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**Drug-Impaired Driving Conference Tentative**

*Schedule at a Glance*

*(as of 10-13-21 and Subject to Change)*

Wednesday, October 27, 2021

11:00 a.m. – 4:45 p.m. Eastern Time; 8:00 a.m. – 1:45 p.m. Pacific Time

11:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m. [Opening Plenary](#)

**Session Description:** The framework of this conference will follow the timeline of those key components encompassing a driving under the influence of drugs (DUID) event. For this session, panelists representing key stakeholders involved in DUID events will discuss and review their knowledge and experiences regarding critical components needed to execute their role in reducing drug-impaired driving.

**Moderator:** Tara Casanova Powell

**Speakers:** Mike Brown, Joanne Thomka, Julie Seitz, Sam Cole

12:15 p.m. – 12:45 p.m. Lightning Round: [Strategies to Prevent a DUID Event](#)

**Session Description:** A facilitator led interactive discussion to identify current strategies used to prevent a DUID event including state laws, education and awareness programs, technologies, screening and brief interventions, and community interventions.

**Facilitator:** Tara Kelley-Baker

**Notetaker:** TBD

12:45 p.m. – 1:15 p.m. Networking/Virtual Hallway/Lunch

1:15 p.m. – 2:45 p.m. [The Potential Drug-Impaired Driver](#) (Panel Discussion/Breakout Session)

**Session Description:** Who is the potential drug-impaired Driver? Panelists will discuss key elements including demographics and social norms as well as research and practices. Following the panelist presentations, individual breakout groups will be conducted by each panelist to discuss these topics in more detail.

**Moderator:** Jim Fell

**Speakers:** Erin Sauber-Schatz/Amy Schumacher, Ryan Smith, Matt Myers

Breakout Session 1:

Facilitator: Jim Fell

Notetaker: TBD

Breakout Session 2:

Facilitator: Erin Sauber-Schatz/Amy Schumacher

Notetaker: TBD

Breakout Session 3:

Facilitator: Ryan Smith

Notetaker: TBD

Breakout Session 4:

Facilitator: Matt Myers

**Notetaker:** TBD

Breakout Session 5 (if needed):

**Facilitator:** Tara Casanova Powell

**Notetaker:** TBD

3:00 p.m. – 3:30 p.m. Lightning Round: [Screening/Evidentiary Testing](#)

**Session Description:** A facilitator led interactive discussion to identify current screening and evidentiary testing methods, technology, and the science behind identifying drivers who may be impaired by drugs to initiate a DUID arrest.

**Facilitator:** Matt Myers

**Notetaker:** TBD

3:45 p.m. – 4:45 p.m. [The Traffic Stop/Crash](#)

**Session Description:** The traffic stop/crash is the initial event where a potentially drug-impaired driver will be evaluated and if found to be impaired, arrested for a DUID. The following topics will be discussed:

- What factors come into play to identify whether a driver is impaired by drugs?
- What best practices are used to measure impairment?
- What data are collected at this time and what data are missing?
- How will this information be presented in court?
- What role does EMS personnel play?

**Moderator:** Federico Vaca

**Speakers:** Ashley Schluck; Rob Duckworth; Chuck Hayes

Thursday, October 28, 2021

11:00 a.m. – 5:15 p.m. Eastern Time; 8:00 a.m. – 2:15 p.m. Pacific Time

11:00 a.m. – 12:30 p.m. [Administrative Actions](#)

**Session Description:** The current processes regarding administrative actions for a DUID arrest will be discussed. Information including best practices and research needs will also be addressed.

**Moderator:** Staci Hoff (WTSC)

**Speakers:** Kristen Shea, Sladjana Oulad Daoud, Ben Mitchell

Breakout Session 1:

Facilitator: Staci Hoff

Notetaker: TBD

Breakout Session 2:

Facilitator: Kristen Shea

Notetaker: TBD

Breakout Session 3:

Facilitator: Sladjana Oulad Daoud

Notetaker: TBD

Breakout Session 4:

Facilitator: Ben Mitchell

Notetaker: TBD

Breakout Session 5:

Facilitator: Tara Casanova Powell (if needed)

Notetaker: TBD

12:45 p.m. – 1:15 p.m. Lightning Round: [Illicit, Prescription and Over the counter \(OTC\) drugs](#)

**Session Description:** A facilitator led interactive discussion to discuss public knowledge and education regarding drug impairment while driving.

**Facilitator:** Jake Nelson

**Note-taker:** Contracted

1:15 p.m. – 1:45 p.m. Networking/Virtual Hallway/Lunch

1:45 p.m. – 3:15 p.m. [Pre-trial services](#)

**Session Description:** Pretrial services has become critical in identifying early intervention measures to prevent those drivers who may be impaired by drugs from reoffending while upholding the judicial process and the individual offender's rights. This workshop will review current key elements of best practices pre-trial programs and discuss how these elements can be implemented across the country.

**Moderator:** Jim Eberspacher

**Speakers:** Mark Stodola, Judge Anchando, Darrin Grondel

Breakout Session 1:

Facilitator: Jim Eberspacher

Notetaker: TBD

Breakout Session 2:

Facilitator: Mark Stodola

Notetaker: TBD

Breakout Session 3:

Facilitator: Tara Casanova Powell

Notetaker: TBD

Breakout Session 4:

Facilitator: Darrin Grondel

Notetaker: TBD

Breakout Session 5:

Facilitator: Julie Seitz (if needed)

Notetaker: TBD

3:30 p.m. – 4:30 p.m. [Testing & Toxicology](#)

**Session Description:** Toxicology testing is a critical component of identifying drug use by a driver who has been arrested for DUID. Although impairment when driving cannot be inferred simply by drug presence, this information is vital to informing the adjudication process and understanding the prevalence of drug use within jurisdictions. This workshop will discuss those elements of toxicology testing considered to best practice including, what drugs are currently being tested in toxicology laboratories, those drugs most identified in various jurisdictions, and how to overcome certain challenges regarding laboratory resources, increasing caseloads and challenges in the development of new methods for additional drugs and for different biological matrices (e.g., oral fluid).

**Moderator:** Christine Moore

**Speakers:** Amy Miles, Mandi Mohr; Kristen Burke

4:45 p.m. – 5:15 p.m. Lightning Round #4 [Risk Assessment/Screening/Mental health](#)

### [Screening](#)

**Session Description:** A facilitator led interactive discussion to identify mitigation of DUID and how risk assessment and screening of drug use disorders or other associate mental health disorders can lead to proper education and or treatment to reduce recidivism.

**Facilitator:** Julie Seitz

Note-taker: Contracted

Friday, October 29, 2021

11:00 a.m. – 2:30 p.m. Eastern Time; 8:00 a.m. – 11:30 p.m. Pacific Time

11:00 a.m. – 12:00 a.m. [Recidivism Reduction Measures](#)

**Session Description:** Mitigation efforts for repeat alcohol-impaired offenses have been widely implemented, however, how can we keep DUID offenders from recidivating? Discussion topics will include the following:

- Who is the repeat DUID offender?
- What noncompliance measures are currently utilized?
- What technology can be used to supervise these offenders?
- What research has been conducted in this regard?
- How can we affect behavior change with the DUID repeat offender?
- Which mitigation efforts might be effective:
  - Are we underutilizing drug courts?
  - Screening and referral
  - Prevention models
  - Continued Care

**Moderator:** Tim Brown

**Speakers:** Julie Seitz, Ainsley Mitchem, Dennis Thomas, Staci Hoff

12:15 a.m. – 1:15 p.m. [DMV and Judicial Records](#)

**Session Description:**

Data including DMV and Judicial records are crucial to identifying the prevalence of DUIDs and perhaps most importantly in supervising this population. These records can be difficult to access and is not standardized across states. Panelists will discuss what information is missing or would be helpful that is not reported? What are the challenges regarding DMV records/access for DUIDs? What are some of the best practices regarding reporting DUID data and how can we improve this data? What are the needs in this regard and how can we move forward to make our DMV data systems better regarding DUID information?

**Moderator:** Joanne Thomka

**Speakers:** Kristen Shea, Judge Mary Jane Knisely, Sladjana Oulad Daoud, Ben Mitchell

1:30 p.m. – 2:30 p.m. [Closing Plenary](#)

Facilitators will report out on the synthesized key points from Lightning Rounds and Breakout Session workshops. These items will be discussed including the following to frame next steps:

- What are most important areas that we should be working on (research-practice) and advocating?
- What are the most tangible next steps with the highest yield?
- Where should we set our vision to eliminate DUIDs (harm reduction, crash injury/fatality reduction)?

**Moderator:** Tara Casanova Powell