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SUBJECT: Recap for March 7th Committee Meeting

This report is intended to provide a brief synopsis of the discussions and recommendations of the Governor's Advisory Committee on DUII. It is not a complete record of the listed meeting. To request full meeting minutes or additional information, please visit the committee webpage at <https://www.oregon.gov/ODOT/Safety/Pages/GAC-DUII.aspx>, or contact Jenifer Sether at jenifer.l.sether@odot.oregon.gov.

SIGNIFICANT REPORT ITEMS

- The March 2025 meeting of Governor's Advisory Committee (GAC) on DUII was held at the Department of Public Safety Standards and Training (DPSST) in Salem, Oregon. Upcoming regional meetings were confirmed for Burns, Oregon on May 2, 2025, and for Pendleton, Oregon in August. A GAC member reported on some initial findings from statewide hospitals that approximately 36% of injured drivers treated at trauma center entries tested positive for alcohol and/or other drugs. The Chair reported on a recent webinar he attended sponsored by the National Alliance to Stop Impaired Driving (NASID) that discussed the co-occurring mental health issues and impaired driving. According to the NASID presenters, repeat DUI offenders with multiple mental health issues are more likely to re-offend, and 45% of repeat DUI offenders have mental health disorders in addition to alcohol or drug use disorders. The Chair encouraged all members of the GAC on DUII to watch the webinar to better understand the issues of mental health disorders and substance abuse and how it relates to DUII. It was the consensus of the members that more work and research is needed in this area.

COMMITTEE ACTION ITEMS / RECOMMENDATIONS

- Meeting attendees were briefed on the continuing efforts nationally on lowering the DUII alcohol content impairment per se from .08 to .05 percent. The GAC on DUII continues to monitor and participate in discussions on .05 legislation discussions.

UPCOMING COMMITTEE MEETING / NOTEWORTHY AGENDA ITEM(S)

- The next committee meeting will be April 11, 2025, at the Department of Public Safety Standards and Training in Salem. It will also be available using Microsoft Teams (link will be available online at <https://www.oregon.gov/ODOT/Safety/Pages/GAC-DUII.aspx>).