

# Interagency Task Force on Drunk Driving

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## Meeting Minutes May 21, 2010

### Introductions

Vice Chair Emily Tompkins called the meeting to order. Attendees introduced themselves. No legislators were present and there were no public comments.

Attendees:

- Robin Rocke
- Raymond Fisher
- Jill Hart
- Heather Coogan
- Stephen Hooper
- Sharon Liu
- Tom Kissler
- Ed Casias
- Drew Ruiz
- Amanda King
- Paul Hofmann
- Tom Quinn
- Mike Nugent
- Chris Halsor
- Emily Tompkins
- Christine Flavia
- Bill Young
- Gene Giron
- Karen Moreau
- Tammy Lovejoy
- Scott Schultz
- Heather Halpape
- Jennifer Gray

### Distribution and Discussion of the Draft Strategic Plan

The strategic planning process started in November (with the SWOT analysis), then a session was held recently to find better focus, establish measurable goals, and plan for immediate action. Ray Fisher thanked the members of the workgroup. The intent today is to go through details, have a healthy discussion, adjust wording and details, and help us to move forward. A plan will be developed by the June meeting, and we will have tasks for small working groups in order to accomplish current objectives. Then, through an annual process, we will prioritize and more forward objectives. What you don't see here are statements and narrative that will be done later. Today we are asking for comments on structure.

Mission – Our mission is to actually eliminate impaired driving. Whether it is achievable remains to be seen, but work toward that is our ultimate goal. No comments on mission statement as written.

Vision – Our vision is what we want ourselves to be & what we want to be in the future. What we exist for and what we want to be. Comments included that we may be missing a piece about a vision for what we do with the offender (treatment, getting them back into the fold). That may be more a goal than a vision.

Goals – These are the things we are going to try to achieve. Extensive discussion was held, and feedback will be incorporated in final draft. These goals are not prioritized, and the numbers will be replaced with letters.

Performance Measures – What do we want to know about? This data will be placed on SharePoint. Comments and issues discussed will be incorporated into final draft.

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Objectives – This section is the “how” we will achieve the goals. The SWOT analysis created 3 objectives, but now we have others (including survival of the task force). Much of June’s meeting will be devoted to planning for the year.

## Outcome Measures –

Discussion needed for numbers 1 and 2. Tom Q., Paul H., and Ed C. will work on #1. Steve will work on #2. Discussion on other items will be incorporated into the final draft.

## Structure of Task Force -

A discussion of attendance and proxies was held. Having a proxy may only be an issue when there is a vote. If we publicize when there will be a vote, a well-informed proxy can be sent. However, when there isn’t enough participation, productivity slows. A quorum is needed and has been an issue in the past. Since we changed to monthly meetings the commitment is more. We need to know when meetings are way in advance and we can’t change them very often.

The plan is to dissolve all committees and re-establish work groups appointed by Chair or Vice chair. If existing subcommittees have work to do, they need to work it out with chair before July.

Discussion continued around the issue of whether the ITFDD was designed to be an advisory body or one of action. These activities are geared toward a menu of recommendations, and this plan could be viewed as a shift toward action. We’re talking about bringing a forum of issues & using this group to create subgroups who resolve issues. There has been discussion that we haven’t accomplished enough and recommendations aren’t acted upon. There will still be situations where we’ve got to make recommendations, but now we’ll adjust and make it more productive.

## Future Objectives:

The first 3 were voted on and chosen to be first, but these are on the table for the future. How do we want to prioritize them? The assumption is that we’ll accomplish these objectives within the next fiscal year, and then we will move more up to the forefront.

An annual assessment of the plan will require us to pick new objectives each year. Some are complicated enough to need to be split in order to make them achievable. We’ll need to have presentations, figure out what is important, and pick the 3 for next year. This is really a matrix. There are things we can accomplish without anyone else’s involvement. Not only are we convening to make the recommendations, but we’re also resolving the issues that we can.

## **Next Steps in Strategic Planning**

Feedback on the plan is needed by JUNE 4<sup>th</sup>, and we CSP staff will work on it for the June meeting. Our goal is to create a management system in order to be able to accomplish the objectives & goals. Please use the strikethrough feature and different colored font to make changes. Don’t use “track changes.”

Attendance at the June meeting is strongly encouraged (please send a well-informed proxy if necessary).

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## News Conference Update and Discussion – Heather Halpape

The Click It or Ticket May Mobilization campaign will run from May 24<sup>th</sup> through June 6<sup>th</sup>. There will be three news conferences on Monday (5/24). Mayors are challenging drivers to a 2 week, 2 second “start the habit” pledge.

Memorial Day weekend is the start of summer-long DUI enforcement. Last year’s 100 days of heat was such a success, that we’re doing it again. There will be a press conference kick-off on May 27th at CDOT at 10am. Mobile billboards will be travelling this summer. The CDOT website will have a ticker with the number of DUI arrests. Task Force members are invited. Jennifer Gray and Chief Wolfenbarger will be involved.

## HB 1347, DUI Penalties – Bill Signing

Chris Halsor gave a brief summary of what is included in the final law. It creates more aggressive punitive sanctions for repeat offenders, but seeks more treatment options. It also includes:

- Minimum mandatory sentences for 2<sup>nd</sup> time offenders with options for attending work & school. (Does not allow for seeking work.)
- Structure creates a way for more DUI courts to be established.
- Additional probation for up to 2 years in order to finish treatment. Judges can order person back into court at any time. Allows interlock as probation. Allows for early termination of probation.
- Three offenses with prior convictions w/in 5 years, ratchets up punishment.
- Reduction of sentences for work release eliminated. (Truth in sentencing) Eliminates good time, earned time, although still get credit for time served during sentencing.
- Repeat offenders have enhanced sentencing provisions. Driving under restraint for alcohol will equal a prior conviction.

Tom Quinn added that there is an additional surcharge so there will be a treatment fund. Indigent offenders will now be able to qualify for interlock devices.

Jennifer Gray asked to clarify sentencing issues in light of anecdotal information she had. Ed Casias shared that the newest D.A.s are getting DUI cases. Criminal defense attorneys are often being much better trained than the D.A.s are.

Paul Hofmann reported that a few things will create some challenges, such as the fact that the law takes effect on July 1, but by July 15, someone has to certify that funds are there. D.A.s need to do some new things, there will be some wrinkles. Please share as you read things.

Christine Flavia shared that this bill makes things more explicit and adds funding to current structure. Treatment has never been incorporated with incarcerated before, so there will be some new challenges, & it’s going to be good.

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There is currently some confusion regarding where and when the bill will be signed into law. As soon as we get information, members will be contacted so that anyone interested can attend.

### **Additional Discussion Items**

Bill Young gave an explanation of the “Lightning Round” process for quick updates (approximately 30 seconds) each time.

Ed Casias brought up the need for a definition of impairment due to marijuana. We also need to know what tests work. Currently, DUIDs keep having medical marijuana cards and most of the cases are being dismissed.

Heather Halpape asked if drug impairment is being underreported. If alcohol is there, drug tests may not be used, so we do not have a very good picture of the drug driving problem.

Christine Flavia reported that the Persistent Drunk Driving committee met recently, and in August they could do a presentation on a media campaign and social norming campaign.

Bill Young reported that the first responsible drinking message from MillerCoors will be aired during world cup soccer coverage on ESPN. Bill will bring a clip in June.

David Timken reported that there will be an interlock enhancement training in late June. We should have results by the July meeting.