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Governor’s Council on Impaired Driving

**MINUTES**

**JANUARY 12, 2012 10:00AM-2:00PM**

**LITTLE AMERICA, CHEYENNE**

<b>TYPE OF MEETING</b>	First Meeting: Governor’s Welcome and Message – Introductions – Recommendation Updates – Sub-Committee work
<b>FACILITATOR</b>	Ernest L. Johnson
<b>ATTENDEES</b>	Rich Adriaens – Co-Chair, Mike Blonigen – Co-Chair, Byron Oedekoven, Connie Jacobson, Robert Tompkins, Len DeClercq, Kelli Perrotti, Danny Glick, Cody Beers, Tom Loftin, Marilyn Patton, Mike Moore, Tom Montoya, Ryan Roden, Jonlee Anderle, Richard Bohling, Dalene Call, Ann Comeaux, Keith Hotle, Erik, Molvar, Greg Phillips, Jeff Schulz, Catherine Rogers, Paul Yaksic, Tony Young, Lori Emmert, Ernie Johnson

**Agenda topics**

**WELCOME AND OPENING REMARKS**

**GOVERNOR MATT MEAD**

<b>DISCUSSION</b>	Governor Mead welcomed all members and thanked them for their willingness to take time out of their busy lives to participate in the Council’s efforts in order to find ways to reduce the number of people who drive while impaired in Wyoming.  The Governor provided national and state statistics which illustrated the critical need for finding solutions on this issue, sooner – rather than later. The challenge, from his perspective, is finding solutions in the area of prevention, enforcement, prosecution, sanctions and education. He viewed the work that needed to be done as being a public safety concern - not a political one. He informed the Council that no potential solution “is off the table.”  The Governor stated that the GOAL FOR THE COUNCIL IS PREVENTION, TO CHANGE THE CULTURE AND TO CONVEY THE MESSAGE THAT IMPAIRED DRIVING IS NOT ACCEPTABLE IN WYOMING!
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**INTRODUCTIONS**

**ERNIE JOHNSON**

<b>DISCUSSION</b>	All members introduced themselves, provided information about their involvement with the issues involved and their priority concerns.	
<b>CONCLUSIONS</b>	The Council is comprised of a diverse group of professionals and concerned citizens that represent the full spectrum of issues and concerns involved with impaired driving. The group noted that there was a need to add two additional members to the Council: a representative from Wyoming Department of Corrections – in particular, from Probation and Parole; and a Judge from the Tribal Courts on the Wind River Indian Reservation.	
<b>ACTION ITEMS</b>	<b>PERSON RESPONSIBLE</b>	<b>DEADLINE</b>
Add two members to the Council; a representative from WDOC and a Judge from the Tribal Courts	Ernie Johnson	ASAP

**ADMINISTRATIVE/HOUSEKEEPING ISSUES****ERNIE JOHNSON**

<b>DISCUSSION</b>	Members were provided with a brief overview of the guidelines, form and process for reimbursing travel expenses.	
	All members were informed about the process for releasing information to the media. All media requests for the Council's position or opinions on legislative issues need to be cleared in advance by the Governor's Office (Tony Young – Deputy Chief of Staff).	
	Members reviewed and discussed the design and layout for the re-launch of the Council public website. The website domain has now been renewed and transferred to a new hosting service. Plans are underway to launch the website by March. The publishing of contact information for all Council members on the soon-to-be launched public website was also discussed.	
<b>CONCLUSIONS</b>	General consensus was that the contact information not be included in the publishing of the directory of Council members.	
	The new website will include the ability for the public to email questions or concerns. Emails received will automatically be forwarded to the Council co-chairs and to anyone else who wishes to see the emails as they are received.	
	The Co-Chairs are the designated official spokespersons for the Council. Any member can provide opinions or position on legislative issues as individuals, but not as a representative or member of the Council.	
<b>ACTION ITEMS</b>	<b>PERSON RESPONSIBLE</b>	<b>DEADLINE</b>
Launch Impaired Driving public website ( <a href="http://impaireddriving.org">http://impaireddriving.org</a> )	Ernie Johnson	Mid March

**CO-CHAIRS OPENING REMARKS****RICH ADRIAENS, MIKE BLONIGEN**

<b>DISCUSSION</b>	The co-chairs provided brief statements on their perspectives on some of the issues involved, specific concerns and their priorities for actions to be undertaken by the Council.
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**OVERVIEW/STATUS OF 2008 IMPAIRED DRIVING ASSESSMENT****ROBERT TOMPKINS**

<b>DISCUSSION</b>	Robert Tompkins provided members with a handout that provided the current status for each of the nineteen priority recommendations contained in the 2008 NHTSA report. He provided a brief overview of the recommendations and encouraged the members to review the "status report" and to contact him if they had questions or needed additional information.	
<b>ACTION ITEMS</b>	<b>PERSON RESPONSIBLE</b>	<b>DEADLINE</b>
The "status report" for the nineteen priority recommendations contained in NHTSA's 2008 Impaired Driving Assessment to be uploaded to the Council's project management site.	Robert Tompkins	Done

**OVERVIEW - LEADERSHIP TEAM STRATEGIC PLAN****JONLEE ANDERLE**

<b>DISCUSSION</b>	Lt. Anderle provided an overview of the strategic plan and priorities from the Leadership Team that was completed under the Freudenthal Administration. He also provided the members with some of the discussion and perspectives of the Leadership Team and the historical significance of the some of the recommendations contained in the report.	
<b>CONCLUSIONS</b>	The Council will review the recommendations contained in the Strategic Plan and begin the process of setting priorities for future Council actions and initiatives.	
	The Council members discussed and prioritized three recommendations. Details of the recommendations selected and the actions taken by the Council are provided in the agenda items below.	
<b>ACTION ITEMS</b>	<b>PERSON RESPONSIBLE</b>	<b>DEADLINE</b>
Upload Lt. Anderle's Power Point to Project Site	Ernie Johnson	ASAP

**ALCOHOL POLICY ANALYST****RICH ADRIAENS**

<b>DISCUSSION</b>	The Council discussed the importance of hiring an Alcohol Policy Analyst to coordinate and accomplish the initiatives and priorities established by the Council and which have been approved by the Governor.	
<b>CONCLUSIONS</b>	Establish a sub-committee to develop criteria, job description, etc. to aide in the screening process for the position.	
<b>ACTION ITEMS</b>	<b>PERSON RESPONSIBLE</b>	<b>DEADLINE</b>
Sub-committee was established with Tony Young, Deputy Chief of Staff, Marilyn Patton, Jonlee Anderle, and Mike Moore. This group will meet as often as needed and will provide a progress report to the full Council at the next meeting.	Marilyn Patton	ASAP

**MEDIA CAMPAIGN****RICH ADRIAENS**

<b>DISCUSSION</b>	The need for a professionally developed media campaign and communication plan was identified by the Council members as one of the top priority recommendations requiring immediate action.	
<b>CONCLUSIONS</b>	Establish a sub-committee to begin developing an RFP (Request for Proposals) in order to contract with a professional advertising/marketing agency to develop a "Wyoming" branded DUI campaign.	
<b>ACTION ITEMS</b>	<b>PERSON RESPONSIBLE</b>	<b>DEADLINE</b>
Sub-committee was established with Keith Hotle, Cody Beers, and Connie Jacobsen. Cody Beers and Keith Hotle will coordinate future meetings and chair the sub-committee. This group will meet as often as needed and will provide a progress report to the full Council at the next meeting.	Cody Beers, Keith Hotle	ASAP

**SUPERVISED PROBATION/24/7 PROGRAM****MIKE BLONIGEN**

<b>DISCUSSION</b>	There was considerable discussion about the state of supervised probation programs currently in use in the state. Members of the Council agreed that the state's efforts in this regards could be more effective and are in need of additional attention by the Council. This issue was identified by the Council members as one of the top priority recommendations requiring immediate action.	
The 24/7 supervised probation project that is currently in use in South Dakota was discussed. This program has been highly successful since it has been implemented and has achieved national recognition.		
<b>CONCLUSIONS</b>	Establish a sub-committee to review the 24/7 program in South Dakota and determine the feasibility of implementing a similar program in Wyoming.	
<b>ACTION ITEMS</b>	<b>PERSON RESPONSIBLE</b>	<b>DEADLINE</b>
Sub-committee was established with Mike Blonigen, Ann Comeaux, Catherine Rogers, Richard Bohling, Ryan Roden, DOC Representative, and WY Attorney General Greg Phillips. Ann Comeaux and Mike Blonigen will coordinate and chair the sub-committee meetings.	Ann Comeaux, Mike Blonigen	ASAP
WASCOP invited committee members to attend a presentation on 24/7 SCRAM at their February business meeting in Cheyenne.	Byron Oedekoven	February
The Highway Safety Office will contact NHTSA regional representative to arrange a presentation by the South Dakota 24/7 program manager to the sub-committee.	Robert Tompkins	February

**TRAFFIC SAFETY CONFERENCE****ERNIE JOHNSON**

<b>DISCUSSION</b>	Council members discussed the value of hosting a statewide conference to provide education and training for the various professional disciplines involved, as well as for the general public. The Council also discussed the possibility of co-hosting such a conference with the Wyoming Association of Sheriffs and Chiefs of Police.	
<b>CONCLUSIONS</b>	The Council agreed to work with the Wyoming Association of Sheriffs and Chiefs of Police to co-host a statewide conference to provide education and training on impaired driving and other traffic safety related concerns.	
<b>ACTION ITEMS</b>	<b>PERSON RESPONSIBLE</b>	<b>DEADLINE</b>
The facilitator will begin to work with WASCOP and Council members to plan and co-host the event.	J&A staff, designated Council & WASCOP members	TBD

**LIFESAVERS CONFERENCE****ERNIE JOHNSON**

<b>DISCUSSION</b>	Council members were informed that there was funding in the grant to send four or five Council members to the national Lifesavers Conference scheduled for June 14-16, 2012 in Orlando, Florida.	
<b>CONCLUSIONS</b>	The Council agreed that having members attend this national conference was important for devising best-practice strategies in Wyoming and for selecting speakers for the statewide conference on traffic safety that the Council will be co-hosting with the Wyoming Association of Sheriffs and Chiefs of Police.	
<b>ACTION ITEMS</b>	<b>PERSON RESPONSIBLE</b>	<b>DEADLINE</b>
Council members interested in going to the Conference are to contact the facilitator by January 23 <sup>rd</sup> in order to register in time for a cost reduction.	Interested members	January 23, 2012

**SCHEDULING OF FUTURE COUNCIL MEETINGS****ERNIE JOHNSON**

<b>DISCUSSION</b>	After a brief discussion, the Council members agreed to meet on a quarterly basis, preferably on Thursdays, same time period as this meeting. The Council members also expressed a preference to schedule at least one meeting per year in another part of the state, rather than Cheyenne.	
<b>CONCLUSIONS</b>	The next meeting will be scheduled for late April or early May in Cheyenne. Fremont County will be scheduled for the first week of August.	
<b>ACTION ITEMS</b>	<b>PERSON RESPONSIBLE</b>	<b>DEADLINE</b>
Schedule and announce next two meetings	Ernie Johnson	ASAP