

MINUTES OF THE
SANTA FE COUNTY
DWI PLANNING COUNCIL

December 13, 2018

Santa Fe, New Mexico

I. This meeting of the Santa Fe County DWI Planning Council was called to order by Tamara Zawistowski 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 not present.

Members Present:

Tamara Zawistowski
Amanda Grundler

Member(s) Absent:

Richard De Mella, Chair
Erica Abeyta
Susan Skea
Lorelee Freilich
Jose Gonzales

County Staff Present:

Lupe Sanchez, DWI Coordinator
Peter Olson, DWI Program
Jared Mosher, SOS

Others Present:

Sean Strahon, SFPD
Jami Krueger, DFA, DWI Coordinator
Joan Morales, DWI Assessor – Contractor

III. Approval of Minutes: June 14 & September 13, October 11, 2018

IV. Approval of Agenda

These items were deferred.

V. Matters from the Council/Action Items

A. Follow-ups from previous meetings

None were mentioned.

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VI. Information Items

A. Introduction of New Council Members

Mr. Sanchez said SFPD member Jose Gonzales was at a training.

B. Program Updates

Joan Morales said she has been on contract with the County since November 2017 to conduct independent clinical assessments for the people convicted of DWI. Since starting the contract she has conducted 105 assessments. Of those, 14 did not qualify for treatment services based on the diagnostic criteria. Many of those convicted are dual-diagnosed, have traumatic brain injuries and are too sick to qualify. The population of those convicted of DWI is quite diverse, she stated.

Mr. Sanchez said before the program contracted with Ms. Morales, the DWI clients were referred for assessment to agencies throughout the county which was causing conflicts of interest in that the assessors referred the client to the assessor's program for treatment. Ms. Morales is conducting a more thorough health assessment, has a great deal of knowledge regarding treatment services and is able to make a more appropriate referral for the individual. At this point the program is seeing a reduction in its client level and the anticipation is there that will also be a reduction in repeat offenders. It is apparent that the problem will not be solved through arrest but rather through treatment. The vast majority of the offenders in the program finish their probation.

Ms. Morales said some of the older first-time offenders exhibit a great deal of shame and need encouragement to stay with the program. Mr. Sanchez said the offending population has gotten older; the current average age is in the 40+ age group. The program currently has four compliance officers and their caseloads range between 50 to 100 individuals. Ms. Krueger encouraged staff to maintain the smallest caseloads as possible and recommended 60 as the maximum.

C. Law Enforcement Update

Mr. Olson reported that a representative from the Attorney General's Office will be attending the Law Enforcement meetings. Judge Anaya has agreed to continue the Courts to School program.

An Operations Northern Safety occurred before Thanksgiving. Cpl. Mosher said it was a fairly productive saturation.

D. Coordinator's Report

Mr. Sanchez reported on the following:

- Richard De Mella's term has expired but he has expressed an interest to reapply
- The MOU with the City PD has been signed and \$26,000 will be available for special operations
- Staffing for law enforcement is a statewide issue

- The program has a new compliance officer and all officers are fully trained
- Efforts are underway to receive accreditation for the compliance program through the New Mexico Association of Compliance Accreditation Programs
- A treatment provider RFP has a closing date of December 26, 2018
- Construction on the Crisis Triage Center is delayed until the new downtown administration facility is completed
- A public awareness RFP has a closing date of January 14, 2019
- The DWI program will continue to provide training to County employees regarding the consequences of a DWI arrest

VII. Miscellaneous

Ms. Grundler reported that last week the New Mexico Court of Appeals rendered a decision that municipalities are prohibited from practicing vehicle forfeiture. The City of Santa Fe is considering whether to appeal the decision; however, effective yesterday the City's program was suspended and vehicles are being released to owners. She said the program handled approximately 600 offenders a year since 2009.

VIII. Public Comment

None were presented.

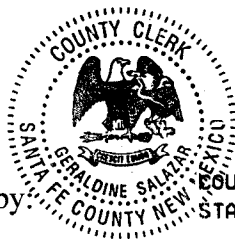
IX. Announcements

A. Next Planning Council Meeting: Thursday, January 10, 2018

X. Adjournment

Having completed the agenda and with no further action to come before the Council, this meeting adjourned at approximately 9:55 a.m.

Approved by:



Richard De Mella, Chair
DWI Planning Council

Jose Gonzalez

Respectfully submitted by:
Karen Farrell
Karen Farrell, Wordswork

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