

**Driving Under the Influence Advisory Group
Meeting Minutes
January 24, 2014
10:00am – 2:00pm**

Members present:		
Marlies Perez	Mark Dandeneau	Teri Kerns
Maleah Novak	Luky Maldonado	Patrice Rogers
Linda Bridgeman-Smith	Marchetta Dycus	Jayne Wise
Anna Flores	Steve Bloch	

DHCS Staff: Karen Baylor, Don Braeger, Kelly Cowger, Syd Treat, Mary Skorka, Marisa Rey, Marilee Moon-Vanni

Guests: Sam Beasley, Barbara Aday-Garcia, Bill McVay, Eddie Ballesteros, Charles Horner, George Torres, Aaron Meaux, Robert Saucedo, Craig French, Willie Pressley, Deborah Pagliuso, Wendie Warwick, Abel Baca, Nat Tollefson, Sheldon Zhang, Scott Wise, Cristal Pizano, Bill Haden, Doug Carr, Dave Bressler

1. Welcome and Introductions

Marlies Perez convened the meeting at 10:00 am. She welcomed everyone present and asked members and guests to introduce themselves.

2. Department Update

- Marlies Perez announced Substance Use Disorder Compliance Division (SUDCD) and Branch changes in staffing as follows: Division Chief and no longer acting, Marlies Perez; SUDCD– Driving Under the Influence, Narcotic Treatment Program, Criminal Justice(DNCJ) Branch Chief, Kelly Cowger and Sidney Davis replaced Steve Leighton as a DUI Field Analyst. Sidney came from the Department of Social Services and has great knowledge and experience with state regulations and program reviews.
- Marlies noted the importance of participation on the advisory group from Department of Motor Vehicles (DMV) and the Administrative Office of the Courts (AOC) which continues to build a collaborative environment and reinforces the lines of valued communication.
- Marlies announced the governor’s proposed budget included the Budget Change Proposal (BCP) for continuation of the DUI evaluation currently conducted by Sheldon Zhang and his team at San Diego State University. The work completed to date has provided valuable

information to identify recommendations for improved outcomes and program delivery. Continuation of the study will focus on establishment of performance measures for expanding the collection of consistent data at the provider level and will assist in identifying process improvements. Sheldon presented later in the meeting.

- Marlies reviewed the contents of the meeting folder which included:
 1. Review of DMC letter that circulated for those programs who may be interested in seeking DMC certification;
 2. Save the Date announcement of the Substance Use Disorders Statewide Conference in Orange County (8/11-13/14) and the suggestion to provide input on presenters specific to DUI. Ideas for presentation should be sent via email to Ferol at ferol.upton@dhcs.ca.gov or accessed through the event calendar on DHCS' home web page;
 3. Review of DHCS' strategic plan with emphasis on Page 7 which focuses on the commitment "To the public through effective, open communication and engagement with the public, our partners, and other stakeholders". Marlies expressed that the department values stakeholders' opinion and input and we will continue forward with it. Being part of a larger department will provide lots of great opportunities to connect and network in areas that were not as readily available in the past.
 4. National Association of Drug Court Professionals (NADCP) grant program information was shared. Dave Bressler, from the AOC, presented in greater detail during the meeting.
- An update on the status of the Regulations Sub-committee was provided –explaining that there is no intent to rush another packet through and miss the opportunity to make all the necessary and desired changes. It was requested that regulatory changes/issues continue to be forwarded via email to Syd Treat at syd.treat@dhcs.ca.gov as he will maintain these suggested changes.
- Syd Treat, Sidney Davis, and Marisa Rey attended a training conducted by Maleah Novak in Placer County. The training focused on updated Title 9 regulations and DMV provided a presentation which was very informative, especially the portion that focused on the Mandatory Action Unit (MAU) as related to DUI inquiries. These DMV representatives will present later during the DUI advisory meeting.
- The CADDTP Fall Forum was very successful. DHCS Director, Toby Douglas attended the forum and shared information on his background and provided his thoughts on how the DUI field fits into the overall vision and mission of DHCS.

- Sheldon will be presenting highlights of the DUI study conducted at the following CADPAAC meeting scheduled for March 25-28, 2014. Sheldon's presentation will be in conjunction with DHCS as an opportunity to share the roles and responsibilities of the state and county in DUI programs as outlined in Health and Safety Code and Title 9 and the goal of seeking greater involvement from all counties.

Karen Baylor, Deputy Director

- Marlies introduced Karen Baylor, DHCS Deputy Director. She briefly discussed her bio, working in San Luis Obispo in the Mental Health field for the last 8 years. She reports directly to Toby Douglas, Director of DHCS. She reiterated the need to engage with stakeholders. Transparency is the goal. She also briefly discussed the upcoming Behavioral Health Forum, which will obtain information from the subcommittees that then can be addressed in greater detail. Formation of the Forum is in the early stages and will continue to evolve.
- The goal of the committees is to work on the "parking lot" issues that have amassed over the previous 20 years. The advisory will prioritize these issues and work with stakeholders to develop agreed upon solutions.
- Karen expressed her excitement about these committees as there are opportunities for all issues to be addressed as they arise. Integrated committees consist of multi-disciplinary fields including representatives from mental health, drug and alcohol, DUI, NTP's, and managed care among others.

3. DMV Learning Objectives – Willie Pressley and Eddie Ballesteros

- Willie Pressley, Driver Safety Manager II and Eddie Ballesteros, Senior Driver Ombudsman, both from DMV presented a power point detailing their function within DMV. California is the only state with a dedicated Ombudsman within the DMV bureau that addresses senior mobility issues. California leads the nation in many areas and this is another example by addressing the needs of a specialized population.
- DMV issues senior ID cards to those over the age of 62, at no fee. The ID card is an option for seniors who may no longer have a DL for identification purposes. Eddie Ballesteros mentioned the incident at the Santa Monica farmers market where a 63 year old senior drove into a crowd causing numerous injuries and 10 fatalities. This incident initiated a national debate over the potential danger with senior drivers.
- California is one of the few states that require doctors to report certain medical conditions that could impact driving ability. The Health and Safety Code and California Code of Regulations

require physicians or surgeons to report a condition characterized as lapse of consciousness or control.

- In the State of Hawaii, every person 72 and older must renew their license every two years, versus every five in California. District of Columbia, starting at age 72, drivers must renew in person and bring a doctor's certification that they are medically fit to drive.
- The DMV works very hard to assure the senior population that they do not discriminate against them. DMV's customer service is critical to provide all possible resources, and the goal is to be sensitive to the population as seniors want to defend their self-reliance and maintain their independence.
- The ombudsman provides assistance to each individual who has lost the right to drive, by providing alternative means of transportation, along with services to improve their skills. Mention was made of the DMV website and triple AAA website. The AAA website can be useful in determining interaction of numerous prescription medications that seniors tend to have to take. Many handouts were provided regarding senior driver concerns.
- Senior drivers can be referred by the public (including relatives) for a re-examination of their driving skills. This is done anonymously, however sometimes anonymity will have to be breached. If the re-examination determines that the driving privileges should be revoked, the senior driver has the ability to appeal the decision through the Driver Safety Unit.
- Eddie Ballesteros also added his opinion that most seniors get DUI's from prescription drugs, rather than alcohol. He does not believe marijuana is a topic with the seniors. The AAA website has a section where a senior can go on the computer and get an assessment.

4. FY 2014 Adult Drug Court Discretionary Grant Program, Dave Bressler, AOC

- The purpose of this grant is to start new or enhance existing drug courts. The drug court as defined by this grant is called Collaborative Justice courts.
- This is a "thinking out of the box" court. They have been in existence for 25 years. It was started because judges were getting tired of the revolving doors and "the business as usual" type of court when it comes to people with addictive behavior.
- A Collaborative Justice Court has a judge that leads a team which consists of a: District Attorney, Public Defender, Probation Department, and Treatment Providers. The success of these courts is rather impressive. Only government entities can apply for this grant.

- The drug court models must include one of the following types: Adult Drug Courts; DWI/DUI courts; Co-Occurring Substance Abuse and Mental Health Courts; Veterans Treatment Courts; and Tribal Healing to Wellness Courts. This grant program is limited to state and local courts, counties, units of local government, and Indian tribal governments on behalf of a single jurisdiction Drug Court. This is a great opportunity for DUI programs to team up with their counties to develop a DUI Court.

5. DUI Evaluation Update, Sheldon Zhang, San Diego State University

- Sheldon Zhang recapped the San Diego program data that was collected during the last quarter of his study and shared information from the progress report based on this data. He referenced the difficulty to link enrollment to completion, particularly linking first offender participant records to those who then re-offended and were enrolled in a 18-month program. There is a need to link the program data and may affect future data collection efforts.
- Sheldon provided the draft survey to advisory group members for review and asked for input to finalize for distribution to the field
- He is analyzing data to determine what specific things are having an effect on the percentage of participants that complete programs (i.e., program management, curriculum, etc.).
- He added that long term treatment effects are best answered by recidivism. If everybody has similar completion rates, recidivism rates can be attributed to the content of the service delivery.
- Healthcare providers care about capturing data. However, it is one thing to capture data, but another thing to store it. He added that perhaps we should use a few counties with providers at multiple sites to experiment with data capturing activities, and make it a routine part of the operations.
- Patrice mentioned that the DMV's Management Information System annual report would provide invaluable data for Sheldon. Collaboration between DMV and Sheldon could possibly allow access to DMV data
- Marlies stated that to move the field forward, we must have a better data collection system. The Department is exploring existing data systems, including CALOMS. Providers stated that CALOMS would be troublesome and costly.
- Sheldon stated he would like to set-up a plan to track a particular group of participants for a period of 12-months. This would be further discussed and explored.

- A discussion ensued regarding NIATx, a simple and easy to use model of process improvement. Designed specifically for behavioral health care, the NIATx model allows payers and providers to make small changes that have a big impact on outcomes. NIATx serves people facing the challenge of addiction and mental health by making improvements to the cost and effectiveness of the care delivery system. NIATx designed a model of process improvement specifically for behavioral health care settings to improve access to and retention in treatment. Several advisory members were very familiar with NIATx. A Google search of NIATx can provide a complete explanation of the model.
- Sheldon expressed his goal for the upcoming year is to produce outcome benchmarks, requiring his team to crunch numbers for every county and program. It would produce the exit status data for every county, as well as state and countywide averages.

6. AOC Update/Court Closures, Dave Bressler, AOC

- Dave is on the Advisory Committee to the Judicial Council where numerous issues are addressed, specific to DUI programs and DWI courts.
- He discussed Court Closures. The information specific to any court throughout the State can be found at www.courts.ca.gov. Here you can find out if courts have been completely closed or if services have been reduced. He stated that a 60-day notice of closure is sent out first, so you would be able to learn if a future closure is in the works.
- Stakeholders stated the impact that closures have caused the providers.
- During his previous presentation, Dave Bressler referred to the National Association of Drug Court Professionals. They have a center for DWI Courts which is another valuable resource.

7. DMV Processes, George Torres and Aaron Meaux, DMV

- George Torres, Manager V and Aaron Meaux, Analyst - both with DMV, Mandatory Action Unit (MAU), discussed their roles within the division.
- Aaron mentioned that the unit has approximately 140 employees with 30 of them manning the phones. They respond to nearly 2,000 phone calls a day (with several more thousand that cannot be answered). Employees are trained for 6 months prior to answering calls. Several MAU employees were singled out by the group for their exemplary assistance.
- Problem Driver Pointer System (PDPS) is used to search the National Driver Register and links California with other States. They deal with PDPS if other states are reporting a person.

- Aaron stated that when an individual gets a DUI in the state where they are licensed, they should not enroll in a California program if they have met all the requirements in that state.
- Individuals should contact the MAU regarding interpretation of the H-6 printout, to determine the right program to enroll in.
- Individuals who have received a DUI in CA and are licensed in CA, but will not be residing in the State of CA, can request a Termination of Action. This violation will not appear on their driving record. However, they can't apply for a CDL for 3 years after this action takes effect.
- Aaron provided his phone number (916) 657-8917 and email address aaron.meaux@dmv.ca.gov for any further assistance that the group may need.

8. Legislation and Strategic Highway Safety Plan Update, Patrice Rogers, DMV

- No significant DUI legislation passed this year and none of the bills we were following passed. They were following SB55, Ignition Interlock Devices: repeat driving under the influence offenders; and SB289, which makes it a crime for anyone to drive if their system contains any detectable amount of drugs. Both of those bills died.
- SB570 – Alcohol and other drug counselors have to be registered or certified and have a criminal background check – this legislation might still have some traction.
- AB60 – Issues driver's licenses to undocumented persons, becomes operative January 1, 2015. Implementation is needed as soon as possible and they are anticipating five additional field offices. DMV is expecting 1.4 million new applications on a 3 year period. They currently have 800,000 licenses, and this will be a huge workload increase.
- The vehicle code was changed to reflect DUI's can be for alcohol, drugs, or a combination of the two. Patrice Rogers with the DMV has asked to table this until our next advisory meeting, scheduled for May 2, 2014.

9. Action Items

- A chart detailing the integrated committees will be provided to the group. Also, an email will be sent to invite group participation in the committee(s). Email was sent to invite participation.
- Research the inclusion of email addresses in the DUI Program Directory. The Department will be sending an email to verify program emails for inclusion in the Provider Director (July, 2014).

- Set-up Webinar with DMV for more training. Syd Treat attended a meeting on 4/18/14 with members of DMV. Questions from providers were forwarded to DMV/MAU to answer. Once answered we will jointly develop the Power Point Webinar (scheduled for June, 2014).

10. Announcements and Suggested Agenda Items for Next Meeting, Marlies Perez

- Referral Form – due to huge decline in enrollments.
- Luky Maldonado announced Oakland/Bay Area DUI Collaboration meeting on March 12, 2014 from 10:00am to 2:00pm.
- April is Prescription Drug Awareness month – the Resource Center has information to share with anyone interested regarding the abuse of Prescription Drugs.
- Next meeting May 2, 2014, at the Department of Health Care Services, 1700 K Street, 1st Floor, Sacramento, CA 95811.

*** Meeting adjourned at 2:23 pm ***