

MINUTES OF THE
SANTA FE COUNTY
DWI PLANNING COUNCIL

April 16, 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 later in the meeting with the following members were present:

Members Present:

Tom Starke
Leah Tafoya
Loralee Freilich [late arrival]
John Mowen

Member(s) Excused:

Donna Bevacqua-Young, Chair
Richard De Mella
David Saldivar

Staff Present:

Lupe Sanchez, DWI Program Coordinator
Peter Olson, DWI Prevention Specialist

Others Present:

Elizabeth Whitfield, NMSP
Ted Collins, NMSP
Mark Lewandowski, SFPD
Shelley Mann-Lev, SFPS
Erica Abeyta, Santa Fe Community College – Substance Abuse Prevention
Laura Nunnally, Santa Fe University of Art & Science – Director of Student Life
Matt Johnson, St. John's College – Director of Residential Life

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V. Matters from the Council

A. Follow-up from Previous Meetings

Mr. Sanchez thanked those that participated in the development of the Santa Fe County DWI Program Strategic Plan: FY 2014-2017.

VI. Information Items

A. Binge Drinking – Prevention Efforts at Local Colleges

Chair Starke pointed out that the reduction of binge drinking is one of the Council's objectives. This morning's focus is on the local colleges..

Santa Fe University of Art & Design

Laura Nunnally said SFUAD is a dry campus with the exception of the upper classman apartments. There are resident assistants who monitor campus living and are responsible for upholding policies that include no drinking nor drugs in the dorms. When students are caught with alcohol they go through a judicial process that is likened to an educational opportunity. The offending student is educated about the effects of alcohol. If the incident escalates the student is referred to counseling services. At the beginning of the school year an alcohol and drug awareness workshop is conducted for all incoming students. This fall the University will institute a more comprehensive program that will include sexual assault awareness and prevention.

Ms. Nunnally said they are compliant with Department of Education regulations and they annually issue a security and safety report. They also report the underage drinking results. She mentioned that a few years ago there was a surge in alcohol-related incidents on campus and more programming was implemented around awareness. All of the campus incidents are reported and data is available on the website.

The student body enrollment is 720 and 485 live on campus. The security is 24/7 and there are usually three individuals on duty.

Alcohol awareness realistically means moderation and not abstinence. Marijuana is an issue on campus but other drugs have not been an issue at this point.

Ms. Tafoya said MADD has a very effective presentation for students and she encouraged SFUAD to contact them.

Ms. Nunnally said SFUAD conducts "Drunken Olympics" where the student participants compete in games wearing drunk-goggles and experience the impairment of alcohol.

Chair Starke said Santa Fe County does a Victim Impact Panel for people convicted of DWI that is very powerful and it may be possible to conduct one on the campus.

In regard to trends, Ms. Nunnally said there are new alcoholic beverages, i.e., mixing alcohol with RedBull that is highly dangerous and the information is slow in getting out.

Ms. Mann-Lev asked about a prevalence survey and Ms. Nunnally at this time they do not have one.

A student with multiple incidents/infractions may be terminated. SFUAD considers campus living to be community living. Typically, the student is having academic problems as well. Students have been expelled for excessive abuse of alcohol and those individuals are given guidance as to what to do while away from school: get help. Medical marijuana is not allowed on campus.

St. John's College

Matt Johnson, St. John's College – Director of Residential Life, said St. John's is a small operation with 85 percent of the 350 enrolled undergraduates living on campus. St. John's is not a dry campus although their approach to drinking is very similar to that of Santa Fe University of Art & Design. There are designated spaces for recovering alcoholics or addicts and students who want to avoid alcohol or other substances within their living space. Most of the education is integrated around health and consequences at the freshman orientation and each class level. The most successful presentations on alcohol and substance abuse are presented through health consequences and behavior. Sexual assault prevention on campus has an emphasis on how substances affect behavior.

All events with alcohol have a bartender who checks IDs and there is a maximum number of drinks sold to individuals. The safe cab ride home is used by St. John's students and the college also has a van service.

Mr. Sanchez said the cab ride home is a one-way transport with a pickup at a liquor establishment, restaurant, or house party.

Mr. Johnson said there are no academic penalties for drinking too much. There is a conference. The college tracks incidents of overdrinking but it does not stand in the way of students standing.

Mr. Mowen asked whether the college has seen shifts in patterns of alcohol or drug use. Mr. Johnson said overall alcohol use has stabilized or declined. Marijuana use is stable or increasing. There have been incidents of drug mixing and selling or sharing prescription drugs on the campus.

Law enforcement said they see more prescription and hard drugs (heroin and cocaine) not necessarily marijuana.

Santa Fe Community College

Erica Abeyta, Santa Fe Community College – Substance Abuse Prevention, said the college has no residential living and some of the issues seen on other campuses are not prevalent at SFCC. SFCC is part of the New Mexico Higher Education Prevention Consortium and the prevention efforts are educating students on the social norms in terms of what their peers are doing. That data is derived from lifestyle surveys. The college conducts the lifestyle survey in the spring and approximately 500 students are surveyed regarding their behavior with alcohol and drugs. The college makes DWI and other information available through posters, social

media, etc. There is an educational component on binge drinking. They have a student from the UNM pharmacy program educate students on prescription drug abuse. They also let students know about the legal, educational and career consequences of alcohol and substance abuse.

The college also hosts prevention activities and overall they try to help students make positive lifestyle choices.

Ms. Mann-Lev said Ms. Abeyta is a student intern dedicated to prevention and participates in a very significant way. Having someone on the campus whose focus is prevention is a tremendous benefit.

There was mention that updated educational materials are difficult to obtain.

Ms. Freilich invited the speakers to take some dashboard stickers written in English and Spanish that state "I'm smart. I don't drink and drive."

Mr. Sanchez said the County contracts with prevention groups and individuals and he stated that the County will cover the cost if they want to use these prevention services for their freshmen class. He offered to collaborate on programs and noted that the CADDy numbers show that St. John's College and Santa Fe University of Art & Design use the program.

The representatives were thanked for their time. The consortium at UNM was mentioned as a valuable resource.

Coordinator's Report

Mr. Sanchez reported on the following:

- SBIRT - staff is conducting follow-up evaluations. DOH will conduct an evaluation that will assist the County in determining whether to continue to fund the program. The SBIRT treatment duration needs to be tightened and the contractor is working on that. Recidivism rates will be monitored. Anyone sentenced for DWI in magistrate or district court is provided a small amount of supervision through the DWI program in terms of court ordered requirements and 61 individuals are using SBIRT for therapy
- An MOU with the Administrative Office of the Court has been developed for the urine-testing program. County Legal is reviewing the MOU
- Post Prom party is scheduled for April 26th for Pojoaque High School. Pojoaque High will provide the buses to get the participants to the DreamCatcher movie theater for two new release movies. There are drawings for big-ticket prizes and breakfast burritos are provided. Staff is considering post prom parties at the bigger schools in Santa Fe
- Drug Take-Back and the DWI vehicle auction are scheduled for April 26th
- The DFA Local Government Division excise tax bureau chief Lisa Lubbock resigned. She was tremendously effective and moving the program in the right direction regarding data collection

Mr. Olson will be meeting with the FireStik Studio, the contractor selected to do the County's public awareness campaign.

Sergeant Lewandowki said the City's vehicle auction is scheduled for April 19th with 118 cars. Mr. Olson suggested he contact Mr. Olson to help with additional publicity on the event.

VII. Miscellaneous

Chair Starke said they were hoping for additional information on DWI arrest in terms of bar and restaurants for the Strategic Plan. A dialogue has begun with three local bars to provide feedback when one of their patrons is arrested for DWI with a high alcohol level. The bars are interested in receiving that information on an informal level. He said it may help to sensitize management that they need to work on server education. The idea is make the alcohol establishment aware before they are cited and encourage their patrons to get a ride home. Hopefully this increases awareness.

There is community confusion on what to do when pulled over by a police officer. Captain Collins has offered to provide the appropriate protocol that may be beneficial to publish in the DWI newspaper insert.

Ms. Freilich recommended making this information available at DMV. Mr. Starke said he understood that DMV was expanding the driver's license test from the current 20 questions to 100.

Ms. Tafoya said the presentation of the information for the different demographics in the County needs to be developed.

Chair Starke advised the participants of two talks coming to Santa Fe: "The Effects of Marijuana Use on the Brain, Body and Behavior," Tuesday, April 29th, 2014, 6:00 pm and the showing of "The Anonymous People" on May 20th.

Sergeant Lewandowski said checkpoints will be occurring twice a month until September. Chair Starke suggested that the DWI program advertise the date, not the location, of pending checkpoints for awareness. Ms. Abeyta said that would be appreciated. Ms. Tapia said Facebook explodes with warnings and locations of checkpoints. Sergeant Lewandowski said the checkpoints go beyond the exact location and there are officers throughout the area.

VIII. Matters from the Public

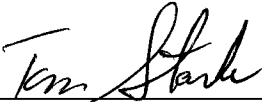
None were offered.

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IX. Adjournment


This meeting was declared adjourned at approximately 10:25 a.m.

Approved by:



Tom Starke, Chair
DWI Planning Council

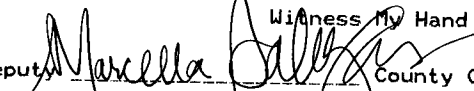
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