Driving Under the Influence (DUI) Advisory Group
Meeting Notes
May 17, 2016
10:00am – 2:00pm

Members Present:		
Craig French	Sheldon Zhang	Teri Kerns
Veronica Kelley	Kathy Mulford	Maleah Novak
Marlies Perez	Patrice Rogers	Natasha Thomas
Kimberly DaSilva	Jayne Wise	Michele Wong
Wendie Warwick		Linda Bridgeman-Smith

Department of Health Care Services (DHCS) Staff: Kelly Cowger, Anthony Scott, Dena Evangelista-Taylor, Ferol Upton, Catina Walker, Julie Shaw, Evonna McIntosh, Holly Alvarez, Michael Alarcio

Guests: Deborah Pagliuso, Jennie Lewis, Kathleen Macias, Nat Tollefsen, Ruth Leonard, Milton Villoa, Barbara Aday-Garcia, Demetrich Brown, David Ponce, Sam Beasley

Conference Call Participants: Kimberly DaSilva, Denise Mosely, Glenda Pinney, Renee Rasmussen

1. **DHCS Overview,** Marlies Perez, Division Chief

- Ten counties have submitted implementation plans (IP) for the Drug Medi-Cal Organized Delivery System (DMC-ODS) Waiver. San Mateo County's implementation plan was the first to be approved. (Since the Advisory Group, DHCS has also approved San Francisco's, Santa Clara's, and Santa Cruz's IP).

- Through the Drug Medi-Cal Organized Delivery System (DMC-ODS) Waiver, DHCS is working on an integration concept design which is due to CMS in October 2016. In addition, DHCS is also working on the implementation of the Whole Person Care Pilot (WPC) which seeks to coordinate health, behavioral health and social services in a patient-centered manner with the goal of providing comprehensive coordinated care for the beneficiary resulting in better health outcomes.

- There is a long awaited shift of alcohol treatment into health services. DHCS is getting new partners such as Blue Shield. We are providing other states who are interested in applying for their own waiver with technical assistance.

2. **SUDCD Overview,** Michele Wong, Assistant Division Chief

- After working 18 years in the DUI Section, Jeannie Ho is expanding her horizons and transferring to the Licensing & Certification Unit still within the Division. Kip Dunlap is leaving DHCS as he accepted a position at Department of General Services. DHCS is continuing to fill analyst vacancies.

- The Safety Center will be closing their program located in Yolo County. We now have a total of 265 programs and 36 satellites.

- DHCS is tracking several DUI related bills:

    - AB 1571 Vehicles: driving under the influence: alcohol abuse programs.

    - AB 2367 Driving under the influence: 24/7 Sobriety program

    - AB 1975 Driving under the influence: alcohol abuse treatment – ASAM.

    - SB 1462 Vehicles: driving under the influence: drug testing.

    - SB 1046 Driving under the influence: ignition interlock device.

- The approval process for fee increase requests has been revised as DHCS is now requiring programs to submit additional documentation to justify their requests. DHCS will work with CADTP to streamline this process.

- Future DUI Advisory Group meeting dates are scheduled for October 5, 2016; March 8, 2017; July 12, 2017, and November 8, 2017. All meetings will be held at 1700 K Street, Sacramento, CA 95811.

3. **Overview of the Judicial Council of California (JCC),** Kimberly DaSilva, Attorney

- The JCC is comprised of various committees which make recommendations to the JCC. Interest lies in policy making body of the courts to build bridges and collaborate with the DUI Advisory Group. The Policy Making Unit is responsible for assuring consistency, independence, and fairness in the courts. The Chief Justice is the chairman of the JJC and there are three Advisory Committees relevant to the DUI Advisory Group. These committees help in making recommendations to the JCC.

    - The Collaborative Courts Committee makes recommendations to the Judicial Council on criteria for identifying and evaluating collaborative justice courts and for improving the processing of cases in these courts, which include drug courts, domestic violence courts, youth courts, and other collaborative justice courts. Judge Vlavianos from San Joaquin is a member of this committee. DHCS/DUI will be presenting at their next meeting in August.

    - The Criminal Law Advisory Committee makes recommendations to the council for improving the administration of justice in criminal proceedings.

    - The Traffic Advisory Committee makes recommendations to the council for improving the administration of justice in the area of traffic procedure, practice, and case management and in other areas as stated in the fish and game, boating, forestry, public utilities, parks and recreation, and business licensing bail schedules.

- For more information regarding the JCC: http://www.courts.ca.gov/policyadmin-jc.htm.

- Patrice Rogers commented that DMV is working to improve the blood alcohol content (BAC) reporting from the courts to the DUI programs.

4. **Department of Motor Vehicles, Strategic Highway Safety Plan (SHSP) Update,** Patrice Rogers

- Coordinators have held six regional safety summits statewide. There were mixed reviews as each meeting varied in representation and focus based on local priorities.
    - The Sacramento meeting was interested in what's happening statewide.
    - The Redding meeting was interested in the process to start a local SHSP for their area.
    - The San Francisco meeting focused on bicycle and pedestrian issues. They are starting up a database to track bike and pedestrian accidents to pinpoint high risk intersections.
    - Santa Clara is starting a database on health issues and is interested in coordinating with San Francisco.
- DMV submitted 16 action items to the Governor and all have been approved. There are more action items; however they are being withheld for approval at a later date as they are not ready to be submitted to the Governor for approval.
- Subcommittees are actively working on the action items, such as multi-track court, and developing print material for doctor offices regarding drugs. This focus is on Orange County's educational resources; assessing labs for consistency and quality; Long Beach is working on developing police resources for SUD/DUI monitoring.
- DUI deaths are on the rise and are almost equal to the number of murders in this state, yet do not get the same attention and resources to combat SUD.

5. **California Association of DUI Treatment Programs (CADTP) Update,** Craig French

- CADTP continues to work on and/or watch several DUI related bills:
    - AB 1571 (authored by CADTP) – regarding DUI consequences relating to alcohol and controlled substances
    - SB 1101 – regarding regulations for Alcohol and Drug Counselors
    - SB 819 – regarding powdered alcohol
- CADTP will host the Fall Forum on November 9-10th 2016.

- CADTP would like to work with DHCS on the fee approval process.

6. **County Behavioral Health Directors Association Update (CBHDA),** Veronica Kelley

- CBHDA is focusing on substance use prevention, including DUI. The strategic plan includes housing, improved treatment access to SUD facilities, improved education to staff, DUI, mental health, co-occurring and substance use disorders.

- Moving forward, CBHDA is starting to plan for next year with a focus on increasing access to treatment.

- DUI providers are encouraged to attend the quarterly meetings.

7. **Ventura County 24/7 Program Update,** Kathy Mulford, Clinical Administrator

- Ventura County had been working on integrating the 24/7 program into the county, however, concluded that the 24/7 program needs to be handled through the courts system as it is unfeasible to implement the program utilizing DUI programs. Currently, the courts are barriers to properly implementing the 24/7 program.

    - Patrice Rogers stated that DMV wants to assist and work with Ventura County in implementing the 24/7 program. The new legislation, if implemented, will require DMV to report to the legislature on 24/7 program results.

- It was noted that Florida is currently using 24/7 programs and use a trans-dermal device. The 24/7 programs in Florida using the trans-dermal devise can cost $400-$450 per month. Other states have 24/7 programs at a cost as low as $1.00 - $2.00 per test which is much more reasonable for low income clients. Some data suggests that the daily, or twice daily, testing required by this method is beneficial to participants as there is frequent contact with law enforcement. If the client does test positive, they can be remanded immediately, whereas with the trans-dermal device, this is proving to be a problem as there may not be immediate sanctions. Some states are combining testing or devise use with IID requirements.

- The Substance Abuse Prevention and Treatment (SAPT) Committee meetings are open and DUI program providers are welcome to attend. Future meeting dates are June 23, 2016, and September 29, 2016.

8. **DHCS SHSP Action Items Presentation,** Kelly Cowger, Section Chief

- SHSP Action Item 2.1 is to identify effective practices and develop draft standards for DUI programs. A descriptive study conducted in 2012 identified key areas for improving California's delivery of services in the DUI program system. Following were key findings as a result of the study conducted:
    - California has a large DUI offending population, demanding a large network of DUI programs to provide intervention services as ordered by the court system. The

numerous DUI programs across the state are a diverse group of service providers, in both approach and operation style.

- The aforementioned descriptive study identified tremendous variations in the ways providers operate DUI programs, including curricula, intervention activities, fees, and services.

- California DUI programs currently enroll about 130,000 offenders convicted of driving under the influence incidents each year. DUI programs remain a first-line intervention to an on-going social issue. Greater accountability for the services rendered and efficacy in intervention can be achieved through establishment of performance benchmarks, developing and sharing of best practices among practitioners, and development of program standards with consideration in program oversight, curriculum, assessments and referrals.

- Through continued contract agreement between DHCS and SDSU, with collaboration of data sharing from DMV, SDSU will research and provide support identifying which evidenced-based practices appear to best effect DUI recidivism in California's DUI programs.

9. Results of County Survey, Sheldon Zhang, San Diego State University (SDSU)

- This survey was intended to collect information from each county to determine the degree on county involvement in DUI programs and examine areas where DHCS may provide technical assistance to improve outcomes in the statewide DUI system. The following are the key findings from the survey:
    - Many counties expressed a strong desire for more standardization of practices.

    - The majority of counties are monitoring DUI providers at some level.

    - Any efforts to evaluate program success will require greater consistency of data collection across providers and storage of data in a 'merge-able' data format.

    - Many counties expressed interest in increased training opportunities, specifically:
        - increased technical assistance
        - auditing guidelines
        - standardization of curricula, referral practices, and paperwork

    - Many counties expressed interest in improving continuum of care for clients via participating in the DMC-ODS Waiver.

10. Workgroup Breakout Session Report

- Perception Subcommittee Workgroup identified the following:

- The need to work on how to share information to all stakeholders, including courts, programs, counties, and Legislators.
    - Create Fact Sheets and other tools in sharing with stakeholders.
- Perceptions are changed one on one.
- The need to 'raise the bar' in the services provided.
- Review the county survey for question wording versus results.
- Focus on areas the State assist programs and counties in training Title 9 Regulations.

**The subcommittee will meet in early July and discuss the results from the survey presented by Sheldon Zhang to move forward in improving DUI program perceptions.

- Education Subcommittee Workgroup identified the following:
    - Programs need standards (best practices recommendations).
    - DHCS to deliver resources, building blocks to go beyond the regulations.
    - Participants should be required to take pre/post-tests with open-ended questions.

**The subcommittee will meet in July and discuss expanding the focus of the subcommittee to include standards in addition to education.

11. Suggested Agenda Items for Next Meeting (Wednesday, October 5, 2016)

- MAAD presentation
- SHSP subcommittees who meet should present
- San Diego-NHSA data and funding sources
- Submit other ideas to Julie Shaw at Julie.Shaw@dhcs.ca.gov