

ALABAMA IMPAIRED DRIVING PREVENTION COUNCIL

Minutes from 5/12/16 meeting

Members Present: Bill Lindsey (TSRP) Jason Harris (AOC)
 Richard Burleson (ADPH) Dr. David Brown (CAPS)
 Terry Anthony (Pardons & Paroles)
 Bettye King (proxy of Judge Sparks)
 Dr. Curt Harper & Dr. Greg Turner (ADFS)
 Sgt. Chad Blankinchip & Cpl. Penton (ALEA)
 Dave Peacock & Summer Childers (ABC Board)
 Lynne Wilman, Sam Merriweather, & Bill Whatley (ADECA)

Meeting began with introductions of the new members present. The meeting proceeded with the adoption of the minutes from the March meeting, with only the small changes emailed by Dr. Harper. A discussion was held about the need to elect a vice-chairman and secretary for the council for backup purposes. Sgt. Blankinchip nominated Cpl. Penton for vice-chairman and it was seconded by Dave Peacock. No other nominations were voiced and Cpl. Penton was elected vice-chair. Next, the floor was opened for nominations for secretary. Cpl. Penton nominated Sgt. Blankinchip and it was seconded by Dave Peacock. No other nominations were voiced and Sgt. Blankinchip was elected secretary.

Mr. Lindsey led the opening discussion about altering the membership of the council as it appears certain members are no longer able to devote the time necessary to being a member of the council. Mr. Lindsey will contact absent members to inquire as to their desire to remain on the council. Mr. Peacock as that Dean Argo, of the ABC Board, also be made a member of the council. No objections were raised and Mr. Peacock will invite Mr. Argo to the next council meeting.

Cpl. Penton & Sgt. Blankinchip led the discussion about the SFST state coordinator. APOST & ADECA have agreed to support the TSRP and the council on who they desire to serve in that role. The person that has been selected for this role is Cpl. Penton and he has gone through his chain of command for approval of taking on this additional role. Mr. Lindsey, Cpl. Penton, & Sgt. Blankinchip wish to meet with APOST in the near future to gather support to the plan that is devised by Cpl. Penton on how to institute the most effective SFST program.

We then discussed 12-21-135.1, which deals with witness video conferencing. In 2015, the Alabama Legislature passed the "Alabama Armed Services Accommodation Act. This act primarily dealt with active duty military witnesses, but also allowed representatives of the

Alabama Department of Forensic Sciences to testify via video conferencing, if certain conditions are met. Mr. Lindsey volunteered to help DFS in the promotion of using this act to more effectively.

Next, Mr. Lindsey gave a report as to the end of the legislative session. A joint Senate/House resolution was passed creating a Drowsy Driving Awareness Day on November 19th every year. The Vehicular Homicide (SB377/HB496) bill died on the floor of the House awaiting its final reading on the last day of the legislature. The overhaul and creation of the per se drug charge for the DUI statute (SB255) was carried over in the House Public Safety Committee on the second to last day of the session after Susan Fuqua raised objections to the bill to the House sponsor. Despite Mr. Lindsey's efforts, he has still not learned of any of Ms. Fuqua's problems with the bill. Ms. Fuqua has indicated that she does wish to talk about the bill and is in the process of setting up meeting with all parties involved.

The main item on the agenda today is the discussion about moving forward with the Strategic Plan in 2017. Each section of the plan was briefly discussed and included a request by the chairman that certain people look at each section and make the necessary updates and changes. Attached to these minutes shall be a list of those assignments. When the council reconvenes, the members will have changes prepared to discuss and hopefully merge into a new strategic plan for 2017.

After this lengthy discussion, Ms. King asked if she could represent the Municipal Court Clerks as a member of the council with hopes she could help resolve any issues with Ms. Fuqua about future legislation. There was no objection and Ms. King will be added to the distribution list. The meeting concluded upon the agreement to meet on August 25, 2016 at 10 a.m. at the Alabama District Attorneys Association building in Montgomery.