# **MINUTES OF THE**

## SANTA FE COUNTY

# **DWI PLANNING COUNCIL**

# February 13, 2014

# Santa Fe, New Mexico

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

A quorum was established with the following members were present:

#### **Members Present:**

Tom Starke Richard De Mella Loralee Freilich Leah Tafoya

## Member(s) Excused:

Donna Bevacqua-Young, Chair David Saldivar [Three vacancies]

### **Staff Present:**

Lupe Sanchez, DWI Program Coordinator Peter Olson, DWI Program

#### **Others Present:**

John Mowen, Citizen
Catherine Kinney, HPPC member
Michele Lis, Contractor
Shelly Moeller, Contractor – Program Evaluator
Marissa Tapia, SFPS
Ted Collins, NMSP
Mark Lewandowski, SFPD

# III. Approval of the Minutes: January 9, 2014

Those present reviewed the minutes and by consensus they were approved.

# IV. Approval of the Agenda

The agenda was accepted by consensus.

## V. Matters from the Council

## A. Follow-up from Previous Meetings

Mr. Sanchez said he has obtained the SID citation information for the past two years and will provide that at the next meeting as well as crash locations.

## B. Discussion concerning the Chair and Vice Chair and Elections

Mr. Starke advised the Council that Ms. Bevacqua-Young's court obligations conflict with her ability to chair as well as attend these meetings. Her term on the Council expires in June and she may be unable to reapply. The Council's vice chair resigned in January.

Ms. Freilich nominated Tom Starke as Council chair. Ms. Tafoya seconded and with no further nominations, Tom Starke was named chair.

Ms. Freilich nominated Richard De Mella as Council vice chair. Ms. Tafoya seconded and with no further nominations, Richard De Mella was named vice chair.

#### VI. Information Items

#### A. DWI Needs Assessment/DWI Plan

Chair Starke took the lead on identifying the overarching/priority goals, listing the objectives, strategic priorities, timeframe, responsible parties and milestone or measure of progress for each goal. The goals were those worked on by the Council divided in groups at the January meeting. The goals have partnerships with other organizations in the County, particularly the goals as identified by the HPPC in the Community Needs Assessment.

Coordination with other organizations are very important and the DWI Council will be a contributor with other organizations, i.e., HPPC, law enforcement, courts, schools, etc. in reaching the outcomes. He mentioned "It Takes a Village Project" coming through the courts that looks at mental illness as well as substance abuse throughout the community.

Chair Starke requested that the attendees look at the actions with an eye toward which group they would be interesting in participating in.

Chair Starke reviewed the overarching goals were presented with the objectives, strategic priorities, timeframe, responsibility and milestones. The goals and objectives were listed as follows:

Reduce DWI and drugged driving incidents in Santa Fe County resulting in fewer crashed, injuries and fatalities

- Increase the capacity of law enforcement and prosecuting attorneys in Santa Fe County to prevent, apprehend and prosecute DWI offenses
- Reduce DWI recidivism through evidence-based sanctions and increased offender compliance

 Increase perceived risk of arrest for DWI and driving while license revoked for DWI

Impact the generational cycle of alcohol and drug abuse for youth and adults through coordinated efforts and collaboration with community partners

- Use evidence-based strategies to reduce underage drinking and drug use, and early initiation of alcohol and drug use
- Collaborate with Santa Fe County HPPC and other community partners to reduce alcohol abuse among adults
- Collaborate with the Santa Fe County HPPC and other community partners to reduce drug abuse among adults

Mr. Olson said staff contacted high frequency users of the CADDy program requesting they participate in a news conference about the program and none of them were willing to participate.

In regard to section 1.11, the warning notice to place of last service where BAC is greater than .14 at time of DWI offender arrest, Capt. Collins expressed concern that if SID were targeting the establishment the notion of a letter may raise issues during an administrative hearing. He suggested the letter go for BAC levels between 1.2 and 1.4 .Chair Starke suggested meeting with SID to better understand any liabilities associated with the actions.

A discussion regarding the definition of "conviction" occurred and whether MVD should be included. Sergeant Lewandowski, DRE (Drug Recognition Expert), said 90 to 95 percent of the DREs he deals with are on prescription drugs. Impairment is the issue with the prescribed drugs. He discussed the complex issues of drug convictions, proof of impairment and the difficulties of getting SLD, Scientific Laboratory Division, to attend a hearing. A lot of cases are not being addressed because the state lacks drug related laws..

Referring to the random urine analysis pilot program, Mr. Sanchez said the program will include 300 offenders tested twice a month. The pilot is for six months and expected to cost \$28,000. The compliance officer will notify the judges if there is a positive screening. The screening will be a nine-panel drug screen. The County is considering imposing a compliance fee that runs between \$15 and \$50.

It was mentioned that New Mexico's fines are some of the lowest in the country when it comes to DWI and the State will many times pay or subsidize the interlock. Other states have penalties starting at \$7,000.

Mr. De Mella noted that the DWI is one in a string of arrests that usually include domestic violence, public intoxication, etc.

Ms. Freilich strongly encouraged requiring educational courses, perhaps a GED, for DWI offenders. A town hall meeting she recently attended on the southside had good attendance and could be useful as an opening for DWI prevention.

Chair Starke spoke to the importance of coordination with other teams in the County. He agreed that a town hall/community meeting to listen to the community could be hosted by the Council.

Ms. Tapia said there are organizations that will provide dental, glasses, etc. in exchange for sweat equity. She offered to forward the information to staff.

Ms. Moeller said surveying 7<sup>th</sup> graders and up is useful, whereas it may not be as effective for younger children. The YRRS was mentioned as an important measurement tool.

CSV's First Born program was mentioned as a good resource for information.

Ms. Kinney said the City Council is promoting a collaborative effort to identify challenges in terms of Medicaid and a range of issues. The resolution(s) are asking for support from the substance abuse community.

Section 6.1 was changed to the Santa Fe Opiate Safe Group.

Chair Starke moved to adopt the strategic plan and any edits necessary for effectiveness. Mr. De Mella seconded and the motion passed by unanimous voice vote.

Chair Starke requested that Ms. Moeller work with Ms. Lis in making any edits to the plan.

# B. Coordinator's Report

Mr. Sanchez reported on Sole Community Provider legislation that may impact the DWI program. The House Appropriations Committee has recommended taking \$2.7 million from the Local DWI Program which funds the 33 counties' programs. This would have a fiscal impact of \$290,000 on Santa Fe County's program. Mr. Sanchez asked that the members phone their senators opposing this appropriation which is in HB 2.

Mr. Sanchez referred to a letter provided in the packet from Stanley Rosebud Rosen that proposes setting up kiosks in stores where liquor is sold that talks about the responsibilities of alcohol consumption and driving.

## VII. <u>Miscellaneous</u>

## A. Agenda Items for Next Meeting: March 13, 2014

- Review any changes to the DWI Plan
- Review Stanley Rosen's kiosk recommendation
- Staff to provide SID arrest and crash information

## VIII. Matters from the Public

None were offered.

#### IX. **Adjournment**

This meeting was declared adjourned at approximately 10:30 a.m.

Approved by:

Tom Starke, Chair **DWI Planning Council** 

Respectfully submitted by:

Karen Farrell, Wordswork



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