

**Governor's Council on Impaired Driving
Meeting Agenda
August 19 - 20, 2003
Pronghorn Lodge, Lander**

Tuesday, August 19, 2003

- 2:00 **Welcome**
Lorrie Pozarik, Injury Prevention Resources
- 2:10 **Updates from Governor Freudenthal**
Julie Sapp, Policy Analyst, Officer of the Governor
- 2:20 **Governor's Council on Impaired Driving: "Ground Rules"**
John Holderegger, Council co-Chair
As a 40-member Council that includes nearly all constituency groups related to impaired driving in Wyoming, we have many points of view represented. How do we ensure that all points of view are given a forum for discussion and respect? What happens to minority concerns?
- 2:45 **Sub-Committee Workplans**
As a Governor's Council we are required to report to the Governor. Traditionally, the report takes the form of a white paper or series of white papers that address specific topics. Sub-Committees will have the opportunity to devise their workplan for completing a white paper for each of their priority strategies.
- 4:00 **Break**
- 4:15 **Sub-Committee Workplans (continued)**
- 5:30 **Break**
- 6:00 **Dinner**
- 6:30 **Council Group Work: Governor's Conference on Impaired Driving**
Funds to sponsor a Governor's Conference on Impaired Driving have been earmarked for the Governor's Council. The Special Projects Sub-Committee will report to the Council on what needs to be done to ensure a successful conference. Council input and suggestions will be requested.
- 8:00 **Adjourn**

Wednesday, August 20, 2003

7:45 **Breakfast**

8:15: **Council Group Work: Graduated Driver Licensing**

Graduated Driver Licensing will be introduced again during the upcoming Budget Session. The Legislation Sub-Committee (Short-Term) will report to the Council on what needs to be done to continue the education of policy makers about GDL and driver education in WY. Council input and suggestions will be requested.

9:30 **Break**

9:45 **Reports from remaining Sub-Committees**

11:00 **Closing Remarks and Adjourn**

Next Meeting Date: Tuesday, November 18 – Wednesday, November 19 in Casper

**Governor's Council on Impaired Driving
August 19-20, 2003
Meeting Minutes**

The second meeting of the Governor's Council on Impaired Driving was held August 19-20, 2003 in Lander. The meeting began with a welcome from Lorrie Pozarik, facilitator of the Governor's Council, and Julie Sapp, the Council's liaison to the Governor. Julie reported that the Governor was very impressed with the quality and quantity of planning already accomplished by this group and although he did not eliminate anything from the long list of priorities selected by the Council, he did want to remind everyone that some ideas are more doable than others. Julie introduced three new members of the Council who were recently appointed by Governor Freudenthal as representatives of the alcohol industry. Julie also reminded Council members to keep in mind that they represent the Governor when they work with the public and with the media.

John Holderegger, Council co-chair, led a discussion about 'ground rules' for the Council. Given the diversity of its members and the wide range of views they represent, the Council has a unique opportunity to ensure that the issues and priorities selected for review will be thoroughly and fairly investigated. Clearly there will be differences of opinion, however, the differences, when respected, can be a real asset for the Council.

Rich Lindsey discussed how the Council could best meet its responsibility of providing the Governor with information about emerging issues through the use of white papers. A white paper provides an opportunity to review the research and discuss the issues, including supportive and opposing arguments. Although the Council may support a particular strategy, it is important that the reader of the white paper understand what any 'downsides' of the issue might be. White papers will need to be prepared for each issue presented to the Governor by each of the sub-

committees. The white papers will be submitted at the end of our first year, so Council members will need to decide which sub-committee they would like to be part of, and each sub-committee will need to decide which issue(s) they can realistically investigate thoroughly this first year. Support staff is available to assist sub-committees with bringing in speakers and conducting a review of the current research available.

Rich updated the Council on Graduated Driver Licensing: if the Transportation Committee does not take on GDL as a Committee bill this year, then Dr. Harry Tipton will once again sponsor the bill. Dr. Tipton intends to begin with the original version of the bill (without any mention of driver education). Rich also updated the Council on requested funding for a Governor's Conference on Impaired Driving.

Council members worked in sub-committees to develop plans for preparing white papers, supporting GDL and sponsoring a Governor's Conference on Impaired Driving. Each sub-committee presented their work to the full Council that evening and the following morning. Final sub-committee recommendations and plans follow:

Short-term Legislation will work on Graduated Driver Licensing

Carl McDonald, Toni Reichenbach, Mike Moser, Trena Primavera, Scott Jones, Micky Shober

The sub-committee devised a comprehensive strategy that consists of using free media, getting support from diverse organizations, and a solid grass roots effort over a two-month period. A statewide press conference will be held in early to mid October in Casper or Cheyenne to highlight the Council, the Governor's position on GDL, and note that three very diverse groups (law enforcement, the liquor industry, and MADD) have come together over the issue. Carl, Mike and Toni will travel to five targeted local media markets to interview with newspaper and radio. Letters of support will be gathered into a portfolio for eventual dissemination to legislators. Letters will be solicited from the Governor, alcohol industry, insurance industry, WEA, WACO, WAM, Sheriffs and Chiefs Association, Hospital Association, Century Council, Nurses Association, School Board Association, WPOA. The portfolio will be put together by mid to late October for dissemination in November/December. PSAs will be written in support of GDL and will be given to Council members to record at their local radio stations. The First Lady will be asked to record a PSA for statewide distribution. PSAs should begin late October and, if possible, run through November. One boilerplate letter-to-the-editor will be written for use by Council members to submit to their local papers. A boilerplate resolution will also be designed for Council members to take to local city councils and county commissioners. Signed resolutions received by the Council will also be put into the portfolio. Other groups (local community coalitions, Safe Kids, youth councils, other children's groups) will be asked to help with the grass root telephone calling in November/December. The Governor will be asked to record both a radio and television PSA and to send a letter of support for GDL to legislators (or to have his letter included as the lead letter in the portfolio) and to hold his own press conference about GDL.

Special Projects will work on the Governor's Conference on Impaired Driving

Kate Taylor, Mary Frank, Julie Sapp, Shauna Vanderlinden (and Tim Day, Connie Jacobson, Larry King from the Research Sub-Committee)

The Governor's Conference on Impaired Driving – A Forum for Solutions for Wyoming or Challenges and Opportunities for Wyoming: the purpose of the conference will be to highlight emerging issues and concerns about impaired driving in Wyoming and to demonstrate the Governor's support for finding effective solutions. A lengthy discussion about when to hold the workshop (April 2004, September 2004, or next year), length of the conference (one or two days), workshop topics (how many to offer and which ones), and location (Casper or Cheyenne) ensued. A vote was taken to hold a one-day conference on Wednesday, April 28, 2004 in either Casper or Cheyenne (location will be decided in November); 23 members voted 'yes' and 3 members voted 'no'.

The conference will begin at 8:00 am with a motivational speaker and conclude with a Governor's Awards Banquet beginning at 6:30 pm. Three workshop sessions and one general plenary session will be offered. Workshop topics will be:

- DUI Enforcement Techniques and Saturation Patrols
- Standardized Field Sobriety Testing
- Evidentiary Issues for DUI Cases and Felony DUI Education
- Emerging Alcohol Control Issues: Dram Shop, Keg Registration
- Emerging Enforcement Issues: Sobriety Checkpoints, Child Endangerment
- DUI and Drug Courts
- Standardized Evaluation and Treatment
- Child Endangerment
- Community Coalitions
- Underage Drinking Initiatives and GDL

Kevin Quinlan from the NTSB will be asked to offer a general session presentation during the luncheon on the hard core drinking driver, effective sanctions, ignition interlock, and enhanced penalties for high BACs. An exhibit hall for vendors and advocacy groups (ignition interlock devices, fatal vision goggles, intoximeters, video cameras, MADD, SafeKids, NHTSA, etc.) will be included. Informal 'round-table' discussions and/or a low tech 'bulletin board' about concerns and solutions may also be included.

Three council members will be assigned to each workshop to help identify speakers, serve as the workshop moderator, provide assistance to speakers, and distribute and collect evaluation forms. Council members will be meeting as previously scheduled on April 27 to finalize their responsibilities for the conference.

Conference invitations will be sent to law enforcement, court personnel (judges, clerks, attorneys), school districts, mental health and treatment professionals, hospital emergency rooms, alcohol industry, faith-based groups, local government, media, youth services, community groups, insurance agents.

Funding has been requested for a contractor to manage the logistics of the conference including developing mailing lists, managing registration materials, confirming speakers, ordering AV equipment, etc.

During the November Council meeting, members will identify categories for various Governor's Awards, finalize speakers and select the conference location.

Long term Legislation

Kerry Shatto, Steve Weichman, Byron Rookstool, Mike Varney, Mike Reid, Terry Droneburg, Mike Vang, Ken Koski

The sub-committee will prepare a white paper on Dram Shop Legislation and will then focus on sobriety checkpoints, vehicle sanctions and on making it illegal for parents to provide alcohol to their children.

Education

Steve Chasson, Nancy Johnson, Tom Montoya, Dan Perdue, Gene Rugotzky, Cathy Keene, Clinton Lewis, Davy Gray, Alan Ogle

The Education sub-committee began work on a mission statement. The sub-committee will prepare a white paper on ignition interlock devices and will then focus on community prevention coalitions.

Research and Data

Paul Yaksic, Larry King, Tim Day, Connie Jacobson

The sub-committee joined the Special Projects sub-committee to work on the Governor's Conference on Impaired Driving. They will also prepare a white paper on standardized substance abuse evaluation and treatment and agreed to coordinate the research needed by the other sub-committees. The GDL sub-committee requested 2002 data about 16 and 17 year old drivers' involvement in crashes in Wyoming and on availability of driver education throughout the state.

The need for additional information about the Child Endangerment issue was discussed. Although currently, DUI offenders can also be charged with child endangerment if they are driving with a child in the vehicle, this does not occur consistently in most jurisdictions. Carl McDonald will update the Governor's Council on MADD's recommendations at the November meeting. Dave Gray will also discuss the issue with law enforcement and DFS. A white paper may be prepared on the issue.

The next meeting of the Governor's Council on Impaired Driving will be held in Casper on November 18-19, 2003.