

**MINUTES OF THE**  
**SANTA FE COUNTY**  
**DWI PLANNING COUNCIL**

**December 8, 2016**

**Santa Fe, New Mexico**

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

**II.** No quorum was established and the following members present:

**Members Present:**

Thomas P. Starke, Chair  
Erica Abeyta  
Richard De Mella  
John Mowen  
Jay Spoonheim  
Christine Wendel

**Member(s) Absent:**

Maurey Lynn Walker-Nash

**County Staff Present:**

Lupe Sanchez, DWI Program Coordinator  
Peter Olson, DWI Program Staff

**Others Present:**

Stuart Castle, PIRE (Pacific Institute For Research and Evaluation)  
Amanda Katz, City of Santa Fe Vehicle Forfeiture  
James Lamb, SFPD  
Elizabeth Lilliott, PIRE  
Charmaine Quintana, SMART Recovery

Those present introduced themselves.

**III. Approval of Minutes: November 10, 2016**

Ms. Wendel moved approval and Mr. Spoonheim seconded. The motion carried unanimously.

**IV. Approval of Agenda**

Ms. Wendel moved to approve the agenda as published. Mrs. Abeyta seconded and the motion passed by unanimous voice vote.

**VI. Matters from the Council/Action Items**

**A. Follow-ups from previous meetings**

Mr. Mowen mentioned reference at the previous meeting of his interpretation of the J-curve regarding whether alcohol has positive effects on health. The report's conclusions do not match the evidence cited. The results are different for whites and non-whites. He said had he been doing peer review of the article he would have rejected it as written. He added that alcohol can affect different parts of the body in different ways. Medical studies tend to have problems with sample size. "The jury is out."

**B. Announcements**

Chair Starke announced there would be a webinar at 2:00 later that day on the Health Information Exchange, with an emphasis on those making heavy use of services. Secondly, the Behavioral Health Alliance is holding a four-hour training on trauma informed response. It will be held on Tuesday, December 13<sup>th</sup> at District Court and is free.

Stuart Castle stated Elizabeth Lilliott would be speaking about focus groups at a later date. He also mentioned the Health Information Exchange does not talk about EMS run data, but that is available statewide and is accessible. There is better information than the emergency room data on whether alcohol is involved.

**VI. Information Items**

**A. SMART Recovery Family & Friends**

Charmaine Quintana referred to the first six pages of facilitator's manual in the packet that gives a good introduction to the program. SMART stands for Self-Management and Recovery Training and is an offshoot of CRAFT – Community Reinforcement and Family Training. The program uses behavior modification, cognitive behavioral training, and motivational interviewing. It provides tools for family members to help them help addicts without shame, threats, nagging or blame, by managing thoughts and emotions.

Weekly meetings are free and will be held at the Community College. More facilitators are being sought and training is available on line for \$75.

Mr. Castle asked how participants find out about the program. Ms. Quintana said there are ads at the Community College and many people come through word of mouth. There are additional programs for teens and those with addiction. It is an international organization and has been in existence for 25 years.

Mr. Mowen noted that addiction recidivism resembles that of felons. Ms. Quintana said SMART works around any type of addiction and there is a 70 percent success rate for getting people into treatment.

Mr. De Mella asked how addicts are brought on board. Ms. Quintana said the first step for family members is to realize they can't change their loved one. She described the steps in their process.

In response to questions from Mr. Sanchez, Ms. Quintana said smaller groups work better. The basic course for facilitators is ten weeks. She added participants tend to come and go. Mrs. Abeyta noted they have dedicated two rooms at the college. There are also online chat rooms. Addict meetings are separated from the family meeting to encourage candor.

Chair Starke suggested involving the family members of DWI offenders and solicit feedback subsequently. He offered to handout brochures at the Impact Panels and Mr. Sanchez suggested providing the compliance officers with brochures and information

#### **VI. B. Santa Fe DWI Profile**

Chair Starke said the profile was mandated and funded by the legislature.

Ms. Castle stated the task is to evaluate all aspects of the County DWI program, both quantitatively and qualitatively. He gave a power point presentation showing demographic profile of the population, the data sources and other sample information they collect. He uses census data for general information and a County electronic database and the courts provide conviction rates, etc. and various surveys elucidate trends. DOT has crash data, although it is somewhat outdated.

Mr. Castle noted it was not surprising that males 26 to 35 are over-represented among offenders. Other demographic factors indicate poverty and its consequences contribute disproportionately.

Ms. Wendel asked if correlations were being done with domestic violence. Mr. Sanchez said that could occur in the future. He added the problem is getting a conviction; it would be more valuable to look at arrests.

Ms. Lillioth spoke of the information coming in from surveys, including perception of risk, where the alcohol was obtained, etc. Mr. Castle reiterated that there are some positive trends as highlighted at the previous meeting by Ms. Mann-Lev.

Mr. Castle showed a map of crash density and a graph demonstrating that the number of crashes is remaining flat. Race and ethnicity can be teased out of the data. He noted that Native Americans tend to go to tribal court.

Mr. Mowen asked about other correlations and Mr. Castle said the data goes back decades and things like increased gas prices and general economic conditions have impacts. Ms. Lilliott pointed out that moving averages depend greatly on starting points.

Chair Starke asked for a special work session for interested parties in order to dive more deeply into the data. Ms. Wendel said there are probably people outside of the planning council that would like to participate. Mr. Castle stated a report is due to DFA in January but the contract continues beyond that. Mr. Sanchez said he would make the January report available as soon as possible.

### **C. Law Enforcement Meetings**

Mr. Olson gave the following updates:

- The Attorney General is working with Magistrate Court on the Court in Schools program and should begin at Pojoaque High School in January
- Operation Northern Safety was successful with 40 officers issuing 387 citations over 100 highway miles in five hours. There were three DWIs
- SFPD will be holding a saturation patrol in memory of the four-year-old killed on New Year's Eve in 2011 near St. Francis and Siringo. More operations are planned for the future in the holiday season and for the Super Bowl

### **D. Coordinator's Report**

Mr. Sanchez reported on the following:

- Research is planned to evaluate the data on saturation patrol and checkpoint nights to analyze impacts.
- The State will be clawing back an additional \$36,000 making the total hit \$526,000. They are looking to see where more cuts can be made and will provide a new budget to DFA
- The \$20,000 CDWI grant has just come in and should help with some of the expenses
- Rio Arriba CRAFT program will be doing a presentation at the next meeting
- Tamara Zawistowski is waiting BCC approval for appointment to this council. She could not make it to this meeting as she is making a presentation to the Espanola School District freshman class
- They are working with Firestik Studios for a poster to be placed in bars and restaurants about the consequences of over-serving as part of the Don't Be Sorry campaign

### **E. Behavioral Health Alliance Update**

Chair Starke indicated the Santa Fe Recovery Center has taken over Oxford House for people coming out of 30-day recovery having nowhere to go. The first month is free and a sliding scale commences after that. The Recovery Center is interested in opening a 16-bed residential treatment center where they can bring young children.

The Planning Council might consider a resolution to send to the BCC supporting an official GRT dedication to behavioral health as passed in the advisory ballot measure in November.

Ms. Wendel asked what happened with the Commission looking at the alcohol excise tax increase. Mr. Sanchez said that resolution was being carried by Commissioner Holian and she and the two other supporting Commissioners will be leaving at the end of December.

Chair Starke stated the San Antonio's Haven for Hope made a presentation in Santa Fe that is available on video. He said San Antonio has decreased homelessness by 89 percent through integration of services.

**E. Santa Fe Prevention Alliance Update**

No one was present from the Prevention Alliance to provide a report.

**VII. Miscellaneous**

**A. Agenda Items for the Future Meetings**

- Rio Arriba CRAFT program
- Presentation by State Special Investigations Unit/Suzanne Skasik

**VIII. Public Comment**

Returning to the issue of perceived risk, Mr. Mowen asked if those statistics are different for those with and without DWIs. Ms. Lilliott noted that those with DWIs have much lower perception of risk, as would be expected.

Mr. Spoonheim asked if they could go into more depth on the poverty link. Chair Starke said that could be undertaken at the workshop on the PIRE evaluation data.

Ms. Katz said the City's holiday party will be taking place at Buffalo Thunder and they are planning on more enforcement around that event.

Ms. Walker-Nash has never been to a meeting and should be replaced. Chair Starke solicited recommendations for new members.

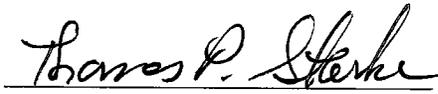
**IX. Announcements**

Next Planning Council Meeting: January 12, 2017

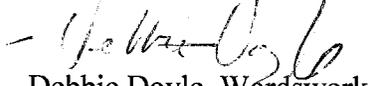
**X. Adjournment**

Having completed the agenda and with no further action to come before the Council, Chair Starke declared this meeting adjourned at approximately 10:37 a.m.

Approved by:

  
Thomas P. Starke, Chair  
DWI Planning Council

Respectfully submitted by:

  
Debbie Doyle, Wordswork



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