

MINUTES OF THE
SANTA FE COUNTY
DWI PLANNING COUNCIL

September 13, 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. The following members were present:

Members Present:

Richard De Mella, Chair
Amanda Grundler
Susan Skea
Tamara Zawistowski

Member(s) Absent:

Erica Abeyta
[Four vacancies]

County Staff Present:

Lupe Sanchez, DWI Coordinator
Peter Olson, DWI Program

Others Present:

Jen Jefferson, SFPS
Loralee Freilich, Citizen activist

Those present introduced themselves.

III. **Approval of Minutes: June 14, 2018**

IV. **Approval of Agenda**

Lacking a quorum, these items could not be acted on.

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

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

Regarding certification, Mr. Sanchez said he hoped to have the program certified within the next year.

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VI. Information Items

- A. Law Enforcement Update**
- B. Program Updates**
- C. Fiscal Year 2018 Offender Data**

Mr. Sanchez reviewed FY18 arresting agency numbers and other activities that included checkpoints, saturation patrols, and warrant roundups. The numbers represent what came through the County's DWI program. The Sheriff's Office had the most arrests that resulted in clients coming to the program. He recently met with the City PD's new DWI unit supervisors, Sgt. Barnett and Lt. Gonzales, and they have requested \$35,000 for officer overtime to conduct different enforcement activities and court hearings. Funding will also be provided to the State's SIU (Special Investigation Unit) which looks at over-service, shoulder taps, etc. for overtime funding working in conjunction with SFPD. The Pojoaque Tribal Police will receive \$3,000. The County Sheriff's Office will received \$40,000 to \$50,000 for overtime.

Mr. Sanchez said he spoke with confidence that law enforcement's presence on the streets is making an impact on drivers.

Regarding offenders in the program, Mr. Sanchez used a graph with data from FY15 through FY18. The graph indicates a drop in numbers of offenders referred to the DWI program. Currently, the County has three compliance officers and will be hiring another this year. In FY18 there were 159 male offenders and 69 female offenders. FY18 demonstrated a change in the highest age group of offenders which in the past was the 26 to 35 age group and this past fiscal year it was 36 to 50. From the data, it appears the younger groups are learning not to drink and drive.

Mr. Olson noted that across the board of the age groups there is poly-substance abuse. A discussion regarding blood-draw at arrest ensued and Mr. Olson noted that even without a blood draw, most cases of impairment go forward.

Mr. Sanchez reviewed the race and ethnicity of the DWI offenders as well as liquor source/purchase point. All of the data is used to develop the public awareness campaign and is provided to law enforcement. In the event of a crash with great bodily harm or fatality the liquor source is passed on to the state that investigates further. This could result in sanctions against the establishment. Allsup's, Albertson's, Boxcar and Buffalo Thunder have been popular places for alcohol purchase.

Mr. Sanchez noted a high number of DWI arrests that are not a result of a crash which indicates law enforcement is on the job.

Mr. Sanchez said the program has an 11 percent recidivism rate and he reviewed the information gathered on the clients.

As a societal issue, Ms. Freilich advocated involving the offender's family and friends. Mr. Sanchez said the court has no jurisdiction over the family and/or friends.

D. Fiscal Year 2019 – Budget Update

Mr. Sanchez provided a breakdown of the FY19 funds. Prevention, \$116,000; compliance monitoring and tracking, \$141,245; law enforcement, \$163,000; domestic violence, \$5,000; alternative sentencing, \$30,000 and coordination, planning and evaluation, \$3,000. The public awareness campaign provider will be selected by RFP and the provider for alcohol and substance abuse counseling for offenders will be developed through the Crisis Triage Center. He noted that DWI annually provides funds in the amount of \$300,000 to the Santa Fe Recovery program to operate the sobering center and the County as well as the City provides additional funding.

In response to Ms. Grundler's questions regarding Life Link, Mr. Sanchez said they have made presentations in the past to the Planning Council and depending on the budget and have identified components they may qualify for funding through an RFP process.

E. Recruitment of Planning Council Members

Dr. Skea said it was important especially for recruitment purposes that the council hold to its monthly meeting schedule.

Mr. Sanchez recognized that Ms. Freilich was interested and mentioned a firefighter who has also expressed interest in serving.

F. Discussion – Planning Council meeting schedule

Mr. Sanchez said the County resolution that created this council and DFA require that this group meet once a quarter. He asked whether there was interest in meeting quarterly rather than monthly. Chair De Mella supported the monthly meetings with a set meeting date and time.

G. Coordinator's Report

Mr. Sanchez said two positions have opened, that of an accountant and a compliance officer. Interviews are being conducted for both positions. Staff was recently retrained on the use of Narcan and CPR. Management plans to provide refreshers every six months.

At the next meeting, Alex Dominguez will provide a snapshot of the Crisis Center and the behavioral health program plans.

Mr. Sanchez said the Right Turn program will be provided to the offenders within the treatment component. The computer web-based program has 17 sessions that assist individuals in identifying their drinking habits. The program proved effective for the participating test group. He offered to provide the City with information and access to the program. The program is confidential which appeals to people.

An application is being developed for the certification program through the Association of Counties. The division will have two years once the application is accepted to complete the certification process.

VII. Miscellaneous

A. Agenda Items for the Future Meetings

Presentation - Triage Center

Presentation - Public Defender or District Attorney

VIII. Public Comment

Mr. Sanchez said last year, DWI funded the PAX Program and provided the teacher training. Ms. Jefferson, SFPS, said approximately 150 teachers have been trained in the program. Currently, the PAX Program is being used in 3rd, 4th and 5th grades and is a recognized evidence-based practice, consisting of proven instructional and behavioral health strategies used daily by teachers and students in the classroom. Basically, it is a method for interacting with students. The preventive approach improves classroom behavior and academics, as well as self-regulation and co-regulation with peers.

While their main focus is the public schools, Ms. Jefferson said through the SWOT program they support St. Mike's, the Academy for Technology and the Classics, and sometimes Santa Fe Prep.

Ms. Grundler said SFPD has been authorized to participate and provide education about DWI and other matters.

Saturday, September 22nd, DWI will have a table to recognize National Recovery Month at the railyard. September 22nd was also Presbyterian Hospital's opening event.

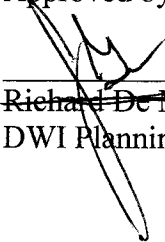
IX. Announcements

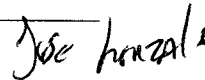
A. Next Planning Council Meeting: Thursday, October 11, 2018

X. Adjournment

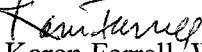
Having completed the agenda and with no further action to come before the Council, this meeting adjourned at approximately 10:15 a.m.

Approved by:


Richard DeMella, Chair
DWI Planning Council



Respectfully submitted by:


Karen Farrell, Wordswork

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