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**MINUTES OF THE**

**SANTA FE COUNTY**

**DWI PLANNING COUNCIL**

**July 9, 2009**

**Santa Fe, New Mexico**



This meeting of the Santa Fe County DWI Planning Council was called to order by Acting Chair Yvonne Ortiz at approximately 8:40 a.m. on the above-cited date at 2052 S. Galisteo, Santa Fe, New Mexico.

The following members were present:

**Members Present:**

Yvonne Ortiz, Acting Chair  
Diego Lopez  
Sgt. Joe McLaughlin  
Donna Morris  
Shelley Mann-Lev  
Jon Paul Romero  
Sgt. Louis Carlos

**Member(s) Excused:**

Allan Wheeler, Chairman  
Marti Rodriguez  
Donna Bevacqua-Young

**Staff Present:**

Becky Beardsley, Program Coordinator  
Frank Magourilos, Sr. Certified Prevention Specialist  
Diolinda Roybal, Prevention Specialist  
Christina Gomez, Prevention Specialist

**Others Present:**

Cpl. Bill Ritch, County Sheriff's Department  
Sgt. Alan Mascarenas, Santa Fe PD  
Alex Wirth, Santa Fe Mayor's Youth Advisory Board, Chair  
Lt. Dale Lettenberger, Santa Fe PD

**APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

The agenda was accepted by consensus.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES – May 14, 2009**

Sgt. Carlos moved to approve the minutes. Mr. Romero seconded and the motion to approve the minutes passed by unanimous voice vote.

**INTRODUCTIONS**

The participants introduced themselves.

**OLD BUSINESS**

**Health Policy & Planning Commission Representative**

Ms. Beardsley noted that Louis Carlos was officially appointed to the DWI Planning Council by the BCC and will be serving as the Council’s liaison to the Health Policy Planning Commission.

**NEW BUSINESS**

**Community Forum Overview**

Ms. Beardsley said an open forum was held last night regarding the DWI crash that resulted in the death of four of the community’s teenagers last month. The community offered many suggestions to combat the DWI issue in Santa Fe, many of which were implemented years ago. However, there were 44 suggestions that included school programs that empower youth and education on alcohol abuse, increase patrols, vehicle seizures, holding the courts accountable, disallowing plea bargaining, increasing hours and service areas of public transportation, etc. She offered to forward the suggestions once available to the Council members.

Ms. Beardsley said her department works on these issues on a daily basis and she mentioned that to the community members attending the forum. She said the issue ultimately comes down to personal choice.

Mr. Magourilos said the forum concluded with people filling out cards and volunteering for different components of a to-be-developed task force. Dick Roth is heading up this endeavor.

Referring to the court monitoring issues, Ms. Beardsley said she met with State DWI Prevention Czar Rachel O’Connor and people from MADD. One of the discussion items was felony DWI offenders from district court not being screened for tracking in the statewide database system. One of the problems is the state lacks the necessary resources to track these individuals. Meetings are ongoing to address and solve the issues.

**City/County Alcohol Meeting Update**

Ms. Beardsley said the County Commissioners and City Councilors met yesterday and passed a joint resolution to establish a task force to discuss and make recommendations on alcohol-related issues. It is anticipated the task force will splinter into a series of ad hoc committees to address different areas. She said the task force will address the larger issues including gang violence, graffiti, domestic violence, etc.

A meeting was held last week with County and City managers, the Mayor, a few councilors and commissioners, staff, and a representative from the Santa Fe Underage Drinking Prevention Alliance attending where the joint resolution was first discussed. Ms. Beardsley advised the participants of the work her department is involved in and offered assistance.

**Prevention Report**

Christina Gomez, Prevention Specialist, provided a review of the two-day youth event that occurred at the Santa Maria de la Paz Catholic Church. The focus was giving the youth a sense of empowerment and community. She said there were 250 participants from 13 schools within three counties.

Mr. Magourilos thanked Ms. Mann-Lev for her extraordinary efforts in retaining a school bus driver.

Ms. Gomez said they had excellent speakers and workshops that focused on leadership, success, responsible ecology, media literacy, brain development, peer and family communications, goal development, personal choices, team building and financial literacy.

Ms. Gomez said community agencies had booths and provided information. Door prizes were given, Diego Lopez served as the DJ, and a dance group provided a hip-hop show.

A video and photos of the event were shown.

Ms. Beardsley congratulated staff for the excellent event.

Sgt. Mascarenas said he serves on the Santa Fe Police Officers Board and they would like to provide financial support at next year's event.

Ms. Mann-Lev encouraged the partnership stating it would be a great opportunity for the police to recognize the community youth.

Speaking as a participant at the event, Ms. Mann-Lev said she was moved by the positiveness and appreciation that the team of adults offered the youth. A spirit of collaboration was present and contributed deeply to the inspiration of the two days.

Alex Wirth said he attended and thought it was really well done. The message of taking control of your future and making responsible decisions was positively conveyed to the youth. He thanked staff.

Mr. Magourilos thanked Mr. Lopez for the event logo used on the literature and the t-shirts.

**ITEMS FROM THE FLOOR**

Sgt. Carlos reminded the members at the last meeting there was a discussion regarding alcohol related incidents. He provided charge classification and incident analysis by classification statistics for 2008 and 2009 [*Exhibits 1 & 2*] developed by the City police department. The information relates to alcohol related incidents involving minors, however, DWI may be under 21 years of age. He said the data was easily retrieved from the system.

In order to complete the picture, Ms. Mann-Lev suggested obtaining the same sort of data from the County. Cpl. Ritch said the County currently lacks a records supervisor but once that position is filled the data should be available. He offered to meet with the records department.

Lt. Littenberger noted that the data reveals approximately 99 percent of the incidents occur at night.

Ms. Beardsley said the department classifies minors as 18 and under and expressed concern that the new statistics may skew the data.

Ms. Mann-Lev pointed out that individuals over 18 enter a different system. She suggested presenting the age groups in parallel summaries. Ms. Gomez agreed that dividing the data into juveniles and minors (18-20) the data would be helpful.

Sgt. Carlos said he could develop a summary sheet and consider how divide the data. He noted that the data is from within the municipality.

**STAFF REPORTS**

**Coordinator's Report & Financial Report**

Ms. Beardsley said she has been working on the year-end transactions report and commended Joyce Varela for her efforts. The past week was focused on attending meetings and communicating with the public regarding the tragic DWI related incident.

Ms. Beardsley discussed staff changes, noting that six out of eight of the staff members were furthering their education, and compliance monitor Erica Montoya will be joining the Santa Fe City Police Department.

**Financial Report**

The report will be available at the August meeting.

**Prevention**

Mr. Magourilos said his division was very busy and highlighted that the National Center of Addiction and Substance Abuse (CASA) released a new national study with key findings regarding prevention and treatment. For every state dollar spent on substance and alcohol abuse, one penny goes to treatment and one penny to prevention. The study cited early intervention,

prevention, and expanded research as vital components to treatment and disease management. The report revealed that the USA spends a half-trillion dollars a year to address/fight the after-effects of alcohol abuse, DWI, and substance abuse.

**Teen Court**

Ms. Beardsley noted that the report was included.

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**Prevention** – as needed for special topics

**Law Enforcement/Adjudication** – August 12<sup>th</sup> at 2:00 p.m. - to plan the multi-agency/multi-jurisdictional checkpoint in conjunction with Rio Arriba County.

**Screening/Treatment** – to be called for special topics

**Next PC meeting** – September 10<sup>th</sup> 8:30 – 10:30 a.m.

Ms. Morris asked about arrest rate over the July 4<sup>th</sup> holiday and the City advised there were two arrests at one checkpoint and seven staff patrols made one arrest. The County had two staff patrols resulting with two arrests.

Ms. Beardsley said the CADDy program was running that night and she anticipated they were very busy. Recent information indicates the program has doubled its capacity since last year.

Sgt. Carlos mentioned that the checkpoints have observed an increase in sober designated drivers with intoxicated passengers.

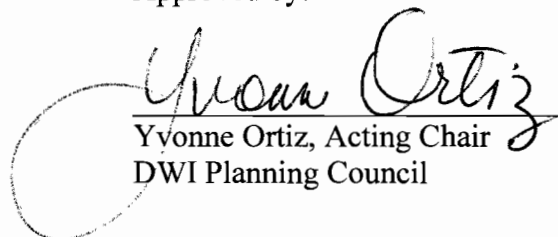
**OTHER BUSINESS**

None was presented.

**ADJOURNMENT**

This meeting was declared adjourned at approximately 10:00 a.m.

Approved by:

  
Yvonne Ortiz, Acting Chair  
DWI Planning Council

Submitted by:

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