Driving Under the Influence (DUI) Advisory Group
Meeting Notes
June 11, 2015
10:00am – 2:00pm

Members Present:		
Marlies Perez	Michele Wong	Patrice Rogers
Maleah Novak	Craig French	Mark Harzell
Veronica Kelley	Wendie Warwick	Kathy Mulford
Randy Weissman	Natasha Thomas	David Sackman (Phone)
Sheldon Zhang	Teri Kerns	Jayne Wise (Phone)
Linda Bridgeman-Smith (Phone)		

Department of Health Care Services (DHCS) Staff: Kelly Cowger, Anthony Scott, Dena Evangelista-Taylor, Ferol Upton, Marilee Moon-Vanni, Glenn Spellman, Amanda Mains, Jeannie Ho, Catina Walker, Kip Dunlap, Briana Owen, Anita Razo, Arleen Nunes, Margie Hieter

Guests: Deborah Pagliuso, Bill McVay, Kathleen Macias, Charles Horner, Larry Hearn, Emmanuel Powell, Glenda Pinney (phone), Barbara Aday-Garcia (phone)

1. Department/Division Overview, Marlies Perez

- New members introduced: Randy Weissman, Chief Deputy of Operations, Office of Traffic Safety (replacing Leslie Witten-Rood); Natasha Thomas, Regional Director, Mothers Against Drunk Driving (replacing Kelly Larkin).

- New DHCS staff introduced: DUI field analysts: Kip Dunlap and Anita Razo; student intern, Briana Owen; and seasonal clerk, Arleen Nunes.

- Kelly Cowger and Dena Evangelista-Taylor attended the California Association of DUI Treatment Programs (CADTP) Spring Forum in La Quinta on May 20th and 21st. The conference was well attended and continued to focus on raising the awareness and professionalism of DUI Programs statewide. The *Best Practices for California Licensed DUI Program Providers Guide* developed by CADTP was distributed to attendees and received positive feedback.

- In February 2015, DHCS revoked Vitality Program's DUI license in El Dorado County. DHCS worked in collaboration with the County and all participants were successfully transferred to other programs.

- DHCS received notice that the Institute of Advanced Driver Education and Training program in San Francisco will be relinquishing their license effective June 30, 2015 and the City of Pasadena, Los Angeles County, will be relinquishing their license effective July 31, 2015. The Department appreciates all of the receiving programs for their flexibility in accepting participants affected by the relinquishments.

- DHCS now licenses 493 active DUI Programs and 39 satellites.

- Substance use disorders are receiving a tremendous amount of attention as the nation embraces the Affordable Care Act (ACA). One-third of California's population is Medi-Cal eligible and expansion for substance use disorders has historically been poorly supported and funded. DHCS continues work toward approval of the DMC-ODS Waiver and the final round of questions from the Centers of Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) are in progress. Other states are watching California closely. As DUI is identified in the American Society of Addiction Medicine (ASAM) criteria as Level .5, which is identified as prevention/early intervention; many referrals to treatment are expected to come through the DUI system. The Department is working closely with counties to expand services and ensure successful implementation and delivery of an organized delivery system.

- A new initiative, Behavioral Health Homes, is being developed to create a model that coordinates access to medical and behavioral health services, support services, and linkages to community support. Many recognize that behavioral health has a tremendous impact on the physical health care system, as many "high utilizers" of services are identified as having behavioral health problems. This initiative is being funded through a grant by the Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration (SAMHSA).

2. County Behavioral Health Directors Assoc. (CBHDA) Update, Veronica Kelly

- The County Administrators were impressed with CADTP's presentation on the Best Practices Guide. Administrators addressed the providers concern to improve county participation and involvement with DUI programs and Title 9 monitoring. Counties would like training from the Department regarding Title 9 monitoring.

- Counties welcome the expansion of services and new providers as a result of the anticipated approval of the DMC-ODS Waiver. There is opportunity for DUI providers to expand the treatment services they currently provide through

pursuit of additional DHCS licensing and certification including Drug Medi-Cal certification.

- Many administrators believe that marijuana will soon be legalized in California and have begun addressing youth-related issues should legalization occur. County Prevention Coordinators are working on a marijuana resource bank to collect funds for prevention and treatment, in anticipation of legalization. The subject remains political and there are varying opinions at all levels.

- The link to review the CBHDA Talking Points on Marijuana and Youth Safety is: http://www.cbhda.org/wp-content/uploads/2014/12/SAPT_Marijuana-and-Youth-Safety-CBHDA-Talking-Points_Final_PO.pdf

3. Department of Motor Vehicles (DMV), Patrice Rogers

- DMV continues to work on renewing the next five year Strategic Highway Safety Plan (SHSP) Challenge Area One; aimed at reducing fatalities and injuries caused by impaired driving. The renewal plan has been drafted and seven challenge areas have been adopted. The group is now identifying actions to address each of the challenge areas and meet the goals. The next step is to write an implementation plan which will detail each action to meet the goals and once approved, the new plan will be published. The timeline for implementing action items for this phase of the plan is five years.

- One action item is to expand the court referral and tracking pilot project, developed in the previous five year SHSP, to improve the timely process of getting offenders from court to the DUI program. Statistics show that the sooner an offender enrolls in a program following the conviction, the better the outcomes. The initial project included five counties and showed some success. Should the proposal be accepted, several counties are officially requesting inclusion through expanding the pilot project and some are requesting emphasis on multiple offenders.

- Another action item is looking at the 24/7 Program that is gaining attention in other states. The Rand Corporation has been reporting on the five states that are currently using the program and a representative has joined the SHSP group. The existing programs are currently located in rural states. The Los Angeles Police Department (LAPD) is very interested in setting-up a pilot program, but modifications to the existing program will be necessary. For example, scram monitors and home visits would be more appropriate in lieu of

offenders reporting to police departments to take daily blood/urine/breath tests. The supervising attorney in Los Angeles is looking at the legalities and working with the LAPD on feasibility. The police department is considering placing the program in the Habitual Offender Unit, which potentially has the resources necessary and currently visits offenders. This project is in the initial phases of planning, and probably won't look like the 24/7 programs in other states. A suggestion was made to include all DUI program participants that fail program sobriety.

- DMV is still working on the report to evaluate additional measures for evaluation of the Ignition Interlock Device (IID) pilot program that required the devices for first and multiple offenders. The latest report should be completed this fall.

4. Office of Traffic Safety (OTS), Randy Weissman

- In anticipation of marijuana legalization, state officials are looking closely at Oregon, Washington, and Colorado for lessons learned and unexpected outcomes. OTS is primarily focused on education and prevention. Attendance at a recent conference highlighted the interest in the legalization of marijuana; especially in identification of impairment limits and question if per se laws will hold up in court.

5. Changing Perception of DUI Programs, Kelly Cowger and Anthony Scott

- At the March 2015 meeting, a subcommittee was developed to educate and change the perception of DUI Programs. Subcommittee members are Deborah Pagliuso, Wendy Warwick, Craig French, Kathy Mulford, Candie Smith, and Barbara Aday-Garcia.

- The subcommittee has convened twice to discuss the current perception of DUI Programs and how the perception can be changed. The group has developed the following three target areas to direct the campaign:
  1) Local: Counties/Associations/Groups
  2) Judicial: Courts/Judges/DA's/Prosecutors/Probation/Law Enforcement
  3) Policy Makers: State Agencies/Legislature.

- The group brainstormed many ideas for each category and has begun work in the following areas to:
    - Develop a list of alcohol and other drug workgroups to encourage attendance and participation;
    - Develop a county survey;
    - Develop a presentation for courts and judges.

- To provide input, please e-mail Ferol.Upton@dhcs.ca.gov.

6. Education Curriculum Subcommittee, Kelly Cowger

- The DUI Logic Model, Strategy 4, recommends reviewing statewide curriculum to assist with developing minimum standards. DHCS has surveyed providers to determine what their education component currently consists of. Through a series of DHCS surveys, information received indicates curriculum material and the delivery of material varies statewide.

- DHCS will work to form a subcommittee to further advance this goal.

7. DUI Program Curriculum Survey, Dena Evangelista-Taylor

- DHCS conducted an informal survey of DUI programs to determine what current education components consist of. Of the 170 providers surveyed, 108 responded (63%). Of those respondents, results showed that 64% reported using a non-standardized curriculum (no copyrights or trade name). Additional data gathered concluded that there is a diverse range of topics, methods, and curriculum models being used, showing a broad lack of consistency in the educational component of the statewide DUI Program.

- Based on the limited amount of data that DHCS has access to, a suggestion was made to add an action item to the SHSP Plan that would allow DMV data to be shared with DHCS in an attempt to establish a baseline of information which might provide insight on specific program curriculum effectiveness.

8. Outcomes and Benchmarks, San Diego State University, Dr. Sheldon Zhang

- A test website has been developed that plots all DUI programs on a map of California. Potential participants can enter their zip code or address to find the programs near them. When the cursor is moved over the pin marking the program, the program address, fees, and operational hours are displayed.

Directions to the program and participant reviews (yelp and google) are available. The test website address is vision.sdsu.edu/dui.

- Dr. Zhang reported DUI program data has been downloaded, cleaned, merged, and analyzed. Process development must now be explored to disseminate information regarding benchmarks and encouraging individual providers to compare their own performance against county and statewide figures. Results are limited due to rudimentary reporting requirements, therefore the benchmarks established were enrollments, terminations, transfers, and total fee waivers/reductions granted. Many programs expressed their desire to have more information regarding their own statistics and other programs county- and statewide. Recommendations are that the county oversight agency compile and disseminate county-level data and develop specific plans to adopt common data elements. Further, large providers with multiple sites should lead the movement to test logistics, procedures, and other issues.

- In 2013-2014, of 126,331 total enrollments, 3,589 (2.8%) received a fee waiver or reduced fee. Most of these participants are enrolled in the 18-month program.

9. Suggested Agenda Items for Next Meeting (Wednesday, September 9, 2015)

- Perception Subcommittee Status
- Curriculum Subcommittee Status
- Presentation on the Pharmacology of Drugs
- General Assistance/Relief - Impact on Programs
- Increase in Provider Costs for Employee Sick-Time and Minimum Wage Increase