

Interagency Task Force on Drunk Driving

Task Force Meeting Minutes November 19, 2010

Emily Tompkins (Vice-Chair) called the meeting to order.

Attendees:

- Emily Tompkins
- Heather Coogan
- Gene Giron
- Jennifer Gray
- Robin Rocke
- Christine Flavia
- David Timken
- Glenn Davis
- Tom Quinn
- Stephen Hooper
- Steve Wrenn
- Paul Wood
- Kris Johnson
- Heather Halpape
- Tom Kissler
- Abe Hutt
- Jill Hart
- Ed Casias
- Bill Young

Introductions and Initial Comments:

Detective Padilla

Christine Adams, CCJJ and Laura Spicer, originator of proposal on Medical Marijuana Per Se

Heather Halpape. – DUI campaign updates

Thanksgiving enforcement will be Tuesday – Monday, Halloween enforcement is completed.

Heather's presentation is attached.

CCJJ Medical Marijuana Presentation (Christine Adams and Laura Spicer)

Commission (CCJJ) accepted all 5 recommendations with a 15 to 2 vote. The draft proposals are attached.

The group decided to vote on endorsement of recommendations as a whole. We could put together a drafting team to work with them on issues.

Tom Quinn – we don't want to send conflicting message to legislature. At big picture level, we want to endorse the concept. Really complex issues do require clarification. Maybe ask for drafting committee information so that we can weigh in on the process.

Judge Casias – this really validates the reason for the DORA recommendation to continue the ITFDD. We need to be sure that when the bill is submitted, that it is a clean bill. We don't want to undermine the work that was done on the revocation language.

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Steve Hooper – could we list the issues that we see without trying to resolve them? Then we could focus in on the details.

Chief Coogan – we have to endorse the concept, but all different disciplines have to have it as clean as possible in order to avoid having people interpreting and needing to wait for the courts to decide.

Jennifer Gray – We're really saying "yes, but" and we need to understand the repercussions of that.

Dr. Timken – supporting the concept is good, but with qualified support.

Emily Tompkins – this legislation goes to the heart of what the ITFDD is supposed to do, so it is important that we are involved.

Abe Hutt moved that the ITFDD support the principles expressed in the recommendations of the CCJJ presented. Motion was seconded and carried unanimously.

There is consensus that there are issues involved and members would like to help with the drafting of the language.

Bill Young suggest that there be a committee to collaborate between ITFDD and CCJJ.

Steve Hooper suggested that Maureen Caine be invited to attend and discuss issues with this subcommittee.

Emily Tompkins suggested that we put together a document/letter on letterhead to put recommendations in writing and have it together quickly in order to add it to the annual report.

Working Group = Abe Hutt, Steve Hooper, Ed Casias, Steve Wrenn, Sgt. Craig Simpson (CSPD), Heather Halpape (will scribe), Tom Quinn will find someone from probation, Robin Rocke,

Make recommendations by 12/7/10 CCJJ in preparation for the drug task force meeting (12/8 1-5pm) in a document with the endorsement. Abe Hutt and Glenn Davis will attend in order to answer questions. Abe Hutt needs email addresses.

1. Establish a "Per Se" violation
2. Amend or clarify the express consent statute...
3. Amend current administrative laws relating to driver's license revocations and hearings....
4. Amend the administrative laws where necessary to establish that a violation...
5. Clarify wherever necessary in the DUI and administrative statues the inclusion of ...

DORA Recommendations:

All members had received information about the DORA recommendation to continue the ITFDD.

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ITFDD Strategic Plan:

The final version of the plan was distributed. Chief Heather Coogan made a motion to accept the strategic plan, Steve Hooper seconded the motion, and the motion carried unanimously.

ITFDD Work Plan:

Each group should reconvene to do the prioritization, establish timelines and make assignments. Jill will schedule meetings during the week after Thanksgiving.

Annual Report:

Draft language for the Annual Report was distributed. Members should review and make any comments or suggestions to Jill by 12/3 if at all possible. The final draft will be sent to the printer after it is presented at the 12/17 meeting.

Lightning Round:

Jennifer Gray - related a recent experience with an impaired driver on I-25. (*CSP – need update on what happens. JG followed a car for many miles, called, they got off road. What happened?)

Abe Hutt - suggested that someone from the medical marijuana community be invited to attend ITFDD meetings. The group should decide on a potential medical marijuana expert and explore the possibility of asking legislature to add to ITFDD.

Gene Giron – RTD partnership with MillerCoors is offering free rides on New Year's Eve.

Christine – spoke about a recent video clip about DUIs that she would not endorse. Below is more information and a link to the clip: http://www.youtube.com/watch_popup?v=Z2mf8DtWWd8

The Division of Behavioral Health does not support this and would discourage anyone from endorsing or distributing it. Though the video is quite graphic and emotional, research has consistently shown that this type of strategy is not effective for reducing DUI recidivism or changing behavior. We need to be applying best practices and promoting evidence-based prevention strategies.

I also attached a copy of a prevention article (pages 12-13) which describes the research in this area which has consistently found that scare tactics and fear appeals are not effective. There is new research that shows that these anti-drinking advertisements could potentially lead to an increase in irresponsible behavior.

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Dr. Timken – has been working more with this group that was overlapping his work, and they will be sharing data and working together to develop a new DUI risk assessment tool.

Bill Young – an organization that brewers belong to (American Beverage Institute – restaurants) is getting ready to launch a direct attack on MADD's positions. Brewers have sent letters to ABI expressing opposition to these tactics.

Chief Coogan – CACP is involved in regulations about medical marijuana. They are doing a study on first responders & their medical issues from going into grow operations. DOR hiring 50 investigators to stay on top of grow operations. Specific interesting issues coming up.