

MINUTES OF THE
SANTA FE COUNTY
DWI PLANNING COUNCIL

May 12, 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 9:04 a.m. on the above-cited date at County Community Services Department Conference Room, 2052 Galisteo Street, Suite B.

II. The following members were present:

Members Present:

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

Member(s) Absent:

Jay Spoonheim
Maury Lynn Walker

County Staff Present:

Lupe Sanchez, DWI Program Coordinator
Peter Olson, DWI Prevention Specialist
Michael Spanier, DWI Program Staff

Others Present:

Robert Anaya, County Commissioner
Shelley Mann-Lev, Santa Fe Prevention Alliance for SFPS
Loralee Freilich, Former DWI Council Member
Liz Lilliot, PIRE
Desiree Valdez, DOH
Brendan Baca, SFPA, SWAT
Andrew Israel, Highlands University

Those present introduced themselves.

Chair Starke thanked the public for attending and invited their input throughout the meeting.

III. Approval of Minutes: February 25, 2016

Chair Starke noted a number of corrections which were incorporated into the minutes.

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Mr. Mowen moved to approve the minutes as amended. Ms. Abeyta seconded and the motion carried unanimously.

IV. Approval of Agenda

Mr. Mowen moved to approve the agenda as published. Ms. Wendel seconded and the motion carried unanimously.

V. Public Comments

County Commissioner Robert Anaya, speaking as a citizen, stated he was aware of and appreciated the work of the Council. He noted he directed the DWI program for a year and a half and was Community Development Director for three years. He thanked the members for their work.

Chair Starke said he was proud of the fact that two years ago there were seven DWI fatalities, last year four, and none so far this year. He said they are constantly innovating and learning from other agencies.

Ms. Wendel referred to article in the newspaper about a man with eight DWIs. She asked if the Council was looking into that situation. Mr. Sanchez said they discuss the issue in the Law Enforcement Committee meetings and also work with the district attorney. There are problems with proving priors. Ms. Wendel said this influences public perception. Mr. Olson said sometimes there are issues with how the arrest is made.

Chair Starke said they are working on training law enforcement to get them up to speed on DWI arrests.

Ms. Wendel asked if a letter to the editor would be appropriate and Chair Starke asked the staff to look into the options.

VII. Matters from the Council/Action Items

A. Follow-up from previous meetings

Chair Starke stated Ms. Abeyta spoke at the last Victim Impact Panel. He described the story of her sister as heart-stopping and asked that she share the story with the Council in the future.

Chair Starke said they are working to improve the relationship with municipal court, offering them the tools they provide magistrate and district court.

At a previous meeting Mr. Spoonheim had asked for information on 911 calls and Chair Starke suggested contacting Andres Mercado.

B. Announcements

Chair Starke announced the Santa Fe Recovery Center is contemplating opening a 16-bed facility for women and children for 30- to 90-day residential treatment. The location would be at Richards Avenue and Rodeo Road.

VII. Information Items

A. Information on Matters of the Social Work Program by New Mexico Highlands University

Interim Dean Andrew Israel pointed out that in recent years social work has had an emphasis on mental health and psychotherapy, where traditionally it had a strong connection to social justice and community organizing. To revive that focus Highlands is initiating a two-year master's program at Santa Fe's Higher Education Center. They are targeting people who may have a bachelor's in another field and feels the need to become more involved in the community through administrative awareness – managing, fundraising and writing grant applications.

Dean Israel said part of the program is fieldwork and he asked the Council to consider taking on students in an intern capacity. They would be supervised by Highlands faculty. He mentioned San Miguel County where Highlands is located has serious problems with alcohol and substance abuse. The County detention center has a warden who understands the importance of the combination of deterrence, punishment and treatment. In partnership with Highlands he has initiated a re-integration center which will offer treatment. This is an example of theory-based collaboration that is culturally and regionally relevant.

Mr. Mowen noted there are management, marketing, social media, and accounting issues. He asked if they are working with other departments. Dean Israel said they are working with the School of Business and have a dual degree program at Highlands and Albuquerque.

Commissioner Anaya stated Highlands has been present in Santa Fe for 18 years. The Higher Education Center on Siringo has involvement from UNM, NMSU and Santa Fe Community Colleges. He described the collaborative relationship among the various schools.

Chair Starke requested additional information on the intern program and asked staff to interact with Highlands. He added the DWI program could serve as a conduit toward other organizations for Highlands and the Community College as well.

Mr. De Mella commended the program and noted that an intern could benefit from contact with the City's juvenile justice work. He asked where graduates go after completion of the program.

Dean Israel said the job market is wider than generally believed as seen from monitoring the job boards.

Mr. De Mella pointed out that many New Mexico graduates have to go out of state for employment, and he spoke of the appalling lack of inpatient treatment in the state.

Dean Israel concurred that services are especially lacking in the rural communities and social workers tend to stay and take up the slack. "Nobody goes into social work to be a millionaire" but the jobs do exist.

Ms. Wendel stressed the importance of business training. She directed him to Wayne Lindstrom, head of the state's behavioral health services. She spoke of the non-profit Recovery Santa Fe, which could benefit from interns especially those with personal experience in substance abuse and those with expertise in social media.

Dean Israel said they teach creation of a non-profits which are currently under attack.

Mr. Sanchez said there could be a role for interns with the pre-trial or the domestic violence program.

Commissioner Anaya mentioned that Highlands has been doing specialized courses for the Santa Fe Sheriff's Department.

VII. B. Strategic Plan

Mr. Sanchez referred to material in the packet including a list of activities with timeframes and milestones. He asked the Council members to review it and email comments.

VII. C. Law Enforcement Meeting

Mr. Olson noted that all misdemeanor positions have been filled at magistrate court. There has been no agreement reached between the Sheriff's Office and the Department of Transportation on grants, so checkpoints will be limited. However, the Sheriff's Department does have grant money for seat belt operations which are valuable.

Chair Starke asked for an update on court training for law enforcement. Mr. Sanchez said Rio Arriba County is getting training from the State Police. Santa Fe officers are also referred to those trainings. He added they might be able to devote more CDWI funds for checkpoints and sat patrols.

- D. Coordinator's Report**
- E. Domestic Violence Update**

Mr. Sanchez said he and a compliance officer met with Judge Brown Yazzie who oversees the Tesuque Tribal Court. The MOUs are in place for compliance monitoring and they have the first five clients. This will provide an opportunity for data gathering.

He also met with Esperanza who will be the treatment provider for the domestic violence program funded by the DWI Grant Council. There have been no referrals yet.

Mr. Sanchez met with Judge Segura about implementing the pre-trial program. Many judges are mandating use of the Soberlink electronic monitoring device which is proving to be very expensive for the County. A pre-trial program with UA, 12-Step meetings, etc. plus regular check-ins could lower the costs and reduce recidivism.

Mr. Sanchez provided the following updates:

- The City is ready to move forward on parking permit amnesty. Those taking advantage of the Cab Ride Home will be given a placard which will prevent ticketing to 10:30 the next morning
- Talks are underway with Uber about a program to mirror the Cab Ride Home. An MOU is with the Legal Department
- DOT has provided preliminary and rough traffic data for 2014 with 3,000 entries. Very little is broken down but does give information on time and location of crashes
- A calendar of events is provided; surveys and information will be available at booths
- A June 2nd meeting is contemplated with the interlock providers

VII. F. Behavioral Health Alliance Update

Chair Starke said the County has hired a second re-entry specialist. He pointed out that many of those being released from detention are specifically asking for drug and alcohol treatment. It is hoped the specialists may be able to link detainees with treatment and aid people in getting their lives back together.

VII. G. Santa Fe Prevention Alliance Update

Ms. Mann-Lev brought up the following:

- All are invited to a retreat on June 21st
- The Healthy Communities program is working to sample adults; she thanked the County for sending the survey to employees. Results are due June 4th and clients of the DWI program are not eligible
- The opioid conference held over the weekend was very successful with 235 participants. A full-time opiate policy coordinator has been hired
- The Alliance continues to work on standard drink awareness, alcohol at public events, and a municipal alcohol plan
- The prom and graduation campaign is winding down
- SWAT will have an end of year celebration on May 20 and everyone is invited

VIII. Miscellaneous

A. Agenda Items for Next Meeting

- Policy on letters to the editor on multiple DWIs
- Ms. Abeyta's personal presentation
- Comments on the strategic plan
- Interns
- Women and children's treatment facility
- Interlock compliance data
- PFS 2015 presentation

X. Adjournment

- **Next Planning Council Meeting: June 9, 2016**

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Having completed the agenda and with no further action to come before the Council, Chair Starke declared this meeting adjourned at approximately 10:35 a.m.

Approved by:

Thomas P. Stuch

Thomas P. Starke, Chair
DWI Planning Council

Respectfully submitted by:

Debbie Doyle, Wordswork



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