

Governor's Task Force on Teen Safe Driving

Sub Committee on Parent and Public Awareness

Minutes for March 7, 2008

Held at the Connecticut Hospital Association, 110 Barnes Road, Wallingford, CT

1:00 pm – 3:00 pm

Attendance:

Co-Chairs: Yvette Bello and Rose Marie Cipriano

Members present: Sherry Chapman (via Phone), Stephanie Demchik-Pascual (via phone), Rob Willsey, and Angie Byrne

Members not present: Ray Gaulin, Susan Naide, Joe Cristalli (on leave)

Review of minutes from February 15, 2008 meeting held at the State Capital, Hartford, CT. This included a recap of long term proposals we accepted and rejected. Minutes of the last meeting were accepted with the addition of Sherry Chapman's RPM to RIP Media Campaign suggestion.

Angie Byrne provided the group with materials that Massachusetts developed in response to their drunk driving laws. She mentioned that it would be a good example of a complete and attractive brochure.

Stephanie Demchik-Pascual also shared with the group that the Allstate Foundation has numerous resources that are web based and that are engaging youth on driving safety, including a website targeting youth activist, and a section for parents of youthful drivers. Additionally she mentioned that their grant making period will be open next week. All grants can be found on the web.

The following recommendations were further developed in response to this discussion.

5. A. A chief adviser position be created out of the Governor's office to handle all aspects of youth driving.
B. This position would provide oversight of a coalition, commission or Governor's Advisory group to implement the long term goals of the governor's Task Force on teen driving safety.

6. Parent Manual Revision Recommendation:
 - A. Revise, modify and update the CT DMV Parents Manual "How Parents Can Help Their Teens Become Safe Drivers" by working with teen driving safety advocates and existing resources available. The updated manual should be consistent with any new laws passed by the legislature and approaches decided by Governor Rell. Avenues should be explored to foster distribution.

- B. Offer the manual in other languages.
- C. Include as a part of parent education programs information on available technology such as global positioning systems, speed recorders, event data recorders, on-board breathalyzers, and seat belt ignition and in vehicle cameras.
- D. Include vehicle consideration which includes safety features, age of vehicle and performance.

Representatives were selected to be present at the Chair and Co-Chair Meeting on March 19, 2008 as Rose Marie Cipriano and Yvette Bello were not available to make that meeting. The representatives were Rob Wilsey and Stephanie Demchik-Pascual.

Meeting was adjourned at 3:00PM