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GOVERNOR'S DWI TASK FORCE **February 28, 2024; 10:00 AM - 12:00 PM** **4th Floor Press Room, LA State Capitol Building**

MINUTES

Call to Order

Lisa Freeman, Chair of the DWI Task Force and Executive Director of the Louisiana Highway Safety Commission (LHSC), called the meeting to order. Quorum was achieved.

Welcome and Introductions

Lisa Freeman did a roll call for voting members seated at the table, each member was asked to introduce him/herself. After these introductions, stakeholders were invited to introduce themselves as well.

Old Business- Discuss and Approve: Minutes from February 2023 meeting

Lisa Freeman shared there was no quorum achieved therefore minutes were not approved.

New Business

Dr. Shayla Polk, Executive Director of the Office of Drug Policy – Dr. Shayla Polk, Executive Director of the Office of Drug Policy, delivered a legislative update on impaired driving-related bills. She outlined recent developments and amendments to existing laws, providing attendees with crucial insights into the evolving legislative landscape concerning impaired driving. Dr. Polk's presentation offered valuable information for attendees to understand the current state of affairs and potential future implications of these bills.

- SB7
- HB3
- HB11
- HB53

*Legislative bill tracking list is available upon request.

Cathy Childers- Louisiana Highway Safety Commission- Cathy Childers from the Louisiana Highway Safety Commission also provided a legislative update on bills related to impaired driving. She discussed recent changes and revisions to existing laws, offering valuable insights

into the evolving legislative terrain concerning impaired driving. Cathy Childers' presentation equipped attendees with crucial information to comprehend the present state and potential ramifications of these bills.

Joseph O. Jones, System Director of North Louisiana Criminalistics Laboratory- Joey Jones presented Louisiana's pilot program on EOF was instituted in response to the escalating issues of DUID, aiming to provide innovative, efficient, and legally compliant strategies to combat the challenge. The success of similar initiatives in other states had underscored the potential advantages of oral fluid testing in forensic toxicology and law enforcement, inspiring Louisiana to investigate its efficacy further. The program sought to determine the effectiveness of EOF testing in detecting drug impairment, assess its broader applicability in Louisiana, and examine its forensic and legal consequences, particularly concerning evidence admissibility and procedural integrity. These objectives were geared towards offering valuable insights into the potential role of oral fluid testing in mitigating DUID in Louisiana.

*Slide deck available upon request

Other Business

No other business.

Office of Drug Policy update

Member agency updates

No member agency updates

Comments from stakeholders and members of the public

Upcoming Meetings of Other Office of Drug Policy boards

DWI Taskforce May 29th @ 10:00AM

Adjournment

With no further business to conduct, Dr. Shayla Polk (Office of Drug Policy) and Lisa Freeman (Louisiana Highway Safety Commission) moved to adjourn the meeting

DWI TASK FORCE MEMBERS

Member Agency	Appointee/Designee	Present
Attorney General's Office	Amanda Martin	No
Governor's Office of Drug Policy	Dr. Shayla Polk	Yes
House of Representatives member	Marcus Bryant	No
Office of Behavioral Health	Dr. Leslie Freeman	Yes
Office of Motor Vehicles	Robyn Temple	Yes
LA District Attorneys Association	Kurt Wall (Proxy for Norma DuBois)	Yes
Louisiana Highway Safety Commission	Lisa Freeman	Yes
Louisiana Alcohol and Tobacco Control	Ernest Legier	No
Department of Transportation and Development	Adriane McRae	Yes
Louisiana Sheriffs' Association	Sheriff K.P. Gibson	No
Louisiana State Police Crime Lab	Rebecca Chiasson	Yes
Louisiana State Police	Lt. Robert "Shawn" Owens	Yes
Property and Casualty Insurance Commission	Tom Travis	No
Senate Member	Vacant	--
Mothers Against Drunk Driving	Kelley Dair	Yes
LA Restaurant Association	Jeff Conaway	No
LA Association of Chiefs of Police	Chief Shayne Gibson	No
At-Large	Delia Brady	No
At-Large	Dr. Beau Clark	No
At-Large	Judge Jules Edwards (Ret.)	No

Guests

Tunde Animashawn - Office of Motor Vehicles
 Dortha Cummins - Louisiana Highway Safety Commission
 Aimee Moles - LSU Social Research and Evaluation Center
 Cortalya Muse – Governor's Office of Drug Policy
 Frank Marrero - NHTJA
 Dr.Scott Smith - LSU CARTS
 Cathy Childers – LHSC
 Joey Jones – North. LA. Crime Lab