

**Governor's Council on Impaired Driving
Meeting Agenda
August 17-18, 2004
Pronghorn Lodge, Lander**

Tuesday, August 17, 2004

- 2:00 **Welcome**
Debbie McLeland and John Holderegger, Council co-Chairs
- 2:15 **Governor's Council's Priority Issues**
The Governor's Council submitted white papers on Child Endangerment, Ignition Interlock, Dram Shop and Substance Abuse Evaluations for DUI Offenders to Governor Freudenthal. The Governor has voiced his support of the Council's efforts to move these issues, plus GDL, forward. How will the Council accomplish this task? Council members will work in sub-committees to design educational campaigns for each of the five issues.
- 4:30 **Governor's Council Educational Campaigns**
Sub-committees will report back on their respective educational campaigns so the Council's plans can be coordinated.
- 5:45 **Break**
- 6:15 **Dinner at the Global Café**
- 6:40 **Council Policies and Procedures**
Every successful Board or organization relies on effective policies and procedures to accomplish their mission. What polices and procedures would be most appropriate for the Governor's Council? Council members will begin discussion on issues related to memberships and Council member's roles.

Wednesday, August 18, 2004

- 7:45 **Breakfast**
- 8:00 **Governor's Conference on Impaired Driving: 2005**
Initial planning for the 2005 Governor's Conference will include date(s), time, location, format and session topics.
- 10:30 **Guest speakers and Announcements**
- 11:00 **Adjourn**

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Meeting Minutes

The quarterly meeting of the Governor's Council on Impaired Driving was held August 17-18, 2004 at the Pronghorn Lodge in Lander. The meeting began with a welcome from Council Co-Chairs Debbie McLeland and John Holderegger. New and visiting members were introduced to the group.

The Governor's Council developed plans for a final push to pass Graduated Driver Licensing during the next legislative session. Lorrie Pozarik testified on behalf of the Council to the Joint Interim Transportation Committee in June. Although there were concerns voiced about passenger restrictions, the Committee voted to sponsor GDL legislation in 2005. Wyoming's crash data is currently being evaluated for increased crash risk and increased risk of injury with passengers present for drivers age 16-17; the data will be provided to Council members and Transportation Committee members when it is complete. Council members will develop PSAs and op-ed pieces, will educate new legislators about GDL, and will put together a portfolio of support for the Transportation Committee. Members will also hold a press conference during the Council's November meeting. Daimler/Chrysler has limited funding available for state coalitions to help pass GDL; MADD will apply for the funding.

Council members worked in sub-committees to develop plans to move Child Endangerment and Mandatory Substance Abuse Evaluation for all DUI offenders forward this year. Beckett Hinkley has agreed to sponsor Child Endangerment legislation; the language in the statute will reflect the Council's recommendations outlined in the white paper. Members will develop PSAs and op-ed pieces, will develop and distribute a one-page educational brochure which will be mailed to all legislators and will also be inserted in the state's daily newspapers. Members will involve both the Governor and First Lady in advocating for Child Endangerment. The issue will also be presented at the press conference held during the Council's meeting in November.

Council members will draft legislation that will require all DUI offenders to obtain a Substance Abuse Evaluation and will also identify a sponsor for the legislation. Members will survey Wyoming's Circuit Court judges regarding current practices for evaluating DUI offenders, and will seek support from the Division of Substance Abuse for the issue.

Guest speaker Dale Weber was introduced to the Council. Mr. Weber is a multiple DUI offender who will not be eligible for a driver's license until 2006. Mr. Weber described the difficulties he and other multiple offenders have staying in business and staying current with child support and other obligations without a valid driver's license. Mr. Weber is a strong advocate for Ignition Interlock which he believes would do much to prevent impaired driving and also enable him to be a productive member of his community. The Council supported the concept of using Ignition Interlock as an alternative to a hard license suspension, but recognized that statutory changes would be required before Driver Services could permit it. Council members will contact Driver Services to discuss the concept and its plans to introduce legislation in 2006.

Governor's Council policies regarding members' roles were discussed and consensus was reached on several issues. The Council expects that members will be productive, will attend at least half of the

scheduled meetings each year (or send a proxy), and will advise the Council's facilitator of an intended absence. Members will review attendance annually; Council Co-chairs will follow up with members who do not attend at least half the meetings. Council members may recommend to the Governor that inactive members who do not resign be removed from the Council. When a member resigns, the Council will discuss potential replacements at the following meeting and will present their recommendations to the Governor. Current Council members' terms will be up in May 2005; members will be asked in November if they intend to request a re-appointment. A list of recommendations for appointments will be developed at the February Council meeting and will be provided to the Governor.

Council members' responsibilities were also discussed and guidelines were developed from those provided by the Governor's office during the Board training last spring. The following guidelines were unanimously adopted by the Council:

- Council members should be reasonably careful when making decisions;
- Council members should seek training to be equipped with knowledge needed for careful decision making;
- Council members can never use information obtained in their positions as Council members for personal gain;
- Any conflict of interest must be disclosed by a Council member, and the member should refrain from voting on the issue;
- Council members are expected to support the mission of the Council;
- Members have an obligation to voice their own opinions about how the Council should accomplish its mission, and to ensure that objections to a Council action are recorded in the Council minutes;
- Once the Council makes a decision or sets policy, the member should not act in any way that is inconsistent with that policy or the goals of the Council.

Council members began their initial planning for the next Governor's Conference on Impaired Driving. The Conference will be a one-day conference and will be held at the Parkway Plaza in Casper on Wednesday, May 4, 2005. Rather than broadly cover 10 topics again, this year's conference will provide a more concentrated focus on four or five topics. Members discussed potential workshop and plenary session topics including current legislative updates, ignition interlock, dram shop, Victim Impact Panel, Target Zero, sobriety checkpoints, uniform sentencing, enforcement and legal issues. Final decisions on plenary session and workshop topics will be made at the November meeting.

The spring 2005 meeting of the Governor's Council will be held the day before (May 3) and the day following (May 5) the Conference in Casper.

It was pointed out that only a few Council members do not have access to a work vehicle or have no means of reimbursement for travel expenses to attend Council meetings. Members decided that those without access to a work vehicle or means for reimbursement will be reimbursed by IPR at their rate of \$.375/mile for travel, but will be encouraged to carpool whenever possible.

The next meeting of the Governor's Council will be November 16-17, 2004 at the Petroleum Club in Casper. Lodging rooms have been reserved at the Holiday Inn.