

**Members Present**

Richard Klepner, Chair	OHS
Abewaw Berihun (for Chip Kneavel)	DelDOT
Tracy Condon	DSP
Linda Osiecki	DelDOT
Louisa Phillips	American Heart Association
Michael Wagner	DOE

**Members Absent**

Darlene Cole	DVI
Lauren Devore	DNREC
Peter Haag	DelDOT
Kim O'Malley	DSFS/SafeKids

**DelDOT Support Staff**

Maria Andaya	DelDOT
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**Guest**

Cara Sawyer	Division of Substance Abuse and Mental Health
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**I. CALL TO ORDER:** The meeting was called to order at 10:00 am by Chair Richard Klepner.

**II. MEETING MINUTES – Approval of the April 24, 2018 Meeting Minutes.** On motion by Mr. Wagner and seconded by Ms. Osiecki, the subcommittee approved the April 24, 2018 meeting minutes.

**III. EDUCATION AND ENFORCEMENT UPDATE AND DISCUSSION.** Mr. Klepner and Lt. Condon reported that they attended a meeting to discuss pedestrian safety issues with representatives from law enforcement units throughout the state. They talked about various pedestrian related items such as best practices, impaired pedestrians, etc.

Lt. Condon provided some statistics that she also shared in yesterday's meeting. There were 33 fatalities in 2017 (one still pending at the time she gathered the data). 10 had no drugs or alcohol in their system - if they were tested (not everyone gets tested). 23 had either alcohol or drugs. 12 had only alcohol. 10 of these 12 had BAC of .14 or greater. All crashes occurred during lowlight hours and their ages, except for one, are above 50. Only one is 25.

Lt. Condon wanted to do more digging for more information such as - if they were all wearing dark clothing or not wearing any reflective item and if they were homeless. She said that it's very difficult for law enforcement officers to deal with the same intoxicated person over and over again and not have places to take them. Police officers do their best to educate them but they don't know where to take them.

Ms. Sawyer said law enforcement officers can try the Mobile Crisis. Their job is to help diffuse psychiatric or substance abuse situation. They can come out and assist with that. There are 2 mobile crisis in the state that are open 24/7. Ellendale covers Kent and Sussex. The Herman Holloway in New Castle covers New Castle.

There doesn't seem to be a pattern in pedestrian fatalities location-wise. Ms. Sawyer suggested looking at pedestrian injuries. Maybe it won't be as random.

Pedestrian injuries don't get tested. Not even severe injuries that are brought to hospitals. You need probable cause to do that.

Mr. Wagner wonders if drunk pedestrians are walking because they are homeless or because they are drunk and they can't drive.

Mr. Klepner said the Don't Drink and Drive Program was successful but it will be more difficult with pedestrians obviously.

The road structures and inadequate transit are also not helping.

Ms. Sawyer said that we have two detox centers in Delaware and that there are short term detox options available – some as short as 24 hours.

There was a question about using churches or homeless shelters. Mr. Klepner said homeless shelters will not accept intoxicated people. You need training to deal with intoxicated people.

Ms. Osiecki offered to check with the Dover Interfaith Housing Ministry if they can accommodate intoxicated people who have nowhere to go.

Ms. Sawyer said they anticipate changes within the next few years in their agency. They are trying to get a connection with the LEISS system so that there can do an automatic referral and that they are not just handing pamphlets. They aim to connect to different services. Hopefully that would help too.

Lt. Condon mentioned an information sharing effort and that the Delaware representative is Lt. James Hulings.

Ms. Phillips suggested inviting Wayne Smith of the Delaware Health Association to one of our meetings.

**IV. DATE PACKETS FOR LIQUOR STORE OWNERS.** At the last meeting, we talked about sending Lt. Diana some information for liquor store owners. Maybe 5-6 bullets regarding pedestrian fatalities/safety and then send them to DATE. Mr. Klepner said he will take care of this.

**V. PEDESTRIAN SAFETY AWARENESS MONTH ACTIVITIES.** Cross Country Race is on the Wednesday before Halloween at Browns Branch County Park near Killens Pond. Ms. Andaya will be there. Mr. Klepner said they are holding a media event in New Castle County and will keep everybody posted. They are going to try Boo at the Zoo, and Dover Public Library and Trunk or Treats with the Delaware Police.

**VI. ADJOURN.** Meeting was adjourned at 11:30 am. A doodle poll will be sent out for the next meeting.