

MINUTES OF THE
SANTA FE COUNTY
DWI PLANNING COUNCIL

August 13, 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 9:05 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
Jay Spoonheim
Christine Wendel

Member(s) Absent:

David Saldivar
Leah Tafoya [excused]
John Mowen [excused]
[1 vacancy]

County Staff Present:

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

Others Present:

Travis Vigil, Tesuque Police Department
Bernard Velasquez, Tesuque Police Department
Michelle Brown-Yazzie, Tesuque Court
Shelley Mann-Lev, Santa Fe Prevention Alliance
Aurora Trujillo, Santa Fe Prevention Alliance
Brandon Baca, SWAT Coordinator

Those present introduced themselves.

III. Approval of Minutes: July 9, 2015

Mr. De Mella moved approval of the minutes and Ms. Wendel seconded. The motion carried unanimously.

IV. Approval of Agenda

A motion to approve the agenda was made by Ms. Wendel and seconded by Mr. De Mella. The agenda was unanimously approved.

V. Matters from the Council/Action Items

- A. Follow-up from previous meetings**
- B. Announcements**

Chairman Starke said the booth at National Night Out on the plaza was very successful. Surveys were used to gauge attitudes and awareness. Additionally, a pledge to not drink and drive was included on the survey form. He stated he would be circulating a calendar of events for the benefit of the committee members.

Chairman Starke spoke of the Victim Impact Panels, stating victims of DWI tell their stories and felony offenders are required to attend. The two-hour sessions are powerful and can send people in a new direction. They are held in the Jemez Room at the Community College from 6:30 to 8:30, and are open to the public; he urged committee members to attend. The next panel will be September 9th.

Ms. Wendel said Recovery Santa Fe will be having a celebration September 20th and it is free to all.

Upcoming events include a car show in Taos and a Labor Day barbecue with a union orientation.

VI. Information Items

- A. Judge Brown-Yazzie, Tesuque Pueblo**

Judge Brown-Yazzie said she works on a circuit of the pueblos and is currently serving at Tesuque. She spoke of her positive experiences in Sandoval County where a good collaboration was formed in order to consolidate resources. There is no prosecutor, defender or probation services at the pueblo. She noted that before she was a judge she was tribal DWI liaison working with Governor Richardson's Office.

Chief Vigil of Tesuque Pueblo said the overall process has been hindered by the lack of cross-commissioning. They are trying to get out into the community and find programs for offenders. Judge Brown-Yazzie said the lack of services contributes to an increase in recidivism.

Mr. Velasquez stated he has spoken with the US Attorney's Office and they are one step closer to assigning cases to federal and magistrate court. He mentioned the Assimilated Crimes Act and noted 99.3 percent of the offenders are non-Indians and they may soon be sent to other courts. Lack of cross-commissioning fosters a sense of impunity, but they are issuing civil citations. Mr. Velasquez indicated that Chief Vigil is pro-active in outreach to kids, taking them on camping trips, for instance. He said he was interested in using Santa Fe County's survey as an awareness tool. Mr. Sanchez said the survey emphasizes cab rides home, but they could work together to come up with a tool for program evaluation.

Mr. De Mella stressed the importance of prevention programs for the young. Also, the problem goes beyond just DWI.

Mr. Velasquez said data is critical and points up the relationship between alcohol and domestic violence. They received a grant for software to track domestic violence in order to keep cases from falling through the cracks.

Chairman Starke suggested setting up a working meeting with Tesuque and the Prevention Alliance to look at available resources. Judge Brown-Yazzie said she hoped that would lead to the kind of collaboration that occurred in Sandoval County, since the goals are the same. Ms. Wendel said Sheila Lewis might also be interested in participating.

Mr. Sanchez noted that since Tesuque's program is so small they are looking into incorporating them into the compliance program, including the Right Turns program and supervision. Urinalysis kits are being purchased for Tesuque, along with a contract with Redwood Toxicology for processing.

VI. B. Law Enforcement Update

Referring to the survey, Mr. Olson said 770 have been returned. He stressed the survey uses humor as an educational tool.

The State Police and the DA's office can now email discovery videos, a topic that was discussed at the last Law Enforcement meeting. Mr. Velasquez said they are working with the Traffic Safety Bureau on the TRAX system and are waiting on an upgrade. The various agencies have different systems.

Mr. Olson said the number of juveniles arrested for DWI has more than doubled this year. It's not certain whether this is a result of more intensive policing or more drinking.

Mr. Olson said judges have been dismissing cases due to the accused claiming they haven't understood English. Mr. Sanchez said the incoming contractee for training will be looking at that topic.

A discussion ensued on participating in ride-alongs and checkpoints.

VI. C. Coordinator's Report

Mr. Sanchez gave updates on the following:

- The packet contains a calendar of events for the fiscal year, showing scheduled meetings and what the topics will be. Additional entries can be made as they arise
- Valerie Henderson, the new grants manager for LDWI has suggested Planning Council bylaws be established. Staff drafted bylaws and solicited feedback. They can be voted on in September
- The annual report was submitted at the end of June and needs to be approved by the Council. The report is a breakdown of statistics on screening and compliance, with regard to coordination, evaluation and planning. Demographic information helps Firestik design their campaigns. Ms. Abeyta suggested incorporating students in the surveys for targeting purposes
- The contract for law enforcement training (under \$5,000) is geared toward helping officers through the legal/judicial system and doing legal research
- Paperwork has been submitted to the Procurement Department for the RFP and scope for evaluation services
- Interviews are being conducted for an additional compliance officer. The candidate under consideration is highly qualified.
- A meeting is scheduled with the Sheriff's Office regarding evidence handling
- The compliance program will be undergoing accreditation. There are 124 standards involved

VII. Miscellaneous

A. Public Comment

Chairman Starke pointed out that in addition to DWI this Council is also responsible for alcohol abuse reduction in general. He said the Santa Fe Prevention Alliance (SFPA) has been making great progress and he asked Ms. Mann-Lev for an update.

Ms. Mann-Lev introduced Brendon Baca, new head of the Student Wellness Action Team (SWAT) which is partially funded by the County. There are 13 teams in the schools. One priority of SFPA is increasing the alcohol excise tax, which potentially has a great impact on alcohol consumption. The tax has not been raised since 1992. Money raised could go to Medicaid expansion.

Turning to local issues, SFPA has been working with the Fiesta Council to continue the ban on sales of alcohol at Zozobra. An exemption to the alcohol ban at Ft. Marcy is being sought for the Mariachi Extravaganza, but the alcohol in the margaritas could be limited. The St. Vincent's Foundation is also seeking a ban exemption for a fundraiser on the plaza.

Chairman Starke thanked Ms. Freilich for her services to the committee.

VIII. Announcements

- Next Planning Council Meeting: September 10, 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 10:35 a.m.



Approved by:

Thomas P. Starke

 Thomas P. Starke, Chair
 DWI Planning Council

Respectfully submitted by:

Debbie Doyle

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