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Goals:

1. Do an assessment of the state's capacity to prevent distracted and impaired driving, including programs, policies, data collection, partnerships, and funding by June, 2015. Measure: assessment document finalized by June 2015.
   - **Mid-term update:** We are waiting to see what happens with distracted driving legislation, which was still alive in the third special session of the 2015 legislature. However, it did not pass this year.
   - **Final Update:** The WA Traffic Safety Commission (GHSO) is lead on this effort, and has a large stakeholder group representing public, private, and advocacy groups. The stakeholders will come together this late summer or fall to debrief 2015 and strategize for 2016 session.
2. Update the WA "Cell Phone" Law to include "all wireless communication devices" whether hand-held or hands free. Measure: Law passed by April 30, 2015
   - **Mid-term update:** Distracted Driving legislation is making its way through, and there appears to be good support, so far. If passed, WA will likely be eligible for about $500,000 from NHTSA for Distracted Driving prevention efforts.
   - **Final Update:** Senate Bill 5656 did not pass – see above, and below.

3. Form a broad partner network on distracted driving by January 1, 2015. Measure: Network formed and actively engaged in issues from Objective 1
   - **Mid-term update:** The group met twice since it started. While there is much support for the work, there is not much time. Learning from other states is very valuable. Staff from AAA-Washington is on the list and has listened to the webinars
   - **Final Update:** Members of the DD CoP are also on the WTSC-led stakeholder group. This allows us on the CoP to keep informed and involved in Distracted Driving policy work, get to know stakeholders, and prepare for 2016 session.

   - **Lesson learned in the 2015 session (from the perspective of the WTSC policy staff):**
     - The bill’s prime sponsor in the Senate was an enthusiastic supporter who put lots of time and energy into the bill’s passage. She did not give up on it until the very last second. She is willing to sponsor it again.
     - While WTSC staff did not identify any House sponsors in time to file the bill this year, there are at least two House Transportation Committee members interested in sponsoring the bill in 2016. This may change the dynamic in the House Transportation Committee where the bill did not get an executive session for a vote.
     - The bill gathered wide support from the middle, and was opposed by more extreme members in both caucuses. Members from West of the Cascade Mountains were more likely to support it than members from East of the mountains.
     - The bills language became convoluted during the amendment/negotiating process. It may warrant re-writing with the new issues addressed for clarity.
     - After the original session ended without the bill’s passage, there were two high profile distracted driving crashes. In both cases drivers admitted to grabbing for their cell phone prior to crashing. In one, a young woman from Federal Way was killed; the other caused a major mess on I-5 during rush hour.
     - More insights and ideas will be shared at the full stakeholder meeting(s) prior to the 2016 session. No meeting scheduled yet.

4. Set up a communication system to share. Measure: communication system used and useful
   - **Mid-term update:** Continue sharing news and updates through email. Have invited the Washington Health Youth Coalition (WHY) to join the April 8, 2015 webinar.
   - **Final Update:** Notice of webinars is sent by team leader to other injury prevention and traffic safety stakeholders.
   - Stakeholder group is coordinated by WTSC.
Greatest Accomplishment of the DID CoP Team:

There was not one specific accomplishment that stood out. It was helpful to learn from other states – their success and challenges, help support the legislation, and get to know each other working on the issue in WA State.

One DDCoP member said:

“This has been very helpful to me because I got a chance to see some of the things your group at Department of Health work on and data sources you use. I also learned a couple things about WA State Patrol enforcement practices that have come in handy as I’m looking at crash data. I enjoyed the webinars, especially those with a research and human factors bent. It’s always nice to get together with folks working on the same issues”.

Next Steps:

Assure DDCoP members are added to the stakeholder group, if not already on it; will keep the Distracted Driving CoP email distribution list, will share updates from national sources (CDC, CSN, NHTSA, etc.) about distracted driving issues and successes; will support legislation in the 2016 legislative session.

Tools Selected:

- SMART Goals Worksheet

Issues Covered and Strategies Implemented:

Distraction by Passengers

- Data Collection
- Mandates, Policies or Legislation
- Promote Safe Kids Countdown 2 Drive [www.countdown2drive.org](http://www.countdown2drive.org) program for pre-and young-teens

Drowsy Driving

- Data Collection, tracking incidents

Drunk Driving

- Data Collection
- Interventions, Campaigns and Program
- Mandates, Policies, or Legislation: Impaired Driving legislation passed in 2015. Highlights include:
Requires the court to order ignition interlock devices (IID) on all motor vehicles operated by the offender; and for the offender to go to alcohol monitoring at their own expense.

The court must notify Department of Licensing (DOL) that offender is required to use an IID.

Requires IIDs to have global positioning systems coordinates.

Expands elements for the crime of Tampering with an IID.

- Funding
- Reach middle school youth with truth in advertising education

**Impaired driving from illicit drugs**

- Data Collection
- Mandates, Policies, or Legislation: Impaired Driving legislation passed in 2015. Highlights include:
  - Clarifies a search warrant is required for blood draws to test for drugs.
  - Requires Department of Health to adopt rules for training and supervision of forensic phlebotomists
- Funding

**Impaired driving from marijuana**

- Data Collection
- Interventions, Campaigns, and Educational Programs
- Mandates, Policies, or Legislation: Impaired Driving legislation passed in 2015. Highlights include:
  - Makes it a traffic infraction for a person to have an open container of marijuana in the main compartment of a vehicle while on a public highway.
  - Clarifies a search warrant is required for blood draws to test for drugs
  - Requires Department of Health to adopt rules for training and supervision of forensic phlebotomists
- Funding

**Impaired driving from prescription/over-the-counter drugs**

- Data Collection
- Mandates, Policies, or Legislation
- Funding

**Motor vehicle crashes and technology/cell phone use**

- Data Collection
- Interventions, Campaigns and Program
- Mandates, Policies, or Legislation

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