



ILLINOIS IMPAIRED DRIVING TASK FORCE

MEETING MINUTES

Meeting Date: 1/10/2025

Meeting Location: IDOT, Springfield/Online

Approval: ***Approved***

Recorded By: Shannon Alderman

Date: Friday, January 10, 2025

Time: 9:49 AM - 11:28 AM CST

Location: Springfield Hanley Auditorium (In-person & Virtual)

1 Attendees:

- **Chair:** Nancy Easum
- **Members:** Jody Heavilin, Jennifer Cifaldi, Emlyn Bertsche, Dan Hunt, Nancy Easum, Mark Shaner, Rich Krajewski, Lindsay Simpson, Rita Kreslin, Larry Shelton, Brenda Glahn, Nicole Sanders, Sgt. Craig Beiermann, MSgt. Lee Graham
- **Guest Participants:** Jake Levinson, Jeffrey Welter, Sarah Moore, Scott Kristiansen

2 Agenda:

1. Call to Order:

- The meeting was called to order by Chair Nancy Easum.

2. Introductions:

- Members and attendees introduced themselves, highlighting their roles and affiliations.

3. Approval of Minutes from December 6, 2024 Meeting:

- Minutes were discussed but not formally approved due to issues in accessing them. Approval was deferred to the next meeting.

4. Legislative Updates:

- **Judge Mark Shaner:** Shared updates on the proposed legislation for DUI Courts. Key points included:
 - Adding exclusions for eligibility (e.g., offenses involving great bodily harm or school zones).
 - Suggestions to strengthen definitions for impaired driving beyond alcohol.
 - Revisions to align treatment court policies with traffic safety considerations.
- Collaboration with Jennifer Cifaldi and Desiree discussed. Further input pending from stakeholders.

5. Discussion on DUI Court Tracking:

- Members debated the necessity of a system to track post-program outcomes for participants in DUI courts, ensuring data-driven assessments of recidivism and program effectiveness.

6. Additional Legislative Proposals:

- Rita Kreslin updated on outreach to legislators regarding task force proposals. Limited receptivity was noted, with future efforts planned post-holiday season.

- Discussions on addressing concerns and clarifying proposals before resubmission.

7. Two-Hour Window for BAC Testing:

- Jennifer Cifaldi explained proposed clarifications to presumptions related to BAC tests conducted within or outside the two-hour window.
- Lindsay Simpson flagged potential conflicts with the Forensic Science Commission's recent opinion on this matter.

8. Specialty Court Data:

- Rita Kreslin inquired about tracking mechanisms for specialty courts across Illinois. Dan Hunt provided insights on certification and data reporting processes.

9. Next Steps and Action Items:

- Members agreed to refine legislative proposals and coordinate further stakeholder feedback.
- Mark Shaner to finalize suggestions for Senator Rose.
- Brenda Glahn to review and provide additional input on the draft DUI Court legislation.

10. Adjournment:

- The meeting adjourned at 11:28 AM CST.

3 Next Meeting: February 21, 2025, Location: IDOT, Online