



Drug Impaired Driving Subcommittee Agenda | August 18, 2021 @ 4pm

AGENDA

1. Discuss membership changes
 - Cecil has retired from Sam Houston State
 - Will no longer serve on the DID subcommittee or TxIDTF
 - TMPA will manage the State DRE Program
 - Mike Jennings has moved from Austin PD to Wilco Attorney's Office
2. Introduction to DPS Highway Patrol attendees
 - Last meeting, we discussed inviting HIDTA to present on their OD Mapping Project. However, they were unable to attend this meeting.
 - Christine reached out to those in charge of the Multi-County Drug Task Forces at DPS. They referred us to Highway Patrol who is interested in helping us obtain the data we are looking for.
 - Highway Safety Operation Center (HSOC) – Criminal Intelligence Analysts
 - HSOC is responsible for enhancing highway and public safety through the collection, evaluation, analysis, and dissemination of data and information related to criminal activity, crashes, and traffic enforcement.
 - Guests in attendance:
 - Allison Cook
 - John Garza
 - Brittany Congdon
3. Review action items from June meeting
 - Data from subcommittee members
 - None received
 - Available drug-impaired driving data resources
 - i. Texas Department of State Health Services: Drug Overdose Deaths
 - <https://healthdata.dshs.texas.gov/dashboard/drugs-and-alcohol/drug-overdose-deaths>
 - ii. State of Texas Drug Use Patterns and Trends, 2019
 - <https://socialwork.utexas.edu/wp-content/uploads/2020/09/Texas-Substance-abuse-trends-2019.pdf>
 - iii. Prevention Resources Centers (PRC)
 - <https://www.hhs.texas.gov/services/mental-health-substance-use/mental-health-substance-use-resources/prevention-resource-centers>
 - PRC Region 7 can provide college drug use categories by region.

4. Looking for most prevalent drugs by region to develop prevention strategies & training materials
 - HSOC does have regional reports
 - HSOC regions differ from TxDOT regions (<https://www.dps.texas.gov/images/regionMap.jpg>)
 1. North Texas Region (Region 1)
 2. Southeast Texas Region (Region 2)
 3. South Texas Region (Region 3)
 4. West Texas Region (Region 4)
 5. Northwest Texas Region (Region 5)
 6. Central Texas Region (Region 6)
 7. Capitol Texas Region (Region 7)
 - HSOC can also provide drug data by county
 - Challenges with HSOC data
 - If a driver has BAC of 0.08 or higher, often times they do not test for drugs. So, DWI data, tends to underreport drugs.
 - Can look at non-DWI data to look at drugs in the region
 - HSOC only uses DPS data, so law enforcement data is not included
 - We can reach out to people in the large municipalities to see what information they have that we can supplement the DPS data with
 - Suggestion – start at county level and work with agencies to get data, then expand to more counties, and eventually a whole region
 - This can help define process flow and help identify variables we want to include
5. Other options:
 - Possible partners from healthcare community
 - Unintended consequences of marijuana legalization
 - Produce educational materials for legislators

ACTION ITEMS

1. HSOC will provide us county specific and region-specific drug data by November
2. Since the TxIDTF meeting is in October, the next Drug Impaired Driving Subcommittee meeting will be in November

Subcommittee Members

Present

- Nicole Holt, Chief Executive Officer – Texans for Safe and Drug-Free Youth
- Andrew James, Chief, Vehicular Crimes – Montgomery Co. DAO
- Troy Walden, CADES Director – TTI

Absent

- Mark Busbee, FRIDAY & ADAPT Lead Instructor – TMPA
- Mike Jennings, Sergeant Investigator – Williamson County Attorney's Office
- Allison Rounsavall, Program Manager – TxDOT
- Kara Thorp, Public Affairs Specialist – AAA
- Kevin Harris, Sergeant – College Station Police Department