

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

**October 11, 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 9:04 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 not present.

**Members Present:**

Richard De Mella, Chair  
Amanda Grundler  
Susan Skea  
Tamara Zawistowski

**Member(s) Absent:**

Erica Abeyta

**County Staff Present:**

Lupe Sanchez, DWI Coordinator  
Peter Olson, DWI Program  
Diolinda Roybal, DWI Program  
Jennifer Romero, Teen Court  
Chanelle Delgado, Teen Court  
Alex Dominguez, Community Services

**Others Present:**

Jose Gonzales, Santa Fe Police Department

III. **Approval of Minutes: June 14 & September 13, 2018**

IV. **Approval of Agenda**

These items were deferred pending a quorum.

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

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

None were mentioned.

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**VI. Information Items**

**A. Santa Fe County Behavioral Crisis Center Update**

Alex Dominguez introduced himself and stated the update comes from of a behavioral health strategic plan done by Hyde and Associates. He noted the presentation is geared toward the general public. He said the County has committed to the concept with both capital and operating funds. \$2.2 million has been dedicated to the physical plant.

Using a power point presentation Mr. Dominguez enumerated the goals and vision of the center. It is a treat-first model that will avoid incarceration and ER visits, de-escalate crises, and work to prevent future crises. It is also a living room model that is comfortable and makes use of peer support, who will be the first point of contact. There will be a shared lobby with the enhanced social detox center. It will serve adults 18 and older. He likened the inviting atmosphere sought to that of the Tamaya Resort. An important component is navigation and several providers will be collocated, including LEAD, HUGS, the jail re-entry specialist, Life Link and PMS. Mr. Sanchez said the DWI is contributing \$71,000 for outpatient counseling.

Mr. Dominguez said an RFP will be going out soon for a design-built contract to convert the current facility. The primary operations partner will be New Mexico Solutions out of Albuquerque. The first year will be devoted to planning. Progress has been stalled by the fact that the State Department of Health has yet to issue their regulations and guidelines for crisis centers which are anticipated momentarily.

Mr. Dominguez said it is hoped that social detox can be converted to medical detox.

Mr. Dominguez said the facility will be open Monday through Saturday from 10:00 to 12 midnight and they expect 2,500 visitors annually with increasing numbers in following years.

Jennifer Romero said an RFP will be released shortly for a strategic plan for adolescent behavioral health and to identify the gaps. She expected the plan would be completed by March.

Chair De Mella asked how many calls the police receive on emotionally disturbed people (EDPs). Officer Jose Gonzales said most of the calls are around the homeless. Mr. Dominguez said homelessness is a big challenge. If a call is answered by police, fire and EMTs the cost is approximately \$1830, whereas cost for the crisis center will be \$13/day, an "extremely significant" difference.

Ms. Grundler asked how this was to be publicized and Mr. Dominguez said there will be outreach that will encourage those in need to make use of the resources available.

Regarding the timeline, contingent upon the regulations, Mr. Dominguez said the RFP could go out by the end of November, a contractor found by the end of January, Community Services would move out by the end of March. A nine- to 12-month remodeling period is anticipated.

In response to questions from Dr. Skea, Mr. Dominguez described the accrediting agencies involved.

#### **B. Program Updates**

Mr. Sanchez stated the program vacancies have been filled and the new accountant will be joining the team on Monday. The compliance officer will be starting in two weeks. Mr. Sanchez said he will be attending the DWI training meetings to discuss changes to the LDWI grant application process and reporting requirements. He hoped the process would be simplified.

#### **C. Law Enforcement Update**

Peter Olson said they are waiting for grants to come in for checkpoints and saturation patrols. A new Operation Northern Safety is planned around Thanksgiving. Heretofore the focus has been on 84/285 and they are looking into more operations in the southern part of the county.

Officer Gonzales stated the federal grant expired September 30<sup>th</sup> and more overtime funds won't be available until February. They generally get around \$75,000 per year from DOT, although the funding goes down every year.

SFPD currently has 28 vacancies.

Officer Gonzales indicated they held two warrant roundups recently and apprehended around 24 DWI absconders. There were also some violations by liquor server operations. He provided arrest figures and noted there was an 84 percent conviction rate. He anticipated this would go down due to fewer officers on the street. He added they are receiving more help from the AGs Office, in particular with license revocation hearings.

Mr. Olson asked about arrests versus traffic stops. Officer Gonzales said there is a correlation. More arrests come from traffic stops rather than crashes. There has been a vast decrease in alcohol-related fatalities in the city. Regarding repeat offenders, these have decreased following the implementation of the seizure program. Now, the majority are first-time offenders. Mr. Sanchez said 65 percent of those they see are first-time offenders. Ninety percent of those coming in from magistrate court are the result of a traffic stop arrest. He indicated that the funding they give to City Police can be used for overtime in the courts.

Ms. Grundler said the City prosecutor has decided to drop prior DWIs older than ten years. Officer Gonzales pointed out the record keeping has improved making proof

easier. He mentioned a publication by Julie Gallardo called *Anatomy of a DWI*, which is a good resource and includes case law.

**D. Coordinator's Report**

Mr. Sanchez announced there will be a drug take-back day on October 27<sup>th</sup>. These are conducted twice a year. The first one garnered 500 or 600 pounds of unwanted medication. He mentioned they hope their location after the building is converted to a crisis center will be close to the magistrate court, since the compliance officers constantly work with offenders. He distributed statistics on crash and fatalities for the state.

Mr. Sanchez said they are still advertising to fill the vacancies on the council

**VII. Miscellaneous**

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

- Presentation by the Attorney General's Office

**VIII. Public Comment**

None were presented.

**IX. Announcements**

**A. Next Planning Council Meeting: Thursday, November 8, 2018**

Ms. Grundler said her department would be happy to participate in any upcoming events.

**X. Adjournment**

Having completed the agenda and with no further action to come before the Council, this meeting adjourned at approximately 10:25 a.m.

Approved by:



*[Signature]*  
 Richard DeMella, Chair  
 DWI Planning Council

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