

GOVERNOR'S TEEN SAFE DRIVING TASK FORCE
Subcommittee on Education and Training
Meeting Minutes
Wednesday, January 16, 2008
AAA's West Hartford office
815 Farmington Avenue
West Hartford, CT

ATTENDEES:

Task Force Members: Jim MacPherson, AAA
Gillian Mosier, William W. Backus Hospital
Sherry Chapman, IMPACT via teleconference

DMV Recorder: Ernie Bertothy, CT. DMV

Public Members: Robert Green, President of Survive the Drive
John Berger, High Performance Driving Instructor
Timothy Healey, Connecticut Valley Chapter of the American Society of Safety Engineers

The meeting was called to order at 9:05 a.m.

A formal introduction was conducted. The guidelines were discussed as to participation and ability to vote as a task force subcommittee member and to the public participants.

A discussion on the goals and objectives for the subcommittee.

1. To assess the available educational options within the state, both for profit and nonprofit.

Discussion: Who is the better equipped provider of the educational process of teaching the teen to drive, noting that sometimes the parent/teen relationships are already at a strain. Relating to parents not having the most current laws, time and techniques to provide instruction for their teens. Schools not wanting the liability or have the funding and time in the school curriculum to provide the drivers training necessary without cost to the student and family.

2. To evaluate the data on current state educational programs, for best practice guidelines creating a brochure to be distributed to the teen as he or she applies for their permit.

Discussion: after data is gathered and evaluated discuss the possibility in creating a brochure for distribution of recommended additional opportunities both classroom and behind the wheel addressing profit and nonprofit agencies.

3. To request specific data of the DMV for evaluation from Ernie:
 - a. the percentage of new 16 and 17 year-old drivers are now taught by parents and what percent go to some recognized training program

- b. An analysis of the CS-1 forms submitted would reveal this information since home taught applicants in this age group must submit a CS-1 showing successful completion of an eight-hour program.
 - c. Those going for some form of professional training submit a 30-hour certification.
 - d. Current curricula offered by programs on file with the DMV
- 4. Review other state educational programs provided to students prior to the progression of licensure.
Discussion: Reviewing the requirements and age for the graduated license for possible changes
- 5. To evaluate the possibility of increasing the length of time behind the wheel from the CT 20 hours to 50 hours. Using various options of obtaining the additional hours.
Discussion: Evaluating various programs in communities to assist in the educational process including a possible video that would be required to be watched prior to obtaining a learners permit and or license for those not required to obtain a learners permit.
- 6. To invite Mario Damiata from Massachusetts to provide a brief presentation on the educational programs offered and the ongoing monitoring of the programs to the subcommittee.

The next meeting will be set once a briefing on the Massachusetts efforts has been scheduled.

Respectfully submitted January 18, 2008, by James MacPherson & Gillian Mosier