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GOVERNOR'S DWI TASK FORCE **February 6, 2019; 10:00 AM - 12:00 PM**

MINUTES

Call to Order

Lisa Freeman, Chair of the DWI Task Force and Executive Director of the Louisiana Highway Safety Commission, called the meeting to order at 10:07 am. She announced that there were 16 members or proxies in attendance which was more than enough for a quorum.

Welcome and Introductions

Lisa asked all attendees to introduce themselves. She began with the members and proxies, and then asked guests to introduce themselves.

Old Business

A. Update: End-of-Year Status Report

Lisa informed everyone that the Drug Policy Board (DPB) met on January 10, 2019. During that meeting, she presented the DWI Task Force's End-Of-Year Status Report and shared that the DPB voted unanimously to recognize and endorse it.

New Business

A. Discuss and Approve: Minutes from November meeting

Lisa asked everyone to review the minutes from the November 2018 meeting. Dr. Beau Clark made a motion to approve the minutes. Representative John Stefanski seconded the motion. Lisa asked for verbal approval of the motions and received unanimous approval.

B. Presentation: DOTD/LHSC Impaired Driving Collaboration

Lisa explained that there is a long history of collaboration between the Louisiana Highway Safety Commission and the LA Department of Transportation and Development regarding implementing effective impaired driving efforts. She further explained that the collaborations have strengthened as federal mandates have been put in place for at the NHTSA (LHSC's federal oversight agency) and FHWA (DOTD's federal oversight agency). Thus, Adriane McRae, Highway Safety Administrator for DOTD and DWI Task Force member, and Dortha Cummins, Deputy Director for LHSC, were introduced to provide a more granular description of DOTD and LHSC's collaborative efforts.

Adriane explained that there is a federal requirement for all state department of transportations to have a Strategic Highway Safety Plan. The vision of the Louisiana Strategic Highway Safety Plan (SHSP) is to reach Destination Zero Deaths on Louisiana roadways. The mission of the SHSP is to reduce the human and economic toll on Louisiana's surface transportation system due to traffic crashes through widespread collaboration and an integrated 4E approach. Adriane explained that the development of the SHSP is dependent upon utilizing each state's crash data

to determine the major contributing factors to highway fatalities. Further, Adriane explained that the SHSP goal is to reduce fatalities in Louisiana by 50% by 2030. She showed a slide (#4) with the actual vs. target fatality counts per year since 2005. In 2017, there were 771 fatalities on Louisiana's highways. Based on a formula recommended by NHTSA, the Highway Safety Research Group, a contractor of DOTD, was able to calculate the economic cost for roadway fatalities. Using 2015's crash data, the economic cost was calculated at \$8.6 billion **per year**. Senator Claitor and Representative Stefanski had several questions about this calculation. Adriane as well as Dan Magri, Deputy Assistant Secretary of Planning at DOTD, and Dortha provided some additional explanations on the formula **and cost components**. Adriane offered to share additional information by email.

Moving on, Adriane explained that once the contributing factors were identified through the data, a comprehensive, multi-stakeholder plan that sets goals and strategies to reduce highway deaths and injuries on all public roads was developed. The latest SHSP was updated in 2017 and addresses the following contributing factors: impaired driving, occupant protection, crashes involving young drivers, infrastructure and operations (particularly roadway departures, **intersections, and non-motorized users**), and distracted driving. Adriane went on to show screenshots from the public data dashboards available to stakeholders and the public to use in localized strategy planning. Also, she described the **organizational framework** that has been created to carry out the SHSP, including the SHSP regional coalitions.

Dortha picked up the presentation by describing LHSC's side of addressing impaired driving. LHSC is the State's Highway Safety Office. They are the designated office to receive federal transportation funding from NHTSA to address behavioral highway safety. In order to receive these funds, LHSC must have an annual Highway Safety Plan (HSP) and a Statewide Impaired Driving Plan. LHSC collaborates with DOTD to complete some parts of the Highway Safety Plan because certain elements of the HSP and SHSP must align. Further, Dortha explained that the Statewide Impaired Driving Plan is a one-year, comprehensive plan that must include broad ranging strategies and actions designed to reduce alcohol and other drug impaired driving fatalities and injuries. Finally, Dortha explained some major ways LHSC collaborates with DOTD including partnering in the SHSP and Destination Zero Deaths, coordinating on 3 federal performance targets, supporting SHSP statewide emphasis areas and regional coalitions, and utilizing the SHSP Statewide Impaired Driving Emphasis Area to approve the Impaired Driving Plan.

Lisa expressed that Louisiana is seen at being at the forefront of this work among the other states. While an SHSP has been required since 2013, Louisiana has been collaborating and maintaining a plan since 2006. Finally, she introduced Norma Dubois, Immediate Past President of the ADA Board of Directors & Director of Felony DWI & Traffic Safety Outreach and DWI Task Force member, and Cathy Childers, Impaired Driving Specialist and Contractor with the LHSC, who described their roles as the Co-Chairs of the SHSP Impaired Driving Emphasis Area Team. Senator Claitor had several questions about the ways, if any, about how diversion impacts crash numbers. He had a suggestion that perhaps we should have standard requirements for getting into diversion programs across jurisdictions. In addition, Senator Claitor described the challenges with the speed at which DWI predicates come from other states. With all the technology, we have to get those faster.

C. Member agency/organization legislative actions for 2019

Lisa asked if any agency or organization representatives wanted to offer information about legislative actions being planned. No one expressed any specific actions. Members and guests were offered to forward any legislative actions or concerns to the Office of Drug Policy.

Other Business

A. Office of Drug Policy update

Kristy Miller, Project Director for the Office of Drug Policy, provided an update on the projects being worked through the office. She informed everyone that the marijuana issue brief is coming along nicely. Secondly, she informed everyone DA Warren Montgomery, a member of the Drug Policy Board, has submitted a formal request for an AG's Opinion on hemp and federal vs. state supremacy.

B. Member agency updates

Lisa updated everyone that LHSC will be accelerating their grant application process and expects to open up with application portal by the end of March.

Norma asked Lisa about whether courts can apply to LHSC for funds to support their DWI Courts through ridesharing since participants cannot drive at all during their enrollment in the program. Dortha said she didn't think so, but she would research it. Kerry Lentini, Louisiana Supreme Court, said that Judge Schlegel has done it in the past. Norma responded that she talked to him and made a similar request, but was denied. Kerry offered to check Bureau of Justice Affairs for any additional funding sources.

C. Resource Article: *Alcohol-Impaired Driving in the United States: Results from the 2018 TIRF USA Road Safety Monitor*

Kristy directed everyone to the resource article in their packets.

Upcoming Meetings of Other Office of Drug Policy boards

Meeting dates for the Drug Policy Board and all its boards and commissions were provided.

Adjournment

With all business addressed, the meeting was called to a close. Senator Claitor motioned to adjourn; Pat Minor seconded. Approval was unanimous. Adjournment occurred at 11:58 am.

DWI TASK FORCE MEMBERS

Member Agency	Appointee/Designee	In Attendance
Attorney General's Office	Alberto DePuy	Yes
Governor's Office of Drug Policy	Dr. Chaunda Mitchell	Yes
House of Representatives member	Rep. John Stefanski	Yes
Office of Behavioral Health	Dr. Leslie Freeman	Yes
Office of Motor Vehicles	Kelly Simmons	Yes
Louisiana District Attorneys Association	Norma DuBois	Yes
Louisiana Highway Safety Commission	Lisa Freeman	Yes
Louisiana Office of Alcohol & Tobacco Control	Paul Toups	Yes
Department of Transportation and Development	Adriane McRae	Yes
Louisiana Sheriffs' Association	Sheriff K.P. Gibson	
Louisiana State Police Crime Lab	Rebecca Nugent	Yes
Louisiana State Police	Lt Colonel Jay Oliphant	Yes
Property and Casualty Insurance Commission	Tom Travis	Yes
Senate member	Sen. Dan Claitor	Yes
Mothers Against Drunk Driving	Valerie Cox	Yes
Louisiana Restaurant Association	Jeff Conaway	
LA Association of Chiefs of Police	Vacant	
At-Large	Delia Brady	
At-Large	Pat Minor	Yes
At-Large	Dr. Beau Clark	Yes

STAFF

Kristy Miller – Office of Drug Policy

GUESTS

Robyn Temple – Office of Motor Vehicles

Dan Magri – Department of Transportation and Development

Janice White – Smart Start of Louisiana

Carrie Davidson – Mothers Against Drunk Driving

Michelle Augustine – Alcohol and Tobacco Control

David Whitchurch – Highway Safety Research Group at LSU

Kerry Lentini – Louisiana Supreme Court

Dortha Cummins - Louisiana Highway Safety Commission

Mike Barron - Louisiana Highway Safety Commission

Bobby Breland – Louisiana Highway Safety Commission

Catherine Childers - Louisiana Highway Safety Commission

Leslie Chambers – Governor's Office

Judge Marion Edwards – Louisiana Supreme Court