

MINUTES OF THE
SANTA FE COUNTY
DWI PLANNING COUNCIL

July 9, 2015

Santa Fe, New Mexico

- I.** This meeting of the Santa Fe County DWI Planning Council was called to order by Chair Thomas Starke at approximately 9:03 a.m. on the above-cited date at County Community Services Department Conference Room, 2052 Galisteo Street, Suite B.
- II.** Lacking a quorum initially, non-action items were discussed. The following members present:

Members Present:

Thomas P. Starke, Chair
Erica Abeyta
Richard De Mella
Loralee Freilich
John Mowen
Christine Wendel

Member(s) Absent:

David Saldivar
Leah Tafoya [excused]
[1 vacancy]

County Staff Present:

Lupe Sanchez, DWI Program Coordinator
Peter Olson, DWI Program Staff
Diolinda Roybal, DWI Program Staff

Others Present:

Michaela Herrera, Mesa Vista Wellness
Todd DiCecco, Mesa Vista Wellness
Valeria Hutt, Municipal Court
Shelley Mann-Lev, Santa Fe Prevention Alliance
Jack Hiatt, Interested Citizen
Jay Spoonheim, Interested Citizen
Valerie Henderson, DFA

Those present introduced themselves.

III. Approval of Minutes

Corrections were offered and incorporated into the final meeting. The minutes were accepted by consensus.

IV. Approval of Agenda

The agenda was approved as submitted by consensus.

V. Matters from the Council/Action Items

A. Follow-up from previous meetings

None were presented.

B. Announcements

Chairman Starke spoke of the block party to be held on July 11th at the Zona del Sol. The Hundred Days of Summer begin June 19th and go the end of September.

Chairman Starke referred to a Venn diagram in the packet demonstrating correlation of a number of variables including amount of alcohol use and drinking and driving with an eye to promoting awareness and reaching the heaviest drinkers before they enter the legal and corrections systems. Any publicity campaign should target this demographic – binge and heavy drinkers – in the upcoming initiative. He noted one of every six deaths in the state is alcohol related. If drugs are included it's one in four.

Mr. Sanchez stated he met with the City staff and the Chief of Police regarding committee recommendations on funding of vehicle forfeiture, the crisis hotline and cab ride homes. The next step is to propose funding to the Public Safety Committee, followed by an appearance at the City Council. If approved by the City Council there will be an MOU. He estimated funding would not come through until December.

Chairman Starke spoke of the Community Health Profile put together by the Health Policy and Planning Commission that has comprehensive data on alcohol and drug abuse drawn from the Department of Health. Mr. Sanchez said he would forward that link.

VI. Information Items

A. Mesa Vista Wellness

Chairman Starke said the committee has invited a number of providers from the treatment community to acquaint members with their programs.

Michaela Herrera stated Mesa Vista Wellness has been around for about a year and provides a number of services including adult intensive outpatient program (IOP) that caters to the employed who are making a transition into sobriety as well as those coming out of a

residential program. Following assessment, they use cognitive behavior therapy to make clients aware of triggers to their behavior.

Todd DiCecco, Mesa Wellness Executive Director, stressed that the community wants affordable treatment and they have brought their assessments down to \$150. Courts refer clients. The IOP program accepts private insurance and they are finalizing Medicaid coverage. They also do individual counseling. The IOP is three hours three days a week plus an individual session for a minimum of 16 weeks. It is a for-profit, standalone entity. They are in the process of establishing a non-profit – Mesa Vista Community Wellness to be able to take advantage of other funding options. It is geared to fill in the gaps with other community providers. After the 16 weeks there is a step-down, after care program.

Ms. Wendel encouraged him to stress service to others. She asked about long-term treatment.

Mr. DiCecco said they collaborate on 12-step programs and are on call 24 hours a day. The counselors can relate to the clients and talk about service as a key component. There is family counseling when appropriate. Their approach is holistic and collaborative. Most of those in IOP have a DWI on their record.

Ms. Herrera noted the importance of examining self-destructive behavior. She distributed information brochures.

Chairman Starke encouraged them to provide any feedback useful to the DWI program.

B. Municipal Court DWI/Drug Court

Valerie Hutt stated she was filling in for John Singh who was unable to attend. She indicated that the DWI and Drug Courts are now separate entities and they follow the protocols of the National Association of Drug Courts. There are individualized services, case management, and help with inpatient care, finances, employment, etc. It is holistic and comprehensive, especially for repeat offenders.

Chairman Starke asked how many people were involved. Ms. Hutt said currently they serve around 20 to 25 people active in the two programs, although at any given time many more may be out on warrants, particularly in the drug court. There is no cap on the number of clients. “We don’t give up on them.” They deal principally with second DWI offenders and beyond. Some go to magistrate or district court.

Chairman Starke explained the various tiers of courts in Santa Fe County and who has jurisdiction.

Ms. Wendel asked if they note blood alcohol content and Ms. Hutt said they do take that into account.

Mr. Sanchez said the court program is very intensive and he asked Ms. Hutt to describe what an individual goes through. She said a client is enrolled in Millennium Treatment Services, assessed, and set up with group therapy. AA and NA services are available and they are required to attend at least three meetings a week. They must attend court hearings to monitor progress,

and there are random drug and alcohol tests, sometimes daily. Her agency is available for case management, employment services, housing, etc. In the DWI court there is approximately 98 percent compliance; in the drug court it is much lower.

Ms. Wendel reiterated her suggestion of stressing service and community engagement.

VI. C. Law Enforcement Update

Mr. Olson noted the following:

- Tribal police are still working on cross-commissioning
- The JPO noticed an uptick in juvenile offenses
- 100 Days of Summer will be beginning soon with additional checkpoints and patrols
- The DA is working on a discovery template/checklist to assist officers in court presentations
- An insert in the newspaper with mug shots netted some offenders who were surprised to find they had warrants

Mr. Olson distributed a humorous survey handed out at information booths to promote awareness.

Chairman Starke stated it is important to work with the DA on conviction rates. Statistics can be deceptive. For instance, DWI may not be charged where there is a co-occurring more serious offense such as vehicular homicide. Some obstacles to getting a conviction are lack of a video and the officer not showing up for a hearing.

Mr. Hiatt explained the concept of lesser included offenses.

Ms. Hutt said they keep statistics on convictions. Judge Yalman issues bench warrants for police officers who don't up for hearings.

Chairman Starke indicated the Department of Transportation and MVD have databases with all the court records.

Chairman Starke brought up a news article on the use of DWI funds in McKinley County being used inappropriately. It does not appear to be a problem in Santa Fe County but it would be good to remind people of proper procedures. Mr. Sanchez said most of the funding for law enforcement activities comes through CDWI grants and a great deal of documentation is kept.

VI. D. Coordinator's Report

Returning to the issue of conviction rates, Mr. Sanchez noted that each law enforcement agency has a policy regarding no-shows leading to dismissals. He intends to determine whether the courts are notifying the agency. He has requested a large amount of data. He provided the following updates:

- They are looking at the possibility of hiring a retiree from the AG's office, to conduct quarterly trainings for officers, possibly involving brown bag lunches to help law enforcement with prosecutions

- On Friday KSWV will be highlighting the vehicle forfeiture program to make the public aware that loaning one's car to a family member could result in a forfeit. (Chairman Starke noted that a majority of cars involved were borrowed.)
- They will be participating in block party at Zona del Sol on Saturday, the Tesuque Health Fair and the Pojoaque Boys and Girls Club
- Santa Fe Bandstand on the plaza has begun and their sponsor night will be July 28th
- They are still working on a small contract with Michelle Lis to help with a strategic plan on binge drinking
- He and Chairman Starke will be meeting with Mark Lewindowsky, City PD, regarding domestic violence with an eye to the DWI program aiding in compliance. Chairman Starke pointed out that alcohol is involved in 60 to 80 percent of domestic violence and coordinating compliance could be valuable. Mr. Sanchez said Traffic Safety will fund a new compliance position which could free up staff
- Funding from the City is pending on awareness programs
- The new fiscal year has begun and they are working on new contracts with the Public Schools, Peter D, and Right Turns, a program they hope to make available to everyone convicted through magistrate and district court
- They have helped UNM develop CASAA, a smart phone app for behavior modification

VII. Miscellaneous

A. Public Comment

Valerie Henderson introduced herself and explained that DFA is, for the next few years, encouraging program evaluation vis-à-vis compliance, prevention and treatment components. LFC seeks to ensure that programs are effective and evidence-based.

Ms. Herrera invited the committee members to visit Mesa Vista Wellness.

Mr. Spoonheim thanked Mesa Vista for considering clients' finances when designing their programs.

Ms. Wendel asked the providers to stress service to others.

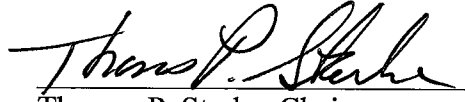
VIII. Announcements

- Next Planning Council Meeting: August 13, 2015 at 9:00

IX. Adjournment

Having completed the agenda and with no further action to come before the Council, Chair Starke declared this meeting adjourned at approximately 10:30 a.m.

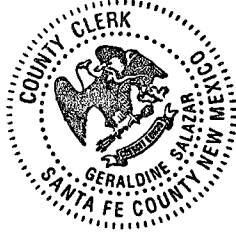
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