

MINUTES OF THE
SANTA FE COUNTY
DWI PLANNING COUNCIL

January 10, 2019

Santa Fe, New Mexico

I. This meeting of the Santa Fe County DWI Planning Council was called to order by Tamara Zawistowski at approximately 9:00 a.m. on the above-cited date at the County Community Services Department Conference Room, 2052 Galisteo Street, Suite B, Santa Fe, New Mexico.

II. A quorum was not established; the following members present:

Members Present:

Tamara Zawistowski
Amanda Grundler
Jose Gonzales

Member(s) Absent:

Susan Skea
Lorelee Freilich

County Staff Present:

Lupe Sanchez, DWI Coordinator
Erica Gutierrez, Compliance Monitor
Chanelle Delgado, Teen Court
Jared Mosher, SOS

Others Present:

Carlos Nava, SFFD Asst. Chief
Karley Steffen, Pojoaque Tribal Police
David Povijua, Pojoaque Tribal Police
Lt. Nathan Barto, Pojoaque Tribal Police
Jami Krueger, DFA/LDWI
Jenn Jefferson, Prevention Alliance

Introductions

Those present introduced themselves.

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III. Approval of Minutes: June 14, 2018, September 13, October 11, November 12, 2018

IV. Approval of Agenda

These items were deferred pending achievement of a quorum.

V. Matters from the Council/Action Items

A. Follow-ups from previous meetings

Mr. Sanchez pointed out that one of the items needed in a future meeting is election of a chair, so that will be placed on the agenda.

VI. Information Items

A. Ashley Schweitzer – Attorney General’s Office

Mr. Sanchez noted that due to an emergency hearing Ms. Schweitzer was unable to attend the meeting and will be scheduled for some time in the future.

B. B-Smart – Smart Phone App

Mr. Sanchez stated a professor at UNM is developing for family members of DWI offenders software designed to help keep the offender on track once the interlock is removed. The Santa Fe DWI program will be holding focus groups with both English and Spanish speakers to discuss the app. They are seeking first-time offenders. A stipend, a \$50 gift card, will be offered as an incentive for participation. Judge Segura will be assisting by granting some community service credits. Right Turns is another phone app used for offenders.

C. End of Calendar Year Update

Mr. Sanchez reviewed the Department of Transportation’s fatality report for the year, broken down by counties. Alcohol-involved fatalities are down with only two. He credited law enforcement for having an impact. He noted crash data lags two years behind.

D. Coordinator’s Report

Mr. Sanchez referred to information in the packet, including a resolution applying for funding. This will be presented to the Board of County Commissioners in February. Once a DWI Council quorum is reached the Planning Council can recommend approval. The application deadline for fiscal year 2020 is March 1st and the application form itself has been considerably simplified. He went over the proposed budget of LDWI funding, including:

- \$168,000 for prevention, encompassing the various public awareness components (bus wraps, coasters, etc.). The focus can no longer be on vehicle forfeiture. This also includes funds for training in the public schools

- Compliance monitoring: \$165,000, which includes maintaining the database, urine testing and clinical assessment and counseling
- Law enforcement: \$163,000, \$75,000 of which goes to fund a dedicated Sheriff's officer
- Domestic violence: \$5,000; this amount was diminished due to lack of subjects
- Alternative sentencing: \$30,000, goes to the Teen Court
- Miscellaneous: \$3,000

The total proposal for contractual services is \$534,000. He indicated budgeting decisions are based on a needs assessment and strategic plan. He anticipated more funds this year from a higher percentage of the state liquor excise tax.

Mr. Sanchez said in addition to LDWI funds, CDWI funds are used to purchase law enforcement equipment and other items.

The compliance program is in the process of becoming accredited by the New Mexico Association of Counties. The letter of application was accepted and the process will take two years, working on 120 standards.

E. Law Enforcement Update

Mr. Sanchez said the December meeting was canceled. The meetings allow the various agencies to interact and plan operations. He invited council members to attend.

Lt. Gonzales provided the DWI statistics, outlining arrests, saturation patrols. He noted of the 450 arrests, around 85 percent were handled by three officers, especially Officer Ramirez with 102 arrests. He spoke of the *New Mexican* coverage of checkpoints which he rebutted with data. Thanks to law enforcement efforts Airport Road no longer has a designation of high density of crashes.

Lt. Gonzales noted there is a high vacancy rate in the police department, in part due to higher salaries available in Albuquerque. He said they are focusing on the human aspects of staffing.

Ms. Grundler distributed information on the 2018 vehicle forfeiture program. She said the program began in 2007 and in 2009 they started seizing DWI-related vehicles. She explained the program's procedures. Recent court decisions have put an end to the forfeiture program and cars are being returned to owners. There are 44 vehicles remaining that can be auctioned, possibly more, before being phased out.

VII. Miscellaneous

A. Agenda Items for the Future Meetings

- Election of Chair and Vice Chair
- State Attorney General Presentation
- PIRE Assessment Conclusions (March meeting)

VIII. Public Comment

Ms. Jefferson stated the program in the public schools previously called SWAT, Student Wellness Action Team, is now to be known as WAVE, Wellness Ambassadors to Voice and Empower. A new logo is anticipated. The March of Sorrow, March of Hope will be on February 14th in conjunction with a number of other groups.

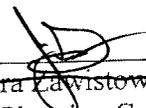
IX. Announcements

A. Next Planning Council Meeting: Thursday, February 14, 2019

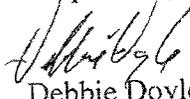
X. Adjournment

Having completed the agenda and with no further action to come before the Council, this meeting adjourned at approximately 10:00 a.m.

Approved by:


Pamara Lawistowski, Chair *Jose Gonzalez*
DWI Planning Council

Respectfully submitted by:


Debbie Doyle, Wordswork



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