

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

**July 13, 2017**

**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 without a quorum.

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

**Members Present:**

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

**Member(s) Absent:**

Christine Wendel  
Jay Spoonheim  
Tamara Zawistowski

**County Staff Present:**

Peter Olson, DWI Program  
Diolinda Roybal, DWI Program  
Monica Acevedo, DWI Program  
Jared Mosher, Santa Fe Sheriff's Office

**Others Present:**

Stuart Castle, PIRE  
Amanda Grundler, SFPD Forfeiture Program  
Lorelei Freilich, Citizen Advocate

**III.** **Approval of Minutes: May 11, 2017**

**IV.** **Approval of Agenda**

A series of corrections were recommended by Chair Starke and Mr. Castle. Those corrections were incorporated and the minutes were resubmitted.

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Mr. Castle suggested the following change to page 2: “Ms. Mann-Lev said there is potential of an alcohol outlet of some kind off 599 which could ~~greatly influence~~ increase the DWI incidents.”

## **Introductions**

Those present introduced themselves.

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

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

There were no follow-ups or announcements.

### **VI. Information Items**

#### **A. Veterans Highway 599**

Referring to the discussion at the previous meeting, Chair Starke asked what the council wanted to do, given that 599 represents a hazard due to the increased traffic and two level crossings – Veterans Lane and Camino de los Montoyas. People speed and this has led to accidents. With alcohol added to the mix there is the potential for more crashes. He suggested sending a letter to the County Commission indicating their concern and requesting they take a position on possible overpasses. The other course would be to send a letter to the Department of Transportation. Currently Camino de los Montoyas is scheduled for an overpass in 2023 and he speculated 12 to 15 would die at that intersection in that time, as could occur at Veterans Lane.

Ms. Grundler asked if there were statistics on South Meadows of accidents before and after the overpass was constructed. Officer Mosher said the schedule can be changed if there are many accidents. Mr. Mowen pointed out Aldea’s traffic comes out near Veterans Lane and a nursing home is being built in the area.

Chair Starke indicated one horrendous crash would get attention. He asked for staff guidance on opening communications with the BCC.

Mr. Castle suggested DOT be contacted to make the stretch of I-25 between Eldorado and 599 a safety corridor and lowering the speed limit. Chair Starke said state law limits the number of safety corridors. He recommended getting statistics on that area. There is a danger of people getting on the freeway at Eldorado going in the wrong direction.

#### **B. Courts to Schools**

Mrs. Abeyta said Santa Fe Community College hosted a Courts to Schools program on May 5<sup>th</sup>. There were over 200 participants including high school students and parents and it was a “huge success.” She provided statistics from a survey of students

regarding drinking and driving. The feedback at the end was very positive. She noted that the questions asked showed the students focused strongly on the program. The evaluation was shared with Ms. Mann-Lev and personnel for the Attorney General's office.

Ms. Freilich asked if attendance at the programs could be made mandatory. Mrs. Abeyta said Judge Anaya has a heavy docket and has to screen the defendants, who must agree to participate. Ms. Grundler suggested using the police department as well. Mrs. Abeyta said they did not want to repeat the program too often and desensitize the students. Ms. Freilich disagreed, saying effective advertising depends on repetition.

Ms. Grundler spoke of steps the police department takes in drivers' education classes. She pointed out that when possible the police provide rides home when requested.

Mr. Olson noted that the emphasis of this particular program is the court consequences.

Chair Starke thanked Mrs. Abeyta for her work and suggested a five-minute presentation before the BCC on Courts to Schools, and acknowledging Judge Anaya, would be in order. He described the program as analogous to reality TV. Ms. Freilich said it could be presented to the City Council as well.

### **C. Municipal Alcohol Plan**

Chair Starke said this contentious item was pulled from the agenda to allow plans to be firmed up and will be discussed at a future meeting.

### **D. Alcohol and Non-Alcohol Related Fatalities**

Ms. Acevedo referred to and reviewed the graphs in the packet. Chair Starke noted that although Bernalillo County has five times the population, the fatality numbers are similar to those of Santa Fe County. Mr. Olson said there hasn't been a fatality in a number of months. Chair Starke asked that at the next meeting there be a summary of each of the crashes. Mr. Olson said the reports he reviewed were all multiple car crashes involving alcohol and poor judgment. Chair Starke asked Mr. Castle to make recommendations on policy based on trends and crash features. Mr. Castle pointed out that the Department of Health no longer keeps statistics on things like domestic violence. Mr. Olson stated Shelley Moeller keeps statistics and publishes them on the dashboard.

Mr. De Mella asked if multi-use was being found to be involved in fatal crashes. Officer Mosher said that would be seen in the toxicology reports, which, Mr. Castle pointed out, are way behind. Officer Mosher noted that the tendency is, once alcohol is implicated, they tend not to look further for drugs since testing is so expensive.

### **E. Law Enforcement Meeting Update**

#### **1. Upcoming Operations**

## 2. Round Table Discussion on Over-Service

Mr. Olson reported on meetings with the Greater Restaurant Association and the police department. There has been a rash of sexual assaults correlated with over-service issues. Various solutions were suggested. Mr. Olson explained the Angel Shot program where bartenders are familiar with codes to alert them to situations wherein someone is feeling threatened, and there has been enthusiastic support from the bars and restaurants. More meetings are planned for the future and Chair Starke said regular meetings are valuable.

He stated the Friday before July 4<sup>th</sup> they distributed 25,000 coasters and 360 T-shirts to bars. They visited the establishments with uniformed police officers which garnered more attention.

Regarding the issue of sexual assault, Mr. Mowen asked if that was part of their remit, and whether that was part of the Community College's survey. Mrs. Abeyta said there are questions on the survey and she would like to include it in the orientation, but there is competition among various organizations for orientation time.

Mr. Olson stated they plan to expand the responsible beverage service training curriculum to include sexual assault, based on feedback received. He mentioned the practice of bar hopping, and evaluating patrons based on first contact rather than first drink. Additionally, they are exploring an app for bouncers to alert other bars about potential drunk customers.

Mr. Olson distributed a flyer on a new, local ride-sharing company called New Mexico Rides. Currently there are seven drivers and they have been in business since April. An RFP will go out soon for rides home. He also distributed an article from the *Santa Fe Reporter* regarding the state banning DWI funding for advertising.

### F. Coordinator's Report

Ms. Acevedo reviewed the material in the packet breaking the budget down into its various categories.

She spoke of a townhall meeting that was held on May 11<sup>th</sup> on the Southside where they received input about the locals' fears, including medical costs and insurance. There are fears of calling the police and even sending children to school in light of increased ICE threats. Staff is looking into ways of disseminating information in addition to the resource booklet.

Chair Starke encouraged cooperation with Ms. Ochoa's work in that area. Mr. Olson said the challenge is to break down the barriers to communication.

Ms. Freilich suggested working with Somos un Pueblo Unido and Mr. Olson said they are resistant to meeting. Chair Starke recommended contacting Adelante and the Dreamers Project.

Ms. Acevedo announced there is a new judge at the Tesuque Tribal Court, Tammy Lambert and she is closing many of Ms. Acevedo's case on the basis of no jurisdiction.

**G. Behavioral Health Alliance Update**

Chair Starke reported on the following:

- Christus will be opening their behavioral assessment room on July 22<sup>nd</sup>. It is part of the emergency department and it will be a "place to go"
- The Santa Fe Recovery Center is now running the Sobering Center, and will be offering integrated treatment with the Recovery Center
- The constitutional amendment regarding bail provisions has led to some judges requiring everyone to stay overnight; there is confusion regarding implementation of the amendment

**H. Prevention Alliance Update**

No one was present to provide an update.

**VII. Miscellaneous**

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

None were offered.

**VIII. Public Comment**

None were offered.

**IX. Announcements**

**A. Next Planning Council Meeting: August 10, 2017**

Chair Starke spoke of the Drug Overdose Memorial to be hosted by the Santa Fe Recovery Center, Opiate Safe, Recovery Safe, and the Friendship Club on Saturday, August 16<sup>th</sup>, 3:00 at the Lady of Guadalupe Church courtyard.

Ms. Freilich noted that in addition to a sobering center there is a need for board and care facilities to incorporate all services, instead of having a piecemeal approach.

Ms. Grundler said the police department is working to pass out "swag" and being out in the community as much as possible. She asked for suggestions on community events where they can participate. She added that on August 19<sup>th</sup> an auction of vehicles will be held.

Mr. Mowen mentioned the City Golf Tournament might be an event where they could be present. Ms. Grundler noted they have to get an invitation.

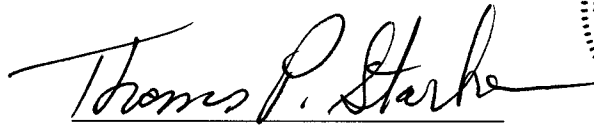
Ms. Freilich suggested having a float in the Fiesta Parade.

Mr. Olson said the previous night was Santa Fe County at the Bandstand. August 1<sup>st</sup> is National Night Out, which promotes crime prevention awareness.

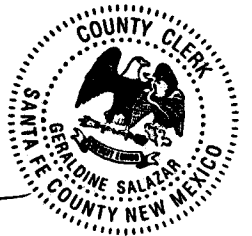
**X. Adjournment**

Having completed the agenda and with no further action to come before the Council, Chair Starke declared this meeting adjourned at approximately 10:30 a.m.

Approved by:



Thomas P. Starke, Chair  
DWI Planning Council




Respectfully submitted by:

Debbie Doyle, Wordswork

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