

NC Traffic Records Coordinating Committee Meeting Minutes
Wednesday February 4, 2015
NC TRCC Meeting from 9:30 am to 11:30 am
In the Safety Room at AOC in Raleigh, NC

Present: Pam Guptill, Alan Dellapenna, Brian Murphy, Roger Smock, Eric Schaberg (via speaker phone), Joshua DeFisher, Frank Hackney, Greg Ferrara, Janet Greene, David Williams, Brad Hibbs, Rob Foss, and Eric Rodgman.

9:35 am Introductions:

Eric Rodgman welcomed all the members; everyone introduced themselves briefly with their name and the agency. David Williams from GHSP introduced himself and noted that NC was undergoing an Alcohol Assessment by NHTSA in April and he was the key NC contact.

9:40 am ATSIP and 405C Update:

Frank Hackney from GHSP noted that in the next financial year that there will be two ATSIP International TR Forum meetings held in the same period. The next ATSIP conference will be held from October 25-28, 2015 and will be held in Costa Mesa, CA. There will be a subsequent meeting in 2016 from August 7-10, 2016 in Baltimore MD. Frank noted that HSRC has included out-of-state travel funds in the 2015-2016 NC TR Strategic Plan Update and TRCC Support Project to cover travel for both meetings. Members were encouraged to begin making plans for attending both these meetings.

9:55 am TRCC Project Updates:

Eric updated the TRCC on the pilot project involving Dr. Anna Waller and graduate student Jennifer Jones to match 2013 Wake County crashes to the Wake County ED and Hospital Patient data. This project and the one from EMS will be working together to highlight how matching these files can be used to understand motor vehicle related injuries and costs.

Frank and Janet updated the TRCC on the request to purchase more new printers for the NC SHP. This effort has been held up because the printers were not made in America. The NC legal folks were still working on whether a waiver would be provided to allow these printer purchases.

Janet added that the new eCitation effort was in the process of writing up the necessary job position description for the person to be hired to help.

10:10 am Eric Rodgman (on behalf of David Harkey) thanked everyone for providing their area summary updates for the upcoming NC TR Strategic Plan to be submitted July 1, 2015. The upcoming update process for the NC TR Strategic Plan will include these changes. The key TRCC members will have homework to complete for the next TRCC meeting on Wednesday May 6, 2015 at UNC HSRC in chapel Hill, NC. These TRCC representatives would be asked to review and update their goals, objectives, and performance measures. Patty Harrison will be sending out an email request reminding everyone in early April.

10:20 am Dr. Rob Foss Presentation

Rob reported on the problem of accurate driver license data being provided through FHWA. The data they have available is quite variable and even within states, seems to have serious consistency problems. The issue is that it is not clear in what FHWA is asking each state for, about what definition of an active licensing they are using, and the failure to quality check the data their receive over time – the trends reveal obvious errors in counts.

These errors have led to numerous reports and news articles with claims that have caused individual states duress over their ranking as either good or bad. In addition, these results based on bad data lead to bad

policy implementations in some states. Both the states and FHWA need to be proactive in checking their data before making it public.

Rob noted that he would provide a copy of his PowerPoint presentation for the TRCC. Brad Hibbs from FHWA asked for a copy.

10:55 am NC Highway Safety Plan Update:

Brian Murphy spoke in behalf of Brian Mayhew noting that all was moving forward.

11:00 am Other Issues:

It was noted that NC was also getting ready to have a Driver Education Assessment by NHTSA in late April and early May in response to issues over concerns about the NC Driver Education Program in DPI. The NC Legislature has recently cut funding for the NC Driver Education Program. NC is looking for an independent evaluation and positive recommendations on ways the state can help young drivers in the future. The key contact via DPI is Reggie Flythe.

Josh DeFisher from GHSP added that he would share the NHTSA Occupant Protection Assessment Final Report completed last year. Josh was the key NC contact for that assessment.

11:25 am Everyone was thanked for coming.

Next Meeting is Wednesday May 6, 2015 at UNC HSRC in Chapel Hill, NC.

11:30 am Meeting was adjourned.

See <http://www.hsrc.unc.edu/nctrcc/index.cfm>

Respectively submitted – Co-chair NCTRCC Eric Rodgman, MPH