

MINUTES OF THE
SANTA FE COUNTY
DWI PLANNING COUNCIL

January 9, 2014

Santa Fe, New Mexico

This meeting of the Santa Fe County DWI Planning Council was called to order by Acting Chair Tom Starke at approximately 9:00 a.m. on the above-cited date at 2052 S. Galisteo, Santa Fe, New Mexico.

The following members were present:

Members Present:

Tom Starke
Richard De Mella
Glenn Levant
Loralee Freilich
Leah Tafoya

Member(s) Excused:

Donna Bevacqua-Young
David Saldivar

Staff Present:

Lupe Sanchez, DWI Program Coordinator
Peter Olson, DWI Program
Diolinda Roybal, DWI Program
Jennifer Romero, Teen Court

Others Present:

Sgt. Liz Whitfield, State Police
John Mowen, Citizen
Michele Lis, Contractor
Shelly Moeller, Contractor – Program Evaluator
Maire Claire Voorhees, SFUDPA

V. D. Coordinator's Report

Initially, lacking a quorum, the meeting began with Mr. Sanchez' report where he offered the following:

- Lisa Wooldridge has resigned and the applications for the Planning Council will be presented to the Board of County Commissioners February 11th

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- Santa Fe County participated in the Sandoval County program with young people learning about DWI conviction, from the field sobriety test, handcuffing, jail, to the court; the event generated media coverage
- Staff is working on the scope of work for the Sobering Center RFP
- The CADDy program name has been officially changed to “A Cab Ride Home Service”
- Financial disclosure statements, required by the County, were distributed

Chair Starke arrived at this point and the Council achieved a quorum.

Mr. Sanchez said staff has been working on obtaining the SID citation information, DOT crash locations, arrest reports and liquor license information, and plans on presenting it at the February Council meeting.

III. Approval of the Minutes: November 14, 2013 & December 12, 2013

Ms. Tafoya moved to approve the minutes of November 14 and December 12, 2013 meetings as presented. Her motion was seconded by Ms. Freilich and passed by unanimous voice vote.

IV. Approval of the Agenda

The agenda was accepted by consensus.

V. Matters from the Council

Ms. Freilich advised the Planning Council that she had the opportunity to speak to City Councilors and email Mayor Coss to express her concern regarding the number of fatalities and unsafe nature of Zia Road. The City has communicated that they will be installing traffic calming landscaping to improve the road’s safety.

VI. Information Items

Chair Starke noted today’s primary task is to work through the Needs Assessment and the overview of the strategic plan. Recognizing 2014 as an election year, he advocated forwarding the Council’s priorities to the candidates.

a. DWI Needs Assessment

Chair Starke said Ms. Lis played a pivotal role in the development of the 2012 plan and is under contract to help the Planning Council pull the plan together and format it to better communicate to the stakeholders for 2014.

Ms. Lis noted that at last month’s Planning Council meeting staff reviewed the 2012 plan and associated successes. The new plan will build off 2012 plan and the needs assessment and it will be a comprehensive plan looking at community needs and service gaps.

Chair Starke noted the driving factor is Santa Fe County Resolution 1997-97 which created this council and established the tasks. Besides DWI, the Council is responsible for working to reduce alcoholism within the community and reduce drug-based impaired driving in coordination with other County organizations.

Ms. Lis said information has been gathered over the year with generated data and those resources are being utilized. Three main areas have been identified as a context for the needs assessment: 1) Drunk and drugged driving rates in Santa Fe County, 2) Alcohol and substance abuse rates in Santa Fe County and 3) Alcohol and drug abuse for youth 18 and under. Each of the three topics have a series of bullet points regarding key findings or a gap in local services. She mentioned a key point brought up by law enforcement is the critical need of a place to take intoxicated or drugged individuals instead of jail or the hospital.

Ms. Lis requested that the Council divide into three groups representing the three main areas and review the bullet points to 1) confirm the key needs and gaps in the community and provide additional points; 2) identify the critical priorities for the next three years in the program; and 3) identify key partners.

The groups worked for 30 minutes and returned to review their findings. Following is a partial listing of those findings.

Group 3: Alcohol and drug abuse for youth 18 and under

Key needs and gaps

- Start prevention at a young age – include parents
- Educate regarding life skills
- Communication gaps between entities
- Engage the community by utilizing services

Critical priorities

- Education
- Community outreach/PR
- Follow-up after completion of programs
- Measure success to ascertain what works
- Awareness of alcohol sales density
- Social norms

Key Partners

- The entire community – treatment providers, law enforcement, school board, teen courts, JPOs, local government, retirement community, athletic and service organizations, community foundations, pueblos, etc.

Mention was made that many youth struggle with a lack of basic needs; glasses, dental work, food, shelter, etc.

Group 2: Alcohol and substance abuse was reviewed by the group as a precursor to DWI and alcohol abuse

Key needs and gaps

- Obtaining appropriate services for an individual

- Medical detox (24/7)
- A directory of treatment and assessment services

Critical priorities

- Case management to insure the health and financial needs are met
- Follow-up after completion of programs to better understand assessment, treatment and alcohol recidivism (domestic violence)
- Determine which programs are working well and sharing that information with other providers
- Quality assessments

Key Partners

- Health Policy and Planning Commission, Corrections Advisory Council, treatment providers, etc.

Group 1: Drunk and drugged driving:

Key needs and gaps

Critical priorities

- Monitoring judges and data
- Train officers how to go to trial
- Train prosecutor on presenting case
- Increase interlock program
- Coordinate with other DWI councils
- Define treatment success
- Develop field test for drugs
- Address drugs entering the jail
- Increase officers on the street
- Recognize the global issue of legal drug use
- Court watchers
- Need full criminal record of DWI offenders

Key Partners

- The entire community: parole, law enforcement, courts, prosecutors, MADD, etc.
- Hospitality community

It was mentioned that MADD has dropped its court watcher program in Albuquerque.

SID is increasing its staffing and increasing training regarding sales to intoxicated.

Mr. Levant noted that an effective, evidence-based program is different from an evidence-based program.

Ms. Freilich requested information about what communities similar to Santa Fe are doing with their DWI issues. She championed a halfway house in the community.

Other items for the list can be emailed to Mr. Sanchez. Developing action items to address the identified issues is the next step.

