

Impaired Driving Task Force Meeting Minutes
James K Polk Building, Commissioner's Conference Room, 18th Floor
June 8, 2015 1:30pm

Attendees:

Lila Statom	Michael Hogan
Richard Holt	Chuck Taylor
Ehrin Ehlert	Chris Osborne
Maggie Duncan – Phone Participant	Kendell Poole

Kendell Poole - Welcome

Everything is good and it is a really busy time for our office
Most see us just with just the media components (TV, Radio, etc.)
Literally 85% of the money we spend in the office is for grant money
We (GHSO) are heavily alcohol funded
We (GHSO) would like to spread out more money to different sources and
hopefully are headed that way in the future
We (GHSO) are heavily dependent on alcohol based funding
Alcohol and impaired driving fatalities continue to come down; more effective
dollars continue to make these fatalities come down
Impaired on substances other than alcohol continue to rise; not really able to
fund other substances like we (GHSO) do with alcohol
The GHSO is trying to be diverse in what money we do have available to address
other types of impaired driving besides alcohol.
More DREs are needed and we are working on that
Prosecution also affects behaviors
We continue to fund the District Attorneys – 25 specialized DUI prosecutors
across the state along with Jim Camp and Tom Kimball
The reason you are here – in MAP-21, which has lasted 3 years and replaced
SAFETEA-LU, an impaired driving task force is required.
New funding bill may not be introduced anytime soon it seems
TN is a “pay as you go” state. This includes big building projects – bridges,
roadways, etc. – as well as behavior aspects. We (GHSO) get our fair
share of the money to the people that can make a difference
At this point MAP-21 has been extended for 2 more months even though
technically MAP-21 has expired
Members of this task force are valued.

Jason Ivey-

Part 1 of the Impaired Driving Task Force (IDTF) meetings had several in
attendance
(Introductions made by the attendees)

Kendell Poole-

We are watching carefully legislation of Marijuana.
Washington and Colorado are tracking this as a result of the legalization of
marijuana when it comes to fatalities

Jason Ivey-

Been in highway safety a little over 15 years
Tremendous amounts of change in that time
First few years much smaller staff and less projects
Now there is no down time or quiet time
Our partnerships are strong
We already had an overview from Kendell Poole on the reason we are here
Jason's part is to know what we are looking for in the future
FY 2016 overview

TN is a midrange state-falls within a certain range
.30-.60

Would prefer e to be low range so we could do more with the money
we are given

Grand scheme - our budget is a small portion of the TDOT budget

Overview of grant numbers:

FY16 571 applications

FY15 455 projects we fund total

257 program grants

198 High Visibility Enforcement (HVE) (\$5,000)

Started a number of years ago to help the smallest
agencies to get "buy in"

Partners that help to provide stats and enforcement

Of the 257 program and HVE, 177 are Law Enforcement
and 198 are Law Enforcement (LE)

80 of the remaining are nonprofits, DUI prosecution, and
universities (teen, judicial, etc.)

We have been entrusted to be very broad and while LE is
our major component, these others are still pieces of
the puzzles

405d Funds (impaired driving) is less than 2.8 million in our
budget

Penalty money - open container ("pass the bottle" law)

Federal government does not want that

State of TN is penalized road dollars and we

benefit from the lack of verbiage in the bill

Part of the strategic plan

2015 total budget was roughly 21 million

Kendell Poole-

Open Container Law

State is penalized; we split with road safety

Our (GHSO) stake is 69%

We are much more data driven now

We would like to totally get away from this (Open Container Money) if we
could be funded by other dollars

We are going to use what we have

402 is based on our population

We can utilize it for anything
21 million sounds like a lot of money but 154 is over half our of budget
Nearly 60% is Alcohol
We can't use money meant for on funding source to pay for another

(Richard Holt left)

(Kendell Poole left)

Jason Ivey-

Couple of things that have changed that are important for the task force
Our office has a new regional program manager (RPM)
Terrance Parker was ours (Tennessee's) for years
Chris Broome became new RPM
Very diligent that we are prepared for FY16 MAP-21
MAP-21 is over; but we continue it
We are unsure what the future holds
1st question- do we continue operating with Impaired Driving Task
Force as is? YES.
Beginning to talk about FY17
What is going to be required?
Best practices for new model?
We receive good information for the direction of this for the
coming future from NHTSA regional office
There may be addional steps that are required for this task
force
Jason Ivey - my job to make this as easy as possible
May include additional people or steps
Not even sure if new highway funding bill will have low
medium and high ranges;
Everyone's piece of the puzzle and is involved in the
plan (HSP)

HSP is map for our office of what we are going to accomplish for the next
year

With Chris Osborne and NHTSA we are being data driven
Sharmila Patel has strong background in this and is heading the HSP
and Annual Report
Chris Osborne provides us tons of data and helps us get money in this
office with this data

(Kendell Poole came back)

Trend analysis they are providing to us via algorithms can help us see the
future
TN is using "real time data"
Trend analysis is used for all of our core data
Has made the HSP an easier and cleaner process

Kendell Poole-

HSP is much different than 10 years ago
Now it is the "bible"
It needs to be though

Forces states to be more diligent on how they are using their money
Really forced us to more data driven

Chuck Taylor-

We use to rely majorly on surveys

Jason Ivey-

We still do on seatbelts

But estimations has been removed

Partnership with TSU

Kevin Hager is going to explain

Kevin Hager-

First phase

Concerns the enforcement based grants with alcohol
countermeasures

Chris Osborne provides all the data

Put it into access database tool designed by TSU

Starting this week

All applications that apply, will take starting number of money and it
will spread out the money and the most money percentage will go to
the county that needs it but all agencies will get a portion of the pie

Second phase

Cost Benefit Analysis

Data being real time has produced us to allow us to formulate this

Levels out the playing field

Next couple of weeks will have funding finalized hopefully for FY 16

We are excited

Kendell Poole-

Based on what we have had we feel we have done a pretty good job

Kevin Hager-

Ultimately we would like to see a crash trend line and the funding trend line
follows the same path;

Kendell Poole-

Initially we were doing a pretty good job but this will allow us to smooth out
the spikes

Kevin Hager-

This will also save time in subjective reviews

Jason Ivey-

“Work smarter and not harder”

Kendell Poole -

In the past we could get letters from legislative

Had an instance of this with the prior format

We got a letter and they wanted 4 times what the max amount was

Now instead of the subjective we have a tool that we can show where
they fall in with what money we have

Takes politics out

Money goes where it needs to go... to the penny

(Kevin Hager left)

Jason Ivey-

Judicial outreach liaison (JOL)
NHTSA started this a few years ago
Jim and Tom lead prosecutors in training on law and impaired driving law
What NHTSA found that even though judges needed to be impartial, there
were limited resources for judges
We began to mimic the national model
Took a while to get the right person
Come in and be the expert for judges on the laws;
Judge Leon Burns is from Cookeville;
Trying to learn what the best way to communicate this

Kendell Poole-

This is another project we are excited about
Regional JOLs served a number of different states
Generally retired judges
Strictly on educational basis
This is a pilot project for us; our on state JOL
UT grant

Jason Ivey-

This is supposed to fill a gap that we have
We hear of the lack of information by some for the judges and we want to
approach them in the right manner
Judge Burns will lay the foundation

Ehrin Ehlert-

He (JOL-Judge Burns) came to a meeting last year before even hired

Jason Ivey-

This project has been budgeted for the last 2 years

Chuck Taylor-

Like the idea
Similar strategy back to corrections
Talked to judges for alternative sentencing; courtroom officers;
Alternate programs available
Probably be good to have someone on 120 program to have peer to peer
conversations with alternative sentencing

Lila Statom-

Carry Blackwood
Circuit court judges
Senior status in the court of records;
Linking with these judges to help with the JOL program

Michael Hogan-

Commercial Vehicles rule
Liaison to stress the importance
More effective than educational seminars

Jason Ivey-

Similar to LELS and TSRPs
Same model;

Laying foundation for things to come
Some will never listen and some will absorb and we understand that

Kendell Poole-

You all are all part of family
Share with you some of the things that you may not aware of
We (GHSO) work on a reimbursable grant system
Majority of the staff is Program Managers
Agencies apply, we award, sign contract, based on approval they spend
money on equipment or overtime, file claim, reimburse
257 receive a minimum of 1 grant review
Help hold hand to be successful
Red flags cause us to look closer
Woodbury – first time ever to see this happen

Michael Hogan-

3 year grants?

Kendell Poole-

1 year and while we have continuation grants you always have to reapply

Jason Ivey-

FY16 impaired driving section (Strategic Plan for Task Force) supplied to
Sharmila Patel for revisions
Next step feedback is required
Jason Ivey will put out to membership
Provide back to Sharmila Patel
She will create master plan for HSP
Turnaround is pretty quick
If we are changing structure for FY17, you may have a good amount of input
in the plan
Do not know yet though
There is not a draft as it is not finalized yet
Hitting Law Enforcement, Teen, Judicial, Drug Court (more rehabilitative),
Educational (Mostly teens), training for judges, law enforcement,
prosecutors
Pretty well rounded
Data compliant for everything

Lila Statom-

Drug court only hit alcohol?

Jason Ivey-

Deborah Scruggs knows and Jason Ivey will find out

Kendell Poole-

Chattanooga?

Lila Statom-

OCJP? Maybe

Kendell Poole-

4 or 5 we help support?

Jason Ivey-

A handful

Kendell Poole-

Legislative is geared toward treatment

Lila Statom-

Problem with new DUI law in regards to treatment because of wording.

Problem in Hamilton county does not allow them to keep them as long as drug court allows

Will have to stay in jail longer

Hamilton County is really on top of things but cannot realistically get treatment

Chuck Taylor-

Varies courtroom to courtroom

Lila Statom-

Not criticizing

Does not know answer

Michael Hogan-

July 1 HSP due? End of this week for section?

Jason Ivey-

That is the plan

Sharmila Patel will look at all sections to figure out what to tighten up on

Intent that first finalized draft will be given out at end of week

Will need a vote and will be detailed in email