

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

**June 14, 2018**

**Santa Fe, New Mexico**

I. This meeting of the Santa Fe County DWI Planning Council was called to order by Chair Richard De Mella 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 established with the following members present:

**Members Present:**

Richard De Mella, Chair  
Erica Abeyta  
Amanda Grundler  
Susan Skea  
Tamara Zawistowski

**Member(s) Absent:**

None  
[Four vacancies]

**County Staff Present:**

Lupe Sanchez, DWI Coordinator  
Peter Olson, DWI Program  
Norma Vasquez, DWI Program Accountant  
Jennifer Romero, Teen Court

**Others Present:**

Stuart Castle, Evaluator, PIRE  
Loralee Freilich  
Bill Zunkel  
Sophie Andar, SFPA

**Introductions**

Those present introduced themselves.

III. **Approval of Minutes: April 12, 2018**

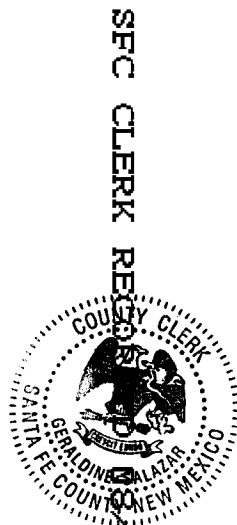
Mr. Sanchez noted that Ms. Andar had submitted some changes. Mr. Castle modified a remark he made to the effect: Mr. Castle clarified that pulmonary thrombosis

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~~and accidents in the home~~ due to alcohol were not included in the graph,” stating he was not sure about the inclusion of accidents.

Mrs. Abeyta moved approval as modified and Ms. Zawistowski seconded. The motion carried unanimously.

**IV. Approval of Agenda**

Ms. Zawistowski move to approve. Mrs. Abeyta seconded and the motion passed by unanimous voice vote.

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

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

None were mentioned.

**VI. Information Items**

**A. Law Enforcement Update**

Mr. Sanchez stated \$88,000 was given to law enforcement agencies over the past three months – principally the Santa Fe Police Department and the County Sheriff’s Office, with a small amount going to the Pojoaque Tribal Police – for saturation patrols, checkpoints, over-service operations, warrant roundups, and any other alcohol related use. He referred to graphs in the packet with details on arrests and citations for various violations. The graphs also break down the number of personnel involved. He spoke of the salutary effect of having a visible presence and contacts in the community. Court compliance is also monitored and this reduces recidivism.

Mr. Sanchez pointed out the he and Mr. Olson speak on a bi-weekly radio show on KSWV promoting planning in order to avoid drinking and driving. He plans to fund the law enforcement operations early in this fiscal year so there will not be a rush to spend down the funds at the end as occurred this year.

Mr. Castle pointed out that the increase in contacts should boost the community survey numbers regarding perception of enforcement

Mr. Sanchez reminded the Planning Council that due to the passage of HB-135 the DWI programs will be getting 45 percent of the liquor excise tax instead of 41.5 percent. This will allow more operations and more manpower, such as a full-time employee.

Ms. Grundler raised a question on the separation between suspended and revoked licenses and how they appear in the data. Mr. Olson indicated that the Attorney General has hired two lawyers to attend the MVD hearings on suspended and revoked licenses. This is a boon to the officers, however, there is resistance to this from the Hearing Officer.

Mr. Zunkel stated he attended a DWI Impact panel and said it was very effective for the 40 people in attendance.

**B. Fiscal Year 2019 – Budget Update**

Mr. Sanchez gave a breakdown of the anticipated expenditures for the coming year which include public awareness, prevention in the schools, law enforcement, compliance monitoring, including clinical assessments. This year a number of contracts will be going out for treatment providers. Additionally, there is a domestic violence component, alternative sentencing (teen court), and coordination and evaluation.

In response to question, Mr. Sanchez provided details on the domestic violence program.

**C. Recruitment of Planning Council Members**

Mr. Sanchez outlined the fields of expertise they were looking for for new members: law enforcement experience, media representation, first responders, school-based, and people in recovery. He asked the council members to offer recommendations. There is an ad in the *New Mexican* and on the County's website Ms. Skea said she learned of the committee through a neighborhood message board. Mr. Sanchez mentioned recruiting someone from the Tesuque Tribal court or from some other Native American representation. Ms. Freilich suggested someone from the behavioral health field. Mr. Sanchez said that they could not be from an organization that contracts with the program. Ms. Grundler recommended the Next Door app, and Mr. Sanchez that could be done through the public information officer. Mr. Castle suggested someone from one of the courts

**D. Coordinator's Report**

Mr. Sanchez said of the money not used for the Safe Ride Home program, \$68,000, \$57,000 was granted to the schools for the PAX program. This was instituted for two schools, but four schools – Aspen, Chaparral, E.J. Martinez and Gonzales – were trained. Teachers from Salazar and Amy Biehl also participated, 118 staff members in all. The PAX program will begin the coming year but will reach well into the future. It is hoped this behavior-changing program can eventually be instituted in all schools. The focus is changing from alcohol to THC. Younger children are targeted to endow them with skills to use as they go through life.

Mr. Zunkel mentioned the trial that was held at Santa Fe High School, and Mr. Sanchez said the Attorney General coordinates that program which has sentencing for DWI offenders and has been very effective.

Mr. Olson gave an update on the "DWI Duo" comic book campaign and he distributed a rough draft of the next cartoon that will be released around the Fourth of

July. Mrs. Abeyta said she had heard positive feedback on the campaign and suggested having people dress up as the characters and appear at events. Mr. Olson displayed a life-sized cutout that was at the Teen Jam dance where photos were taken with the characters. Ms. Freilich suggested having posters in the school.

Mr. Sanchez said the contract with Firestik Studio, the public relations company that heads the awareness campaign, will expire this year and an RFP will be going out. The County owns the rights to the comic.

Mrs. Abeyta said the DWI Duo will appear on the Santa Fe Community College Facebook page. Ms. Skea suggested adding a recruitment notice to the comic.

Mr. Sanchez also noted:

- Chris Wendel has resigned from the committee due to health reasons
- The DWI program will be going through an accreditation process sponsored by the New Mexico Association of Counties. It consists of 121 standards leading to certification

## **VII. Miscellaneous**

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

None were presented.

## **VIII. Public Comment**

Ms. Freilich said she still has stickers, reminders that can be put on steering wheels.

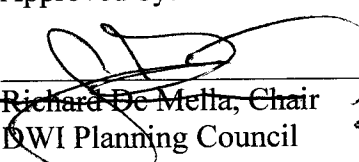
Mr. Zunkel indicated he met with the Grants prison staff and they are looking for RDAP (Residential Drug Abuse Program) counselors.

## **IX. Announcements: Next Planning Council Meeting: Thursday, July 12, 2018**

## **X. Adjournment**

Having completed the agenda and with no further action to come before the Council, this meeting adjourned at approximately 10:38 a.m.

Approved by:

  
~~Richard De Mella, Chair~~  
DWI Planning Council

*Jose Gonzalez*

Respectfully submitted by:

Debbie Doyle, Wordswork