# **Discussion Guide**

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### **SECTION A: DEMOGRAPHICS**

- From the following list, which best describes the agency you represent?
  - o Driver licensing
  - o Highway Safety Office
  - o Law enforcement
  - o Courts
  - Correctional services/Probation
  - o Other:

### **SECTION B: LEGISLATION**

- 2. Has one or more pieces of ignition interlock legislation (including amendments to existing laws) been passed in the state within the last five years?
  - o If yes: obtain information about the legislation/date it was passed
  - o If no: obtain the last known date of legislative change
- 3. What are the most challenging aspects associated with introducing and passing ignition interlock legislation in your state?
- 4. Does your state allow DWI offenders to obtain a hardship license?
  - o If <u>yes</u>: obtain information about whether that license requires an interlock and if a restriction is noted on their physical license.
- 5. What is the minimum length of time an offender must have an interlock installed on their vehicle for the:
  - First offence
  - o Second offence
  - o Third offence

- o Fourth/subsequent offence
- 6. Are there special provisions within the ignition interlock program for young drivers under the age of 21?
- What are the exit requirements for the interlock program (e.g., compliance based)?
- 8. Is there a hard suspension period in your state?
  - o If <u>yes</u>: obtain information about the length of the suspension period for each offence.
- 9. What is the look back period in your state?
- 10. What is being worked on for program improvement?

#### **SECTION C: PROGRAM DEVELOPMENT**

- 11. What type of program is in place in your state? (e.g., administrative, judicial, hybrid)
- 12. Who has the authority for the device selection and approval?
  - o What are the device certification requirements?
  - o Is the interlock device required to have a camera or GPS?
  - o When were the last revisions or updates made to the administrative rules?
- 13. Is the interlock program available within rural areas?
  - o What measures are taken to ensure this?
- 14. Is your program mandatory or permissive?
- 15. What types of data are collected?
- 16. How are data collected and managed pertaining to ignition interlocks?
  - o What agency collects data?
  - o Is it standardized?
  - o How is it being used?
  - o Is it paper-based or automated?
  - o How far back do data go?
  - o If no data are collected, is there a specific reason (i.e., resources, funding, personnel)?
  - o Are the data shared, or partially shared between all agencies?
    - If <u>no</u>, why not (i.e., confidentiality, limited resources)?
  - o Are installation and removal rates of the interlock collected?
  - o Are violation and monitoring rates collected?
  - o What is the approximate ignition interlock program participation rate?

■ What is the denominator for this rate?

## 17. Are there any public education campaigns that promote the use of ignition interlocks?

- o Additional questions if yes:
  - What medium is used for the campaigns (i.e., TV or radio commercials, billboards)?
  - Please provide examples if available
  - Who is responsible for funding these campaigns?

### 18. What agencies receive training about the interlock program?

- o What training do they receive?
- o Who administers or provides the training?

### **SECTION D: DELIVERY OF SERVICES**

### 19. Is there any monitoring for program compliance?

- o Who has the authority to monitor program participants?
- o What does the monitoring consist of?

# 20. Is there communication and information sharing on program participants between the court systems and licensing agency?

- o Additional questions (if required):
  - How is information shared between the two agencies?
  - Are there regularly scheduled meetings?
  - What are some of the reasons for lack of and/or weak communication among agencies?

### 21. Is there a designated staff unit whose sole responsibility is the ignition interlock program?

- o If yes:
  - What are their responsibilities?
  - Approximate number of employees?
  - Are they employed by the court or licensing agency?
  - Do they monitor interlock offenders for non-compliance (i.e., violations?)
- o If no:
  - Are there any staff members assigned to work with the interlock program in addition to other tasks?
    - If <u>yes:</u> Do they receive training specific to interlocks?
    - If <u>no:</u> Who oversees the interlock program?

# 22. How is the interlock program funded (i.e., offender fees, state)?

- o Is the program self-sustaining?
  - Who has the authority to require interlock fees?
- o Has funding declined within the past five years?

### 23. Who oversees the vendors in the interlock program?

- o Is there a vendor certification process?
  - If <u>ves:</u> Who is responsible for this?
- o What are the tasks and roles for the vendors?
- o Are the tasks and roles universal for all vendors?

## 24. Are there treatment programs available for offenders?

- o If yes:
  - Is it mandatory?
  - Is it part of the interlock program?

# 25. Is there a pre-trial program for offenders?

- o Does the program use an interlock as a requirement of the program?
- o If <u>ves</u>: Are the program interlock numbers counted in the statewide interlock counts?

## 26. Do the DWI court programs use interlocks as a requirement of the program?

o If yes: Are the DWI court interlock numbers counted in the statewide interlock counts?

### 27. Does the ignition interlock program have reciprocity with other states (i.e., 'guest clause')?

- o What main states are included within the reciprocity?
- o What are the reciprocity agreements?

# 28. Is there indigent funding?

- o How is this funded?
- o What are the eligibility requirements?

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