

MINUTES OF THE
SANTA FE COUNTY
DWI PLANNING COUNCIL

May 12, 2011

Santa Fe, New Mexico

This regular meeting of the Santa Fe County DWI Planning Council was called to order by Yvonne Ortiz, Acting Chair at approximately 8:30 a.m. on the above-cited date at 2052 S. Galisteo, Santa Fe, New Mexico. Lacking a quorum, no action was taken.

The following individuals were present:

Members Present:

Yvonne Ortiz, Acting Chair
Juan Blea
Ken Coleman
Richard De Mella
Jim Jackson
Donna Morris
Vivian Nelson
Grace Quintana-Trujillo
Allen Steele
Lisa Wooldridge

Member(s) Excused:

Michael Sisneros
Louis Carlos

Staff Present:

Steve Shepherd, Director Health and Human Services
Becky Beardsley, DWI Program Department Administrator
Diolinda Roybal, DWI Program Prevention Specialist
Frank Magourilos, DWI Program Senior Certified Prevention Specialist Supervisor

Others Presents:

Shelley Mann-Lev, Santa Fe Public Schools / Underage Drinking Prevention Alliance
Sgt. Alan Mascareñas, Santa Fe Police Department
Sgt. William Pacheco, Santa Fe County Sheriff's Department
Alice Sealey, Santa Fe County Teen Court
Jennifer Romero, Santa Fe County Teen Court
Donna Beck, Santa Fe City Police Department

Those present introduced themselves.

III. APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

Upon motion by Member Morris and second by Member Jackson the agenda was unanimously approved

IV. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Chair Ortiz explained that lacking a quorum at previous meetings the council was unable to approve the three sets of minutes listed below.

A. December 9, 2010

Member De Mella moved to accept the December 9, 2010 minutes. Member Jackson seconded and the motion passed by unanimous voice vote.

B. January 13, 2011

Member Jackson moved to approve the January 13, 2011 minutes. Member Coleman seconded and the motion passed by unanimous voice vote.

C. February 23, 2011

Member Coleman moved to approved. His motion was seconded by Member Jackson and the minutes of the February 23, 2011 meeting were unanimously approved.

Member Steele asked whether any DWI related bills were signed by the Governor. Ms. Beardsley said the changes to the graduated driver's license and the budget bill, which reduced the DWI program budget were signed. She said she kept the council updated with emails outlining introduced bills, pocket vetoes, etc. She stated she would be happy to send them out again to anyone needing them.

Member Steele asked whether the previous council prioritized crucial programs. Ms. Beardsley said several programs have been funded in the past with additional funds and she anticipated there would be excess funds again this year.

Ms. Beardsley identified the FY 2012 CDWI (Community DWI) funding amount as \$63,340. The ignition interlock indigent fund continues to be in arrears and she understood from the State's Traffic Safety Bureau that funding may be available beginning January 2012.

V. MATTERS FROM THE PUBLIC

None were presented.

VI. MATTERS FROM THE COUNCIL

A. Orientation Follow-up/Clarification

Ms. Beardsley stated that staff prepares the council packets and provides support material. Minutes are taken by Wordswork a private contractor.

A request was made that acronyms be spelled out throughout the minutes and minutes be provided before the meeting with the packet information.

B. Other Matters from Council Members

Member Blea asked about the movie theater educational ads that were airing and Ms. Beardsley said the spot runs before the movie and she offered to forward an internet link. Ms. Mann-Lev mentioned that St. Michael's students produced the pieces. She said the Santa Fe Underage Drinking Prevention Alliance would welcome making a presentation to this body and she offered to provide information regarding Santa Fe Public School's prevention program.

Member Sealey said Teen Court occurs on Wednesday evenings at the District Court building and she invited anyone to attend.

It was mentioned that a council member may be able to ride along with the police during a saturation patrol. Ms. Mann-Lev said it was a valuable experience.

VII. INFORMATIONAL ITEMS

A. FY 2011 Budget/Re-budget Update

Ms. Beardsley explained that staff understood the social norms campaign would be handled by the state's contractor, New Mexico Abilities. Unfortunately, the vendor reneged leaving the County in an untenable position without adequate time to issue an RFP and proceed with the project prior to the end of the fiscal year.

She offered the following information regarding the budget: approximately \$150,000 will be reverted back to the State but the County can reapply for those funds. A county is eligible to receive the funds if they are to be used on allowable DFA expenses, the County reverts the unexpended funds back to the State by a certain time and if the County is in good standing with DFA (reports have been submitted on a timely basis, funds have been expended appropriately, audits have not resulted in serious findings, etc.). She assured the council that this reversion of funds was not because of any irresponsibility on the County's side. She noted that \$100,000 had been earmarked for the CARE Connection to perform clinical assessment on all DWI offenders convicted in Magistrate Court to determine if they have mental health and/or substance abuse problems. Since Christus St. Vincent took over in June and will provide the services free of charge the funds needed to be re-allocated..

In regards to the reverted funds, Member Coleman asked whether the state would return the money. Ms. Beardsley responded that through the mechanism of a grant agreement the state has been pretty quick in returning funds. She noted this was not the first time funds were reverted and returned to Santa Fe County.

B. Prevention Component Overview

Frank Magourilos, Prevention Specialist, said the strategic plan will be developed by prevention staff and the contractor/evaluator that will be hired. The prevention being discussed is substance abuse: alcohol, tobacco and other drugs prevention. A great deal of information and funding is obtained through federal agencies and he mentioned SAMHSA (Substance Abuse & Mental Health Services Administration), one of the 27 departments under the US Health & Human Services Department. Prevention financial resources are very limited.

Prevention as defined by SAMHSA: "A proactive process that empowers individuals and systems to meet the challenges of life events and transitions by creating and reinforcing conditions that promote healthy behaviors and lifestyles. The goal of substance abuse prevention is the fostering of a climate in which 1) alcohol use is acceptable only for those of legal age and only when the risk of adverse consequences is minimal; b) prescription and over-the-counter drugs are used only for the purposes for which they were intended; c) other abusable substances are used only for their intended purposes; and d) illegal drugs and tobacco are not used at all."

The "science of prevention" recognizes that health involves two main dimensions: 1) individual – a personal dimension that includes inherited and behavioral factors, referred to as direct services, and 2) environment – an environmental dimension/environmental strategies. Individuals cannot be healthy in an unhealthy environment. Both strategies, the individual and the environment, must be addressed for success and Mr. Magourilos mentioned the importance of partnering with other providers. He discussed the health models, strategies, guiding and best practices used mentioning CSAP (Center for Substance Abuse Prevention), NIDA (National Institute of Drug Abuse) and CDC (Center for Disease Control).

Regarding youth, Ms. Mann-Lev said risk and protection factors are similar for mental illness and noted that depressed youth have a higher risk level. She mentioned the Envision Your Future program as very helpful to New Mexico's youth. New Mexico kids start using substances at a very young age. Mr. Magourilos said risk factors can include a single-parent household.

Member Blea mentioned that cultural oppression in New Mexico may be a risk factor.

Ms. Mann-Lev said individuals who start drinking as teens have a higher rate of addiction.

Mr. Magourilos said incidents of cirrhosis of the liver and domestic violence as components of substance abuse are coming down in the country but that is not the case in New Mexico. He attributed that to decimated prevention dollars and to risk factors. Treatment has an immediacy to it and more dollars are going to that. For every \$50 spent on treatment \$1 is spent on prevention. Regarding risk factors, New Mexico is number one in early onset of drinking (under 13 years), number two for teen pregnancy and very high in suicide.

Mr. Magourilos said the likelihood of an individual becoming an alcoholic increases by 4 to 5 times if that individual begins drinking under the age of 15. These are prevention issues but the legislature's focus is slanted toward the immediacy of treatment rather than the bigger vision

of prevention. It has been difficult to convey to the policy makers that prevention is scientifically based and works.

Mr. Magourilos said New Mexico needs to strengthen its environment strategies.

Speaking from her experience in law enforcement, Ms. Beck stated tthe greater the poverty the more prevalent the problems.

Referring to the Public Health Model, Mr. Magourilos said the County has a focus on primary prevention and favors the IOM (Institute of Medicine) Model which was developed 1994 and tends to be the least expensive. He reviewed CSAP's six evidence-based strategies to address prevention: information dissemination, prevention education, alternative activities, community-based processes, problem identification and referral, and environmental approaches. Mr. Magourilos referred to the National Registry of Evidence Based Programs and Practices (NREPP) which is a searchable database of intervention for the prevention and treatment of mental and substance abuse disorders; although, there are other databases that can be used.

Cooperation/collaboration of the community is of tremendous consequence for the success of the prevention stated Mr. Magourilos, regardless of the available resources. Ms. Mann-Lev agreed, highlighting that the resources are severely limited. The challenge is where to place the resources within the community.

Questions were raised as to how to measure the success of a program. Mr. Magourilos said the first step in the strategic plan is a community assessment which will inform decisions. An evaluation plan – systematic effort to collect and use program information for multiple purposes – will be used to determine whether programs are working. At this point staff is documenting its presentation and the number of students involved. He elaborated on evaluations mentioning the length of time it takes to demonstrate whether a program works.

Emphasizing that prevention works, Mr. Magourilos outlined the seven steps to building a successful prevention program:

- Increase the readiness of the community
- Assess the levels of risk factors and protective factors in the community
- Translate data into priorities
- Examine the resources in the community that are reducing risk factors and increasing protective factors
- Target efforts
- Use Best Practices and Guiding Principles
- Evaluate, evaluate, evaluate...

Concluding his presentation, Mr. Magourilos reviewed the County's DWI prevention program priorities: to obtain the services of an external evaluator; develop and implement a 3-year strategic plan; and maximize collaboration and resources to address the needs of the entire county.

C. Election of Chair and Vice-Chair

Ms. Beardsley informed the council that she anticipated the Board of County Commissioners would make final appointments/reappointments for the council at its June meeting and she recommended postponing elections until there is a full council. The recommendation was accepted by consensus and elections will be placed on the July agenda.

VIII. ACTION ITEMS

A. Future staff reports/agenda items

Staff will provide prevention, financial, coordinator and teen court reports within the next council packets stated Ms. Beardsley. Matters from the public could be added to the bottom of the agenda which would not be in conformance with the BCC protocol but is an option. She also stated that this may solicit more public comment since the public would then comment on everything that had been said during the meeting.

Mr. Shepherd noted that a time limit can be established for public input. He added that public input can be accepted during the meeting at the chair's prerogative.

Member Steele expressed concern that public input may defer the council's business. Ms. Beardsley suggested items raised by the public can easily be placed on a future agenda for further discussion or action. The council has the option to accept public input during a meeting.

Member Jackson moved to include matters from the public to council's agenda in conformance with the BCC. The motion was seconded by Mr. Blea and passed by unanimous voice vote.

Ms. Beardsley said action regarding the budget needs to occur at the August meeting and the agenda may be too ambitious with presentations from Teen Court and Santa Fe Underage Prevention Alliance. Member Blea said he would not be prepared to act on the budget without presentations from these two groups. Ms. Beardsley said Teen Court is funded to the allowable maximum.

Member Sealey said two presentations is a lot to take in during one meeting. She strongly recommended those interested in Teen Court visit misdemeanor court and she offered to forward a schedule to Ms. Beardsley for email distribution.

There was consensus to hold a council meeting in July with a presentation and another presentation in August when the reverted funds and budget will be discussed.

Mr. Magourilos encouraged participation in the prevention subcommittee to expand understanding of the programs. Ms. Mann-Lev strongly supported reactivating the subcommittee.

In accordance with the Open Meeting Act, Ms. Beardsley cautioned that fewer than a quorum (five) may serve on the subcommittee.

Members Blea, Nelson, Jackson, Quintana-Trujillo and Steele volunteered to serve on the subcommittee.

There was consensus that the agenda and support materials be provided electronically and at the meeting have the materials available on paper.

Member Blea moved to hold a meeting on August 18th at 8:30. His motion was seconded by Member Jackson and passed by unanimous voice vote.

Member Blea said he was teaching a substance abuse prevention course at the Santa Fe Community College this fall and welcomed the opportunity for program presentations.

Recapping the July agenda, Ms. Beardsley said a focus on the budget and a Teen Court presentation was scheduled. The Santa Fe Underage Drinking Prevention Alliance overview will be moved to August along with reverted funds.

A parent handbook for talking with teens about alcohol developed by MADD (Mothers Against Drunk Driving) was distributed.

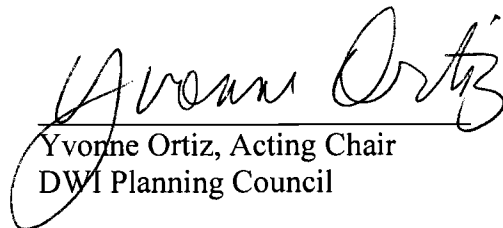
IX. ANNOUCEMENTS

Next DWI PC meeting - July 14 at 8:30 to 10:30

X. ADJOURNMENT

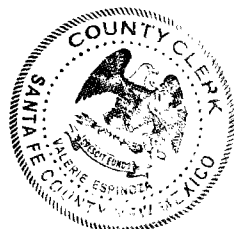
This meeting was declared adjourned at approximately 10:15 a.m.

Approved by:


Yvonne Ortiz, Acting Chair
DWI Planning Council

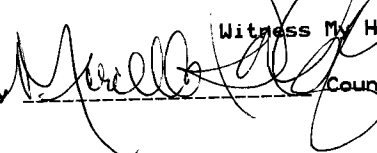
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Deputy  County Clerk, Santa Fe, NM

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