

Impaired Driving Task Force – FY15 Strategic Plan Session

Meeting Notes

March 28, 2014

12:00 p.m. – 3:00 p.m.

Welcome by *Kendell Poole, TN GHSO Director*

Introductions of Members – All were in attendance with the exception of

- Bruce Behringer, *Deputy Commissioner, TN Department of Health -Public Health*
- Ehrin Ehlert, *Trooper, Statewide Interoperability Coordinator, TN Department of Safety & Homeland Security – Ignition Interlock*

From the GHSO -*Jason Ivey, Program Management Administrator*

Review of FY14 Goals and FY14 Strategic Plan – A few moments were given to review the purpose and goals of the Impaired Driving Task Force.

Recommendations to FY15 Strategic Plan – A majority of the meeting was given to this item. The notes found below are from the discussion of the committee members.

Meeting dialogue:

Terry Ashe – questions about do we really attempt to keep at a constant....can be difficult due to lack of increased resources, economy (Tom Kimball and Tracy Trott) – is there merit in attempting to simply stay where we are – are our goals too high based on so many factors that effect

Tracy Trott – this is a very personal issue – we want to make it personal

Kendell Poole – mentioned trip to New Orleans for the International Association of Chiefs' of Police (IACP) meeting serving as a rep for the Governor's Highway Safety Association

Tom Kimball – shared training had 3 reps from ABC – instituted a policy to investigate the last drink (bar, restaurant) and interview all involved – bar has to comply or could lose their liquor license – should ABC be invited to be a part of this committee (Mark Hutchins is the contact for ABC = Chief or Director)

Kendell Poole – THC cases have tripled

Tracy Trott – drunk driving due to prescription drugs has made it a 24 hour problem

Maggie Duncan – asked about illicit drug issue –

Rodney Bragg – TN is second leading state for opioid use

Maggie Duncan – pain clinics are double in Knoxville than in Nashville

Tom Kimball – indicated that we missed being a marijuana state and went straight to a prescription med state

Richard Holt – what about the pain clinics?

Tom Kimball – it is easier to be prescribed a pain medication

Maggie Duncan – due to last year's bill passage, the doctor on record cannot be more than four locations

Tom Kimball – feels that the players are not overly aware of how this affects traffic

Rodney Bragg – feels that this is underreported

Michael Hogan – Are there any national organizations about the pain clinic issues?

Tom Kimball – MADD is tuning in a little but they are more focused on ignition interlock

Tom Kimball – underreported impaired drivers that are alcohol and other drugs

Tracy Trott – looking to take blood to private labs – and they have agreed to testify – which would be paid out of its own budget

Rodney Bragg - could look at using a rate instead of an actual hard number

Tracy Trott – Look at Vehicle Miles Traveled

Tom Kimball – no bright line numbers for drugs much like .08 -

Tracy Trott – Washington didn't put a number on marijuana

Kendell Poole – no real push from the federal level

Tracy Trott – there is potential for distracted driver issue to exceed the impaired driving issue - five to ten year process for a total ban

Maggie Duncan – there is potential for legislation to pass the need for a search warrant to verify the phone –

Kendell Poole- the primary focus now is “Belts and Booze”

Rodney Bragg – stay in a drug court 12 -18 months – using the carrot and the stick – benefit of a “volunteer” judge (at many times) which sometime meet at 6 in the evening – it’s a last ditch effort for many – statewide Drug Court is the next level for local Drug Court

Chuck Taylor – benefit for someone leaving Correction is that they leave with skills

Terry Ashe – asked about the 2004 – 2006 years

Kendell Poole/Tom Kimball – talked about the High Visibility enforcement implementation

Terry Ashe – how to dig deeper into the education of children/teen

Kendell Poole – discussed our efforts in Ollie the Otter and other agencies

Tracy Trott – Distracted driving within education of kids/ (Could the template for Ollie work for this?)

Tom Kimball – California law – breaks DUI by categories, not just generic alcohol – Could TN consider this? (get more clarification on this from Tom especially since there was no fiscal note and

Lila Statom – Why has there been any efforts about no drinking while on probation?

Once they plead guilty there is no requirement of refraining from drinking .

Tom Kimball – From the legislature we are getting supervised probation (may want Tom to elaborate)

Rodney Bragg – Representative Lambruth is a friend to the work of the Task Force

Tom Kimball – DUI Task Forces (similar to Drug Task Force) assist in bringing agencies together. Pulls law enforcement/prosecutors/ and would be inter-district where they may be underserved- elaborated on the 2nd district Crash Review Team

Michael Hogan – Are there any partnerships that could be utilized? (much like the TDOS I40 stretch enforcement campaigns)

Richard Holt- detailed the Hands Across The Border efforts as a response to Michael Hogan

Kendell Poole – expounded on partnerships (IACP – an effort of the GHSA to bridge these entities) looking at national, regional and local level as well

Jennifer Donnals – spoke of the pill mill in Knoxville

Rodney Bragg – chronic pain guidelines are being established

Tom Kimball –Relayed what the GHSA is doing with a new position, Judicial Outreach Liaison (JOL)

Rodney Bragg – similar positions on proper prescribing

Maggie Duncan – Could there be a Public Safety Opinion that could be released? Example: Plain view would go out of the law, could this be where the coalition become integral by relaying a policy opinion to assist in preventing poor legislation – which would be based on factual information – offering a professional comment

Tom Kimball - Could this be extended to the Governor to be called the Impaired Driving Task Force – built off the Bredesen administration's DUI Task Force from 2006

Rodney Bragg – could the Public Safety Sub Cabinet be a good resource for MD and TK suggestion

Next Steps

- Jason Ivey will provide a copy of the notes from the 3/28/14 meeting for the committee to review and approve within a month
- Jason Ivey is to begin drafting the FY15 Impaired Driving section of the Highway Safety Performance Plan
- This draft will be provided to the Task Force for review and discussion. This may require a conference call, webinar and email correspondence

Meeting was adjourned