Countermeasures to address impaired driving offenders – Toward an integrated model

Agenda

A number of strategies have been used to reduce reoffending among impaired drivers. These include sanctions intended to separate drinking from driving, sanctions that incapacitate offenders so that they cannot drive or cannot drink or can not combine the two, and education and rehabilitation to reduce drinking problems and impaired driving. Some of these sanctions have also been shown to have a significant general deterrent impact. Although all of these strategies have shown some level of success, they are often applied haphazardly and enforced poorly. In addition, little is known about how these various approaches can be combined for maximum efficiency and effectiveness. This workshop is designed to bring together researchers and policy makers to discuss the current state of our knowledge about how best to deal with impaired driving offenders and to work towards an integrated model that can have the maximum effect on safety.

Monday, August 15, 2011

7:15-8:15am Breakfast at Beckman Center
8:15-8:30am Introduction
8:15-10:00am Framework for an integrated model (Speaker Bob Voas)

This session will highlight the various strategies currently available for rehabilitation, incapacitation, and punishment of impaired driving offenders. It will discuss existing gaps and lack of coordination and ways in which it might be possible to improve on the effectiveness of the current system through the application of one integrated model to deal with impaired drivers.

10:00-10:30am Break -- coffee

Sanction Components
For each component, presentations will provide evidence on effectiveness, possible reasons why it isn’t 100% effective, and what is needed to enhance overall effectiveness. Speakers will
also include information, where available, on differential effects of sanctions on different offender populations and on general deterrence.

10:30-noon  Vehicle-based sanctions
Breath-alcohol ignition interlocks: As more states have passed laws to require alcohol ignition interlocks, including for 1st time offenders, what is the evidence for their effectiveness, what are the shortcomings in current practices, and what approaches/components seem to work better (to include how to get them on more DWI offenders vehicles and effective application and monitoring practices)?

10:30  Overview of effectiveness including research on 1st offender laws
Speaker: Randy Elder, CDC

11:00  Plate and vehicle impoundment and special license tags
Speaker: Dave DeYoung: California DMV

11:30  Discussion

Noon-1:00pm  Lunch

1:00- 3:00pm  Driver-based sanctions

1:00  License suspension/revocation/incarceration:
Speaker: Dave DeYoung, California DMV

1:30  Monitoring, including house arrest and alcohol monitoring, including biomarkers.
Speaker: Paul Marques, PIRE

2:00  Discussion

3:00-3:30pm  Break

3:30-5:00pm  Rehabilitation

3:30  Screening, assessment and treatment, including brief interventions.
Speaker: Carlo Diclemente, University of Maryland, Baltimore County

4:00  DUI Courts.
Speaker: Carrie Petrucci, California State University, Long Beach
DUI Courts have the potential to integrate all of the sanction /intervention types as well as to add an element of monitoring.

4:30  Discussion
Tuesday, August 16

7:15-8:15am  Breakfast at Beckman Center

8:15-10:00am  Revisit the framework for an integrated model
Speakers will provide comments on the model and provide guidance on how these pieces might fit together:
   8:15  Opening remarks
   8:30  Paul Marques (PIRE) will provide comments on technological components and the ability to provide incapacitation monitoring, feedback to treatment providers, and using data to craft interventions.
   9:15  Dave DeYoung (California DMV) will provide the perspective of a research practitioner.

10:00-10:30am  Break -- coffee

10:30-noon
   10:30  Judge Richard Vlavianos (Superior Court of California) will provide the judicial perspective. Judges are given a wide array of options and must work within a strained system.
   11:15  Overall discussion: What conclusions can be drawn from available research and experience? What are the remaining research needs?
          Moderator: Kathryn Stewart