

## **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 2<sup>nd</sup> 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