

CHSP Impaired Driving Emphasis Area Virtual Meeting

Wednesday, December 7, 2022
10am-noon



Attendees:

Alyssa Johnson, Trauma Systems Manager, Department of Health and Human Services (DPHHS)
Beth Morrison, Prevention Specialist, Alliance for Youth, Great Falls
Beth Smalley, Forensic Toxicologist- Department of Justice (DOJ)
Brooklyn Johns- Blassic, FARS Data Analyst, State Highway Traffic Safety Section (SHTSS), Montana Department of Transportation (MDT)
Captain Doug Samuelson, Drug Recognition Expert (DRE) Trainer / Traffic Safety Resource Officer, MHP
Curt Weiler, AMDD Prevention Program , DPHHS
Dacia English, ABCD Outreach & Education Coordinator, Department of Revenue (DOR)
Dwight Nelson, Traffic Education Director, Office of Public Instruction
Ed Hirsch, Traffic Safety Resource Prosecutor, AGO
Hannah Yang, Epidemiologist, DPHHS
Janet Kenny, SHTSS Supervisor, MDT
John Westerhold, NHTSA Region 10 Program Manager
Kent Haab, Alcohol Beverage Control Division (ABCD) Education, DOR
Kevin Dusko, Impaired Driving Program Coordinator, SHTSS, MDT
Lisa Clayborn, AB Outreach & Education Specialist, DOR
Lonnie Starcevich, Prevention Program Specialist, Behavior Health & Development Disabilities (BHDD) Division, DPHHS
Mark Keeffe, Data Analyst-SHTSS, MDT
Maureen Ward, Injury Prevention, DPHHS
Officer Ryan Ludemann, Missoula Police Department
Pam Langve-Davis, Comprehensive Highway Safety Plan (CHP) Manager, MDT
Rebecca Connors, Driver Services, Department of Justice- Motor Vehicle Division
Sarah Harmon, AMDD Prevention Program Manager, Substance Abuse Block Grant, BHDD, DPHHS
Spencer Harris, Law Enforcement Liaison/EMS Grant Programs Manager, SHTSS, MDT
Steve Schmidt, Drive Safe Missoula, Missoula Ci-County Health Department

Meeting purpose: Discuss the recommendations of the Impaired Driving Assessment and the States response to the recommendations to be rolled into workplan.

Recap of Annual Transportation Safety & ELT Meetings

Positive feedback; first time upper management attendees appreciated the knowledge and expertise from the Federal partner panel and the presenters. Mark calendars for October 10-12, 2023, for the Annual Transportation Safety Meeting. The Executive Leadership Team meet immediately after the meeting to provide updates, discuss concerns, and provide suggestions and ideas. The October 2022 ELT minutes can be found under the CHSP Vision Zero page at <https://www.mdt.mt.gov/visionzero/plans/chsp-materials.aspx> Notable to the Impaired Driving Emphasis Area are

- Office of Public Instruction (OPI) is moving forward to educate youth on the use of marijuana. Drivers' education Module 6 is being developed and is focusing on the Deadly Deeds. A new program, Montana DRIVE CDL is being rolled out.
- Rural outreach focus -need to determine issues and provide technical assistance to identify countermeasures that work.
- Need to expand and coordinate partnerships to gather both crash data and EMS data.
- Motor Vehicle Division (MVD) noted the eight exam stations across the state that feature safety videos. The screens can be split 3 ways and a portion of the screen can be set up to rotate through. The new "It's Not Too Late " media previewed at the annual meeting would be good to add to line up.
- Consider coordination with program managers revitalizing "Just Say No" initiative. Contacts are Lori Warden lwarden@upwardspr.com and Amy Rue, arue@montanameth.org which includes recruit and retention of youth.

Montana has been projected to be a high-range state for alcohol-impaired driving fatalities in FFY2024 and as such is required to complete an Impaired Driving Assessment every three years. An Impaired Driving Assessment was conducted November 14-18, 2022. The assessment has not been finalized yet but currently there are ten (10) priority recommendations and approximately 32 lower tier advisory recommendations. The final document is anticipated by December 16, 2022. States are required to address recommendations. Kevin Dusko, Impaired Driving Prevention program coordinator walked through this recommendation and will be preparing the State's response. The priority recommendations are as follows:

PRIORITY RECOMMENDATIONS

I. Program Management and Strategic Planning

- **Identify specific metrics to support impact evaluations that measure effectiveness of each step in the impaired driving strategic plan (outcomes).**
- **Create and build broader partnerships among the Executive Leadership Team.**
- **Articulate political, economic, social, and technological factors that impact the implementation of impaired driving strategies (outputs).**
- **Establish written procedures to demonstrate that program activities are being implemented as intended.**

II. Prevention

- **Provide Alcohol Beverage Control Division with the capability to carry out the regulatory responsibilities of the agency to address overservice and underage drinking.**

III. Criminal Justice System

- **Mandate by legislation a Driving Under the Influence tracking system from traffic stop to post adjudication including enrollment and completion of assessment and treatment.**
- **Fund well designed sobriety checkpoints that comply with Montana State Law.**
- **Dedicate a portion of the revenues in Marijuana State Special Revenue Account to law enforcement, toxicology, emergency medical services, and substance abuse treatment and intervention.**
- **Develop a plan to connect the Courts to the other Driving Under the Influence related systems, especially Drivers' Licensing, and fund the connectivity of Full Court to those systems.**

IV. Communication Program

V. Alcohol and Other Drug Misuse: Screening, Assessment, Treatment and Rehabilitation

VI. Program Evaluation and Data

- **Establish a uniform statewide crash report to collect data from all State law enforcement agencies to improve evaluation of highway safety programs.**

States Response & Update of workplan

The States response is due 30 days after the report is out. Kevin Dusko will be reaching out to Team members and to craft the State's Response which will be included in the Impaired Driving Work Plan. The Impaired Driving Work Plan must be approved by the Executive Leadership Team in advance of the Highway Safety Plan (HSP) Annual submittal.

Given the work involved in outreach for the State's Response and the Legislative Session which begins January 2; Kevin suggested meeting in February to allow time to prepare and share the response.

Announcements & Meeting Schedule

Legislative Updates

If anyone knows or hears of any proposed upcoming Legislation within your department or organization that relates to or might impact impaired driving, or DUI laws please provide reference To either Kevin Dusko or Pam Langve-Davis.

Meeting Schedule for 2023 -(first Wednesday of month @ 10 a.m.) -Mark your Calendars -

- Wednesday, February 8
- Wednesday, March 8
- Wednesday, April 5, - last meeting before Executive Leadership Team Approval of Impaired Driving Work Plan
- Wednesday, June 7
- Wednesday, August 2, – last meeting before October Annual Transportation Safety Meeting
- Tuesday, November 1

- Pam Langve-Davis will send out the 2023 Meeting schedule to Emphasis Area Team & Advisory Committee; as well as send out Emphasis Area Meeting calendar notices.

Adjournment