

MINUTES OF THE
SANTA FE COUNTY
DWI PLANNING COUNCIL

January 12, 2012

Santa Fe, New Mexico

This regular meeting of the Santa Fe County DWI Planning Council was called to order by Vice Chair Allen Steele at approximately 8:40 a.m. on the above-cited date at 2052 S. Galisteo, Santa Fe, New Mexico. Vice Chair Steele advised the Council that the meeting adheres to Robert's Rules of Order.

A quorum was present with the following individuals present:

Members Present:

Allen Steele, Vice Chair
Richard De Mella
Grace Quintana-Trujillo
Glenn Levant
Vivian Nelson
Lisa Wooldridge

Member(s) Excused:

James Jackson, Chair
Ken Coleman
Michael Sisneros
Juan Blea

Staff Present:

Steve Shepherd, Health Division Director
Joyce Varela, DWI Program
Frank Magourilos, DWI Program Senior Certified Prevention Specialist Supervisor
Diolinda Roybal, Santa Fe DWI Program Prevention Specialist

Others Presents:

Cynthia Delgado, Santa Fe Underage Drinking Prevention Alliance, Community Liaison
Alma Castro, Somos un Pueblo Unido
Dick Roth, Impact DWI

Glenn Levant was welcomed as the new Council member.

III. Approval of the Agenda

Upon motion by Ms. Nelson and second by Mr. De Mella, the agenda was unanimously approved.

IV. Approval of Minutes: December 15, 2011

Mr. De Mella noted his named was misspelled on page three. With that correction, he moved to approve the minutes as corrected. His motion was seconded by Ms. Nelson and passed by unanimous voice vote.

Asserting the prerogative of the chair, Vice Chair Steele moved Matters from the Public to the end of the agenda.

VI. Informational Items

A. FY-12 Budget Status

Steve Shepherd, Health Division Director, provided a budget summary update for the fiscal year. At this point, there is a surplus projection of \$129,000, although, with final expenses it may be closer to \$105,000. DFA has advised the program that they can reapply for the funds during the next fiscal year.

Current revenues are trending higher than anticipated. The estimate from the state had been \$1.49 million but it is likely to be in the range of \$1.110 million. The County is responsible to pay any over-budgeting – and it is possible that revenues will decrease. The revenues cannot be fully identified until year end and that’s why DFA is allowing for the end of the year grant.

Mr. Shepherd said the salaries and benefits line item anticipates filling positions.

To improve referencing the detail sheet, Mr. Levant requested that the master account numbers be provided.

Staff was thanked for their effort and numbering the pages was recommended.

B. FY-13 LDWI and Detox Applications and Process

Mr. Shepherd reported that Santa Fe County is eligible to apply for \$80,000 to \$90,000 more than this year. Staff is proposing that the program repeat last year’s application adding the balance to prevention and he requested that DFA reorganize the funds following the strategic planning meeting recommendations. He said it may be necessary to hold a special Planning Council meeting to formally approve the application. Funding is proposed for enforcement, screening and monitoring at the current levels and again the balance will go into prevention.

The Vice Chair asked where the additional funding was derived from and Mr. Shepherd said it appears people are buying more liquor.

Vice Chair Steele said he has talked to staff and there is a consensus that involvement with young people on the Planning Council is a good idea.

Cynthia Delgado said the Santa Fe Underage Drinking Prevention Alliance has been working to include youth and last year they held three youth forums which provided an opportunity to bring young people together. There was a trained facilitator and the youth were asked a series of questions to engage in conversations regarding their environment. She offered

to provide the forum minutes to the Planning Council. The Alliance works with the Mayor's Youth Council as well as the SWAT Teams (student wellness action teams). Ms. Delgado commented that council and alliance meetings are not designed for youth input while the forums have been very successful.

VII. Matters from the Council

- A. Follow-up Matters from Previous Meetings**
- B. New Matters from the Council**

None were offered.

C. Follow-up on Joint City/County Local Liquor Excise Tax Resolution

Mr. Shepherd said the Santa Fe County Board of County Commissioners approved a resolution urging the legislature to allow counties and municipalities to enact a local liquor excise tax. The DWI Planning Council would have the authority to direct the funding. At this point, McKinley County is the only New Mexico county with the tax.

Dick Roth, DWI Action, stated that the present Alcohol Excise Tax offsets about 3 percent of the estimated economic impact of drunk driving crashes in our county and state. He noted that the alcohol industry fights hard to prevent further taxing. In fact, the alcohol tax would have to be 100 percent to offset the economic impact of drunk driving crashes not including the other adverse effects of alcohol in society.

Mr. Shepherd commented that the liquor industry has argued the tax goes to the state general fund. Mr. Roth said that is the industry's argument and he said the general fund supports the police, treatment, courts, all of the repercussions of the abuse of alcohol that are not supported by individual grants.

Ms. Delgado noted that Santa Fe City Council passed the same resolution. She was doubtful this item would make it out of legislative committee.

D. PC Council Committee Membership

The following committees and members were identified:

- Communications: Chair Vivian Nelson, Lisa Woodridge and Richard De Mella offered to assist
- Finance: Chair Jackson, Glenn Levant and Grace Quintana-Trujillo
- Prevention: Frank Magourilos and Council members
- Resolution & Bylaws (ad hoc): Richard De Mella and Jim Jackson

The communications committee's focus is internal Advisory Council communications.

VIII. Action Items

- A. Approval of Resolution Authorizing the County to Submit an Application to the Department of Finance and Administration, Local Government Division, to Participate in the Local DWI Grant and Distribution Program**

Mr. Shepherd said the resolution is bureaucratic in nature and grants authorization to the Santa Fe County Board of Commissioners Chair to submit an application for grant and

distribution program funding under the regulations established by the Local Government Division. The resolution addresses the grant which is an award of \$300,000 that is earmarked for the Sobering Center.

Mary Justice, the director of the Assessment Sobering Center which is run by Christus St. Vincent was introduced.

Mr. Shepherd noted that the resolution will also authorize Chair Steele to sign the resolution that permits staff to apply for next year's funding.

Mr. Levant moved to approve the resolution as presented. His motion was seconded by Ms. Wooldridge and passed by unanimous voice vote.

V. Matters from the Public

Alma Castro, a community organizer with Somos un Pueblo Unido, said her organization would be lobbying at the legislative session regarding driver's licenses. She said she discussed the issue with Advisory Council Chair Jackson and he recommended developing a statement delineating the relationship with DWI and the important tracking ability through driver's licenses. She distributed letter developed by Partnership for Community Action [*Exhibit 1*]

Ms. Castro said the City of Santa Fe and Santa Fe County passed driver's license resolutions that she offered to provide to the Council.

Ms. Castro said the immigrant community in Santa Fe is very young, averaging in the mid-20s and is not reached by many of public school programs. One program that reaches them is learning the laws for licensing.

Ms. Wooldridge said it appeared the Council supported a message that tracking DWI issues is greatly improved with licensing drivers in the state. The Governor's bill would threaten that tracking mechanism.

Mr. De Mella said in terms of public safety he would prefer drivers are licensed and insured. The issue is immigration and the state could alleviate that by stamping a license "non-resident."

Mr. Roth opined that the Governor's bill was not going to pass. He said in his research which dates back 25 years in DWI related arrests, using driver's licenses is very important in his research and being licensed is crucial.

Mr. Magourilos recommended that Ms. Castro approach the New Mexico DWI Coordinators Affiliate to sign on. Rob Mitchell is the chairman.

Mr. Levant said the immigrant driver's license issue is very complicated and it involves things far beyond this Council's purview. He said with the session starting soon, the Council does not have the necessary time to analyze the various factors. In fact, he understood that the Department of Homeland Security is considering not recognizing New Mexico driver's licenses as acceptable identification at airports.

Ms. Wooldridge appreciated the importance of licensing drivers in New Mexico and how it aids tracking DWIs. She agreed with Mr. De Mella's comments in regards to addressing the immigration issue by differentiating licensed drivers who are not residents.

Ms. Nelson said the issue warrants additional study and she agreed with Mr. Levant that the issue was complicated.

Vice Chair Steele said it appears the Council is not prepared to provide a blanket endorsement. He asked that the Communications Committee review the issue and report back to the Council.

Diolinda Roybal, Santa Fe DWI Program Prevention Specialist, advised the Council that Santa Fe County DWI Prevention Program is hosting "Walk like MaDD" on March 3rd at Buffalo Thunder. Funds collected from the event will be returned to the County for prevention programs and at this point the plan is to sponsor a post-prom party of Pojoaque High School. She distributed pledge forms.

Vice Chair Steele encouraged Council participation and suggested an identification banner could be carried.

Ms. Delgado said the third annual "March of Sorrow" is scheduled for noon, January 27th starting at the west entrance to the Roundhouse. Following the march a press conference will occur with the DWI Affiliates. She encouraged Council participation and requested they carry a banner identifying the group.

Mr. Magourilos said the march occurs on DWI Awareness Day at the Roundhouse.

Ms. Delgado asked how organizations receiving Santa Fe County DWI funding are notified. Mr. Shepherd said the County does not send award letter and instead sends contracts.

Mr. Roth said the alcohol-involved fatalities have dropped from 250 in 2002 down to last year's preliminary number at 117 to 125. He said that was a tremendous reduction in eight years. He credited all the programs; enforcement, advertising, change in societal attitudes, prevention programs in the schools as well as a shift in the judges' attitudes. He said New Mexico was still tenth from the worst in terms of alcohol-impaired driving fatalities per 100,000 population for 2010.

Ms. Delgado added that in Santa Fe County the crash incidents are up 17 percent from last year. She said it was a large number. Crashes are indicators of high BAC, binge drinking, over-serving in a community and law enforcement. SFUDPA is working with law enforcement on this issue.

Mr. Roth agreed with Ms. Delgado that alcohol-involved crashes are the best available single measure of how much drunk driving there is. Arrests fluctuate depending on availability of enforcement.

Ms. Delgado said the crashes are indicators of environmental issues within the community. Mr. Roth said the average BAC of a person arrested in Santa Fe County is .15 to .16, which is double the legal limit.

Ms. Delgado requested that staff consider binge drinking in their strategic planning efforts.

Informational Items (con't)

Mr. Magourilos reported on the State of New Mexico Office of Substance Abuse Prevention, Behavioral Health Services Division, Prevention Enhancement Grant. He said the federal agency that oversees prevention in the country has given every state a \$600,000 grant to develop a strategic plan for prevention for the next five years. The four main categories to develop are: data collection and analysis; coordination of services; training and technical assistance; and performance monitoring and evaluation. He said it was important that Santa Fe County align its program with the state and the country. The DWI planning councils are recognized by the federal government as key stakeholders to the process.

Mr. Shepherd said he recently completed the paperwork for a new DWI program coordinator and a second prevention specialist for the southern part of the County. He anticipated those positions would be advertised within the week.

In terms of Council membership, Mr. Shepherd said in the past there has been representation from the City police and County sheriff's department. He said he will discuss the idea with the respective departments.

IX. Announcements

Next DWI PC meeting – February 9, 2012 at 8:30 to 10:30

X. Adjournment

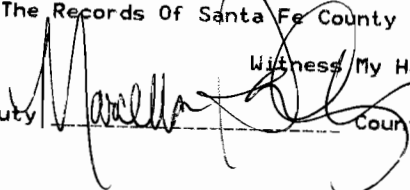
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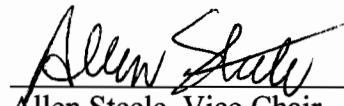
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