

# Interagency Task Force on Drunk Driving

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## Task Force Meeting Minutes August 20, 2010

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

### Attendees:

- Emily Tompkins
- Raymond Fisher
- Heather Coogan
- Bill Young
- Fran Lanzer
- Robin Rocke
- Christine Flavia
- David Timken
- Glenn Davis
- Tom Quinn
- Laura Harris
- Stephen Hooper
- Cindy Burbach
- Laura Spicer
- Jennifer Gray
- Bear Kay
- Heather Halpape
- Ed Casias
- Jeanne McEvoy
- Abe Hutt
- Jill Hart

### Introductions:

Laura Spicer was invited by MADD to begin a discussion on Marijuana “per se” levels. Laura is an addictions counselor in Boulder, and she presented information as well as a letter from President Obama which outlines 5 steps that states can take to address the drug problem. Cindy Burbach, State Toxicologist presented on the science behind marijuana effects. Sgt. Simpson, DRE Instructor, presented on juvenile drivers.

### Ensuing Discussion:

Dr. Timken – Always stressed that zero tolerance should be the standard for therapists. Driving with care is the national evidence-based method of prescribing treatment.

Steve Hooper – We have the PDD with alcohol; would there be similar enhanced requirements for PID (pot) levels? Are there technological monitoring techniques? Are there the same/similar social ramifications?

Christine Flavia – There are parallels between most/all addictions.

Laura Spicer – We are using the standard things across all similar addictions. There is data surrounding the nuances around pot, but ours is one of few agencies to have a specific pot treatment program. Monitoring is a form of treatment and treatment saves both lives and money.

Rep. Claire Levy is ready to take this to the legislature this session.

Christine Flavia – How do we pay for treatment for juveniles and indigents? There is no reason why the current funding would be restricted between ages or types of drugs/alcohol. Confusion probably lies in name “PDD fund,” but the definition is that someone is impaired. There is only differentiation between PDD (high BAC) and multiple offenders. Recent legislation expands the use of the funds. It doesn’t even have to be someone who meets the definition of a PDD. Our system is certainly pro-treatment. The funding is not unlimited, but by FY 2012, there will be almost \$900K for treatment (includes repeat offender interlock).

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Judge Casias – It's a surcharge for 2 statutes. If they are "tweaked," it can be used. There may not be a group who cares enough to fight it. Juveniles have jurisdiction through county courts, but also through juvenile justice district courts. The DA can look at multiple MIPs (or others) and move to district court. Appellate issues will come to the Supreme Court for approval. Interim cases will continue coming forward until then, with different counties and districts doing different things.

Ray Fisher – The current statute is "impairment to the slightest degree." Law enforcement will continue to enforce in the meantime.

Steve Hooper – There will be a case-by-case fiscal impact. \$50/case for express consent cases. If there are an additional 3K cases (for example) then there will be another \$150K in expenses.

CCJJ has drug policy task force meeting on October 6<sup>th</sup>, and outcome will go to the full committee on 10/8. We would like to have some participation from members on the 6<sup>th</sup>, and then we will work with CCJJ to support the effort.

### **Sunset Review Update:**

DORA is putting together a draft. Jeanne, Bill, Glenn, Steve H., Cindy Burbach, (and maybe Janet Wood) have spoken with a DORA representative. His questions centered on additional representation, so that would seem to indicate that the recommendation will be to continue the task force. (The Colorado Restaurant Association was going to be talking to the DORA representative soon.) Bill Young stated that it seemed that he had already formed an opinion that the chair needed to be more forceful in inviting people & enforcing bylaws rather than adding additional members in legislation.

### **Update on Summer Impaired Driving Enforcement Activities:**

Heather Halpape reported that we have just wrapped up Labor Day weekend enforcement, and there was a 12% reduction in DUI arrests. There was also a slight decline in the number of alcohol-related fatalities this summer. We are currently in the fall festival period (through 10/25), and then Halloween DUI enforcement will begin. The 2009 Fatal Accident Reporting System (FARS) data just came out showing a reduction.

### **Strategic Plan Update – The following goal sections were discussed:**

A: #1 Jeanne McEvoy suggested that we should possibly add recognition for sellers and servers.

Christine Flavia mentioned that we've talked about education. Bill Young added that it's important but we didn't have time for it with all the rest of the current objectives.

A: #3, Task 2 – Should we add education about incentives?

B: #2 Jeanne McEvoy suggested that there needs to be something about unrestrained children. It was pointed out that we already have primary enforcement for this age group.

C: #3 Judge Casias asked if we need to address length of treatment.