and Kitty Roche, RN, PHN, BSN, MSW;
- **Members Absent:** Dawn Dailey, RN, PHN, PhD; Steven Durfor; James K. Ribe, M.D.; and Dennis Watt.
- **State and California SIDS Program:** Gwen Edelstein, RN, PNP, MPA; Carrie Florez; Cheryl McBride, RN; and Guey-Shiang Tsay, RN, MSN.
- **Guests:** Angela Amoroso; Angel Hopson, R.N., M.S.N., P.H.N.; Colleen Ma; Danielle Sees, R.N., P.H.N., C.L.E., Penny Stastny, R.N., B.S.N., Sr. P.H.N.; and Steve Wirtz.
- The meeting was held by telephone conference call. The meeting was called to order at 1:35 P.M., on Tuesday, January 24, 2012.
- **Introductions.**

Council members, state staff, and guests introduced themselves.

- **Council Membership.**

*Doctor Ron Chapman*, the Director of the California Department of Public Health, has appointed *Doctor James K. Ribe* as the Medical Examiner member to the *California SIDS Advisory Council*. *Doctor Ribe* is a Medical Examiner in the Los Angeles County Office of Coroner. He is the pathologist who performs nearly all of the infant autopsies in Los Angeles County. He has been an active member of the Southern California Regional SIDS Council for many years, where he has served as one who has educated us about Coroner and Medical Examiner issues, and who has also worked within the Los Angeles County Office of Coroner as an advocate for families. He replaces *Doctor Christina Stanley*, a productive member of the Council who resigned recently.



**James K. Ribe**

- **SIDS Risk Reduction Education.**

**American Academy of Pediatrics Revised Recommendations, 2011.**

The American Academy of Pediatrics published its revised recommendations for SIDS risk reduction on October 17, 2011<sup>1</sup>. These recommendations update the previous AAP recommendations published in 2005<sup>2</sup>. The new recommendations largely support the 2005 recommendations, but the new ones expand and clarify some issues. The changes were reviewed by the Council at its October 27, 2011, meeting, and by the principal author, *Doctor Rachel Moon*, at the 31<sup>st</sup> Annual California Sudden Infant Death Syndrome Conference in Sacramento, on October 28, 2011. The 2011 recommendations include information about unsafe infant sleeping environments in order to prevent deaths due to suffocation, strangulation, or entrapment. This is not to say that SIDS is the same as suffocation, strangulation, or entrapment. However, the goal of the recommendations is to reduce the number of sleep-related infant deaths from any cause. Some infants are dying in unsafe sleeping environments, and it is important to include education to avoid these unsafe sleeping situations. These recommendations were reviewed in more detail at the *Council's* October 27, 2011, meeting. For details, please see the Minutes of the October 27, 2011, meeting at <http://www.californiasids.com/Universal/MainPage.cfm?p=122>



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<sup>1</sup> Moon, R.Y., R.A. Darnall, M.H. Goodstein, and F.R. Hauk. American Academy of Pediatrics Task Force on Sudden Infant Death Syndrome: SIDS and other sleep-related infant deaths: expansion of recommendations for a safe infant sleeping environment. *Pediatrics*, 128: 1030-1039, 2011.

<sup>2</sup> Kattwinkel, J., F.R. Hauck, M.SE. Keenan, M. Malloy, and R.Y. Moon. . American Academy of Pediatrics Task Force on Sudden Infant Death Syndrome: The changing concept of sudden infant death syndrome: diagnostic and coding shifts, controversies regarding the sleeping environment, and new variables to consider in reducing risk. *Pediatrics*, 116: 1245-1255, 20015.

There is an accompanying Technical Report to the AAP recommendations which details the evidence and scientific basis for these recommendations<sup>3</sup>. At its October 27, 2011, meeting, the *California SIDS Advisory Council* officially recommended to the California Department of Public Health, that these new recommendations be the basis of SIDS Risk Reduction and Infant Safe Sleep education and campaigns in California. The Council further recommended that a task force work with the California SIDS Program and CDPH MCAH for implementation of the new AAP guidelines as we did when the original 2005 risk reduction policy was adopted by the Council. It was agreed that *Dawn Dailey, Kitty Roche, Danielle Sees* and *Jeri Wilson*, would take on this task in collaboration with *Gwen Edelstein* and *Guey-Shiang Tsay*.

A handout, *Safe Sleep Environments for Infants: Reducing the Risk of SIDS and Other Sleep Related Infant Deaths*, which was developed by the California SIDS Program Director and CDPH MCAH SIDS Program Consultant was reviewed/edited by the members of the Council task force and Dr. Keens on January 12, 2012. The handout which was presented to the Council incorporates the 2011 AAP expanded risk reduction/safe sleep recommendations. The California SIDS Advisory Council recommended that this document be approved by CDPH MCAH as a tool for health care professionals providing SIDS risk reduction and safe sleep educational interventions. Local health jurisdictions could adopt the messages to meet their health promotion needs and outreach activities.

### **Los Angeles County Infant Safe Sleep Campaign.**

Los Angeles County Supervisor *Mark Ridley Thomas* became aware of infants dying in unsafe sleeping environments. He initiated the *Los Angeles County Infant Safe Sleep Task Force* on June 14, 2010. There is a great deal of motivation to proceed with an aggressive infant safe sleep education campaign in Los Angeles County. *First Five of California* was awarded a \$1.5-million grant to work with the Task Force on safe infant sleep. The Task Force has contracted with an organization which has expertise in campaigns to change public behavior.

At its meeting was on October 13, 2011, there was considerable discussion about the adversarial relationship that seems to be occurring between infant safe sleep advocates and breastfeeding advocates over the recommendation that bedsharing is unsafe. Many breastfeeding advocates take exception to this recommendation. One member of the Task Force suggested that data indicating the dangers of bedsharing may be incomplete, and that other data exist which do not show this relationship. Thus, a *Bedsharing Study Group* was formed as a small, interdisciplinary working group by the *Los Angeles County Safe Infant Sleep Task Force*. It was charged to review scientific evidence on the



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benefits and risks of parent-infant bedsharing. Specifically, the American Academy of Pediatrics recommends that infants should roomshare, but not bedshare, during the first year of life. Data from Los Angeles County, and elsewhere, indicate that a majority of infants bedshare with their parents. Thus, many parents are not adhering to a strict “no bedsharing policy”. In the absence of information about how to “safely bedshare”, these parents may use more dangerous sleeping environments. Therefore, the *Bedsharing Study Group* was specifically asked to determine if there were ways to make bedsharing safer, and if this should be part of the public education messaging on safe infant sleep. The *Bedsharing Study Group* met in person on November 29, 2011. The group did achieve consensus that roomsharing, but not bedsharing, should remain the primary recommendation. However, it became clear that not all bedsharing is the same. Some bedsharing situations are associated with other risk factors. Thus, similar to other organizations providing guidance on safe infant sleep (i.e., the American Academy of Pediatrics), the *Bedsharing Study Group* provided a list of specific conditions which increase the risk. Many parents choose to bedshare despite this advice, so the Group also suggested that the Task Force consider whether or not to provide educational materials about how to make bedsharing safer by avoiding unsafe sleeping environments often associated with sleeping in an adult bed. The *Bedsharing Study Group’s* Report was presented to the *Los Angeles County Safe Infant Sleep Task Force* at its January 18, 2012, meeting. The Task Force accepted the primary recommendation to room share, but not bedshare. It did not, however, endorse the recommendation that additional information should be given about how to make bedsharing less dangerous.

### **Preventing Unsafe Infant Sleep Workgroup**

*Steve Wirtz Ph.D.*, CDPH Safe and Active Communities (SAC) Branch, presented a brief update of the work group’s progress since the last meeting.

- The Workgroup has just been asked to present on safe sleep at the upcoming MCAH ACTION (County MCAH Director’s) conference in May, 2012. We are beginning to plan for a panel presentation with workgroup members to highlight the work of the group and local communities.
  - The Workgroup activities have been limited for several months now because we lost funding for *Rachel Zerbo’s* position, and we have been struggling to get a contract in place to bring her back. In spite of this workgroup members have continued some of the group’s activities.
  - Our Kids Plates Program that had solicited and selected several safe sleep programs to be funded has also remained on hold due to problems with state contracting authority.
  - We will keep you informed on all these items as we have further information.
- **Disparities in the Accuracy and Consistency of SIDS, Undetermined, or SUID Diagnoses.**

A longstanding problem in California is a disparity in the consistency of the diagnosis of infants who die suddenly and unexpectedly without an obvious cause. In some jurisdictions, such infants may have a cause of death signed out as "SIDS", in some "Undetermined", in still others "Sudden Unexplained Infant Death", etc. The problem is that infants presenting in the same way with the same findings will have a different diagnosis as cause of death, depending in

which county the death occurred. This makes no sense medically or scientifically. This is a complex problem, which has eluded the *Council* for many years.

### **SIDS Summit for Coroners and Medical Examiners.**

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*The California State Coroners' Association (CSCA)* sponsored a *SIDS Summit* at the West Coast Training Conference, held in Studio City on October 19, 2011. There were 32 participants including coroners and medical examiners from major California counties. They engaged in the discussion of cases, common ground, and differences with enthusiasm. The *SIDS Summit* was summarized in the October 27, 2011, Minutes of the California SIDS Advisory Council, and they will not be repeated here.

It is clear that pathologists and coroners are doing the best job they can to determine the cause of death in these infants. However, the less classical nature of SIDS (due to Back to Sleep) and the availability of more information (due to the uniform autopsy and death scene investigation protocol) have resulted in a disparity in the way diagnoses are made. *Doctor Keens* thought the conference was very successful. It is clear that we do not have consensus on how these diagnoses are made in our state. However, I do not think Coroners are as far apart as one might think. The participants all worked diligently to come up with the best possible diagnosis, but the nature of infants presenting to the coroners is far more complex and less uniform than it once was.

It appears that different diagnoses will remain a reality in California. However, it appears that in the minds of the pathologists, the diagnoses of SIDS, SUID, and undetermined are intended to refer to the same thing.

Therefore, it will become the responsibility of the *California SIDS Advisory Council* to educate the California SIDS Community that these diagnoses are the same, and they are not intended to cast blame on SIDS parents.

*Dr. Keens* suggested that a document be developed to explain the shift in diagnosis whereby SIDS, SUID and undetermined are used interchangeably. This could be helpful to SIDS Coordinators especially in those counties where PHN bereavement support services are only being provided if the cause of death is presumed to be SIDS. *Carrie Florez* shared her findings in reviewing sudden infant deaths for calendar year 2006 in which positional asphyxia was the cause of death. Comments on the death certificates described wedging, overlay and co-sleeping



with adults which is similar to infant deaths certified as SIDS, SUID and/or undetermined. *Dr. Keens* agreed to draft a document to address this issue and will collaborate with *Lorie Gehrke* and *Gwen Edelstein*.

- **Council's Role in SIDS Parent Support.**



**Yolanda DeMello**

There is difficulty providing support for SIDS families who do not live near an active SIDS Parent Support organization. Therefore, discussion arose about providing such support on line. *Yolanda DeMello* holds monthly online meetings by Skype and on Facebook with other SIDS parents. She has reached out not only from SIDS parents in her immediate area, but from parents worldwide. She has accommodated the time change for online chat with international parents by reaching out at all hours of the day and night. *Yolanda* indicated that this approach is working well. It is cost effective, and it allows people to communicate in the privacy of their homes. *Yolanda* believes that this allows a first step, and when the SIDS parents are ready to face people, they can then more comfortably attend group support meetings. Parents from all over the country participate in the monthly telephone support group.

*Lorie Gehrke* shared that she may be getting a donation to the SIDS Alliance of Northern California which could help fund support services for bereaved families. *Colleen Ma* reported that two parents attended the Guild for Infant Survival Orange County grief support group meeting this month. *Angela Amoroso* (San Diego) mentioned that is helpful if PHNs can obtain at the home visit the email address for bereaved families and share this information with peer parent volunteers. Often families will connect by email when they might not attend a grief support meeting or reach out to a peer contact.

- **Public Health Nurse Issues.**

The Advisory Council PHNs have conducted a survey of Coordinators in order to determine current Safe Sleep Outreach Practices and to identify specific needs on the parts of the Coordinators. The California SIDS Program worked collaboratively with the California Department of Public Health (CDPH) Maternal, Child and Adolescent Health (MCAH) Division and State SIDS Advisory Council to send a survey to the SIDS Coordinators for the purpose of identifying strategies to meet the



**Gwen Edelstein**



**Kitty Roche**

educational and training needs of SIDS Coordinators throughout the State. The results of the survey were discussed in the Minutes of the *Council's* October 27, 2011, meeting, and they will not be repeated here. There are tentative plans to present a special afternoon workshop at the

2012 Annual SIDS Conference for SIDS Coordinators which will be discussed further at the next Southern California Regional SIDS Council meeting. Work will continue in this area in order to increase support for California's PHN County SIDS Coordinators.

- **First Responder/Coroner Investigator Issues.**

The California State Coroners' Association held a "SIDS Summit" on October 19, 2011, to discuss the diagnosis of SIDS and infants dying suddenly and unexpectedly (see above).

- **Southern California Regional SIDS Council.**

*Karen Jackson, P.H.N.*, President of the Southern California Regional SIDS Council and Orange County SIDS Coordinator, reported on the activities of the *Southern California Regional SIDS Council*. The Southern California Regional SIDS Council is beginning to plan the *32<sup>nd</sup> Annual California SIDS Conference*. The Conference will be held at the *California Endowment Center* in downtown Los Angeles, on Tuesday, October 30, 2012. The keynote speaker will be internationally renowned SIDS researcher, *Doctor Hannah Kinney* from Harvard University. *Doctor Kinney* has produced the most exciting SIDS research of the past few decades. Further details of the Conference will be developed over the course of this year.



Hannah Kinney

The *Southern California Regional SIDS Council* is busy meeting every 2 months to plan a memorable event. The *California SIDS Advisory Council* meeting will be Monday, October 29, 2012, at the *California Endowment Center*. Our Council Chair, *Tom Keens*, will hold his traditional and highly ceremonial walk to *Cielito Lindo* on Olvera Street (the site of *El Pueblo de Nuestra Señora de los Angeles de Porciúncula*, where Los Angeles was founded on September 4, 1781) to buy and eat arguably the World's Greatest Taquitos. *Tom Keens* states they are the best taquitos in the world. The one day conference will be the following day, Tuesday, October 30, 2012, at the *California Endowment Center*. Hotel arrangements are being set up at the *Kyoto Hotel*. The hotel is within walking distance of the *California Endowment Center* (If you are a vigorous walker); otherwise, the *Kyoto* offers a shuttle service. On- going teleconferences are being held by the Southern California SIDS Parent Support groups to plan both the welcome reception and a memorial service.



- **Northern California Regional SIDS Council.**

*Aline Armstrong, P.H.N.*, President of the Northern California Regional SIDS Council, reported on the activities of the Northern California Regional SIDS Council. Alameda County is one of 20 communities nationally selected to launch the African American Faith Based Bereavement Initiative, which targets African-American Faith and Lay Leaders in response to the need of families within their faith community. The National Center for Cultural Competence-Sudden Unexpected Infant and Pregnancy Loss Project, Georgetown University, and the Program Support Center at First Candle, has partnered to create the African American Faith Based Bereavement Initiative, an approach for the African-American Christian faith community to improve support for families experiencing these losses. *Devra Hutchinson*, Alameda County SIDS Coordinator, has assembled a multi-disciplinary team of trainers in this regard. *Aline Armstrong*, San Francisco Co. SIDS Coordinator (and Northern California SIDS Council President) will join *Devra* and the team to co-facilitate eight Train-the-Trainer training for African-American Faith/lay leaders in 2012. A pilot training is slated late February. The Northern California SIDS Coordinators discussed the idea of going to hotels, motels, thrift stores, and distributing the Consumer Product Safety Commission's new mandates on crib safety that go into effect December 28, 2012 and they will get feedback from the California SIDS Advisory Council. *Gwen Edelstein* posted the new mandates on the SIDS program website.

- **State Report.**

*Guey-Shiang Tsay* presented to report of the California SIDS Section activities of the Maternal, Child, and Adolescent Health Section of the California Department of Public Health.

- On behalf of the California Department of Public Health, we would like to welcome *Doctor James K. Ribe* as the new Medical Examiner for the California SIDS Advisory Council.
- On October, 27, 2011, the *California SIDS Advisory Council* recommended that the California Department of Public Health adopt the 2011 American Academy of Pediatrics SIDS Risk Reduction and Infant Safe Sleep Recommendations. The Council's recommendations have been submitted to the MCAH Management. As the Council has suggested, the Council members, California SIDS Program and MCAH, will develop key messages regarding safe sleep environments for infants.
- *Guey Shiang Tsay* had the opportunity to attend the *Southern California Regional SIDS Council Meeting* on January 12, 2012. She truly appreciated the coordinating efforts that the *Southern California Regional SIDS Council* and *California SIDS Program* put into planning for the 2012 Annual California SIDS Conference.



- MCAH's next budget year FY 2012-13: there will be a Title V Block Grant funding reduction and there will be some reductions to MCAH support services and MCAH programs. So far from what we know, there will be no change to the MCAH SIDS program allocation.

- **California SIDS Program Report.**

*Gwen Edelstein* submitted a detailed written report of California SIDS Program activities for October 1 to December 31, 2011, that was distributed to all Council members.

*Gwen* reported on the 2011 Annual California SIDS Conference on October 28<sup>th</sup>, in Sacramento, and on the pre-conference events on October 27<sup>th</sup>. Accolades were given to the Northern California Regional SIDS Council members for their support in planning this year's events. With generous funding from several SIDS parent support groups, including SIDS Alliance of Northern California, Guilds for Infant Survival Orange County and San Diego, and the Josephine DeMello SIDS Foundation, monies were available to help families needing financial assistance for conference expenses. The Conference attendance numbered 116 of which 28 were parents/family members and 52 were nurses/PHNs. Forty-four (44) of the 61 health jurisdictions were represented. Conference PowerPoint presentations for Dr. Keens and Dr. Moon are posted on the Program's website.

*Gwen* reported on the California SIDS Program Peer Contact Training held on January 17<sup>th</sup> in Los Angeles at the LA County Department of Public Health. Eight parents/family members registered and a total of five were trained; three from the LA area, one from Orange County and one from Ontario. *Gwen* acknowledged *Angel Hopson* and *Susan Moore* whose time and efforts made this training so successful. *Gwen* announced the California SIDS Program regional trainings for emergency personnel/public health professionals; one is scheduled in Southern California on March 22<sup>nd</sup> in San Diego at the San Diego County Office of Education; another one in Northern California will be held on June 7<sup>th</sup> in Richmond (Contra Costa County) at the CDPH facility. Thank you to *Kitty* for her support with the San Diego training arrangements and *Guey* for her help in securing the CDPH Richmond location. The e-mail announcement for the March training will be sent out on 1/25; the training is posted on the Program's website along with the flyer/registration form.

*Gwen* acknowledged *Dawn Dailey* and *Kitty Roche* for their support in welcoming newly appointed SIDS Coordinators from Contra Costa, Imperial, Glenn and Ventura counties and the City of Berkeley during this report period.

*Gwen* shared she is working with the Kyoto Hotel in LA to secure the room block at the State rate for the October conference and reserve meeting space for the welcome reception/memorial service. The hotel will provide free shuttle service to/from the Endowment Center on the day of the Conference. Several SIDS parent support groups including Isabella's Giraffe Club, GIS Orange County, Josephine DeMello SIDS Foundation and possibly GIS San Diego have



generously offered to sponsor the pre-conference events at the hotel on 10/29. *Angela Amoroso* is the chairperson for this planning committee.

*Gwen* reported on various SIDS risk reduction/safe sleep activities including the Program's collaboration with DSS Community Care Licensing, EMSA (*Lucy Chaidez*) and UCSF California Childcare Health Program. New materials have been developed by UCSF incorporating the 2011 AAP risk reduction/safe sleep messages into their educational handouts and model policy for childcare providers. Linkages to these resources will be setup on the Program's website.

*Cheryl McBride* stated there were 215 presumptive SIDS cases reported to the *California SIDS Program* for 2010, and 134 presumptive SIDS cases reported for 2011 through October 21, 2011. Compliance for 2011 for submission of Coroner Notification Cards is 95%, and 75% for Public Health Services Reports forms. A total of 38 quarterly compliance letters were mailed September 30, 2011, to all counties delinquent with submission of the State Coroner Notification Cards and Public Health Services Report forms for 2010 and 2011. A complete report of Compliance Monitoring for this report period is posted on the Program's website in the State SIDS Advisory Council section.

*Gwen Edelstein* acknowledged *Guey-Shiang Tsay* for all of her efforts toward the Conference preparation.

*Gwen Edelstein* acknowledged *Dawn Dailey* and *Kitty Roche* for their support in welcoming newly appointed SIDS Coordinators from Yuba, Merced and El Dorado counties.

To promote SIDS risk reduction/safe sleep education at the local level, the *California SIDS Program* recently distributed two bilingual DVDs, *Safe Sleep Saves Lives* and *Safe Sleep for Babies* to all SIDS Coordinators and DSS Community Care Licensing Regional Offices in California, and have been busy updating the website, providing standardized templates

*Cheryl McBride* stated there were 216 presumptive SIDS cases reported to the California SIDS Program for 2010 and 168 presumptive SIDS cases reported for 2011 through January 13, 2012. Compliance for 2010 for submission of Coroner Notification Cards and for Public Health Services Reports forms is 100%. Compliance for 2011 for submission of Coroner Notification Cards through January 13, 2012 is 89% and for Public Health Services Report forms it is 95%. A total of 24 quarterly compliance letters were mailed December 23, 2011 to all counties delinquent with submission of the State Coroner Notification Cards and Public Health Services Report forms for 2011.

- **The 2012 International Conference on Stillbirth, SIDS, and Infant Survival.**

*The 2012 International Conference on Stillbirth, SIDS, and Infant Survival*, sponsored by First Candle and the International Society for the Study and Prevention of Infant Deaths, will be held in Baltimore, Maryland, on October 5-7, 2012. The site of the conference will be the Baltimore Marriott Waterfront Hotel. Information about the conference can be found at its website:

<http://www.firstcandle.org/internationalconference/>

For those who have never attended an international SIDS research conference, they present a rare opportunity to network with SIDS parents, program professionals, and researchers from around the world who are dedicated to improving SIDS support, education, and research. If it is at all possible for you to attend this event, you will be educated and inspired, and you will never forget the experience.

• **Council Meetings in 2012.**

The *California SIDS Advisory Council* traditionally holds four meetings per year. Three are by telephone conference call, and the fourth is in-person the day prior to the California SIDS Conference. The remaining meetings for 2012 will be:

- Telephone Conference Call: Tuesday, May 8, 2012, 1:30-3:30 P.M.
- Telephone Conference Call: Tuesday, August 14, 2012, 1:30-3:30 P.M.
- In-person Meeting: the day before the 32<sup>nd</sup> Annual California SIDS Conference on Monday, October 29, 2012, 1:00-4:00 P.M., at the *California Endowment Center* in Los Angeles, California.

By law, meetings of legislatively mandated advisory councils are open to the public. Therefore, anyone interested in participating in California SIDS Advisory Council meetings is welcome and encouraged to attend. For information how to access the telephone conference call meeting, please contact *Guey-Shiang Tsay* at [Guey-Shiang.Tsay@cdph.ca.gov](mailto:Guey-Shiang.Tsay@cdph.ca.gov)

• **Adjournment.**

The meeting was adjourned at 3:25 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

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