

MINUTES OF THE
SANTA FE COUNTY
DWI PLANNING COUNCIL

August 15, 2013

Santa Fe, New Mexico

This meeting of the Santa Fe County DWI Planning Council was called to order by Chair Donna Bevacqua-Young at approximately 9:00 a.m. on the above-cited date at 2052 S. Galisteo, Santa Fe, New Mexico.

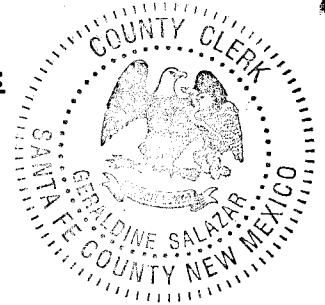
The following individuals were present:

Members Present:

Donna Bevacqua-Young, Chair
Glenn Levant
Leah Tafoya
Richard De Mella
David Saldivar
Tom Starke

Member(s) Excused:

Lisa Wooldridge



Staff Present:

Lupe Sanchez, DWI Program Coordinator
Peter Olson, DWI Program

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Others Present:

Patty O'Sullivan "Dr. Patty," EYF, Inc.
Sam Sander, EYF, Inc.
Loralee Freilich, DWI Educator
Shelley Mann-Lev, SF Prevention Alliance
Rich Ransley, Solace
Jennifer Romero, Teen Court
Lisa Grace Giuffra, Santa Fe Prevention Alliance
Maire Claire Voorhees, Santa Fe Prevention Alliance
Mark Lewandowski, SFPD
Ted Collins, NMSP

Witness My Hand And Seal Of Office
Deputy  Geraldine Salazar
County Clerk, Santa Fe, NM

Those present introduced themselves.

III. Approval of the Minutes: July 11, 2013

Upon motion by Mr. De Mella and second by Mr. Starke, the minutes of the July meeting minutes were approved unanimously.

IV. Approval of the Agenda

Mr. Levant moved approval of the agenda as published and Mr. De Mella seconded. The motion carried unanimously.

V. Matters from the Council

A. Follow-up from Previous Meetings

Mr. Levant inquired about the Planning Council manual contract status. Mr. Sanchez said a BAR (budget adjustment request) was required and as yet he had no time estimate for obtaining the BAR. Horizons of New Mexico, a disability agency, will have the first option on the contract. If they decline three bids will be obtained.

Referring to Senate Memorial 77, Mr. Starke reminded the participants that a Council member should be appointed to that study group.

Mr. Lujan said Ms. Freilich's application to serve on the Council will be presented to the BCC for action August 27th.

B. Other Matters from the Council - None were raised.

VI. Information Items

B. Envision Your Future – Prevention Contractor

Patty O'Sullivan, known as Dr. Patty, said Envision Your Future is a positive youth development program. Positive youth development is the first step to prevention. The contract theme was "make your life a story worth telling." A story for the future holds emotional stability which a mission of positive youth development. This helps the youth define a direction, set goals, accomplish them, build a blueprint and identify needed resources.

Dr. Patty said some of the missing community resources include medical resources, adult resources, and the necessary literacy to get help. The contract served the underserved faith community, Catholic Youth Ministers at the Basilica and Santa Maria de la Paz. They also worked with middle-school Teen Court participants. She mentioned the two-day youth ministers training workshop.

Using a power point presentation, Dr. Patty elaborated on the program. She referred to EQ "emotional intelligence" and SQ "social intelligence." Information never causes transformation – relationships cause transformation. The program seeks to develop the four Cs: communication, collaboration, creativity, and critical thinking. Dr. Patty identified the demographics of those who participated in the program as faith-based 89 percent Hispanic and

Teen Court 100 percent Hispanic. The participants' parent learn to listen in a non-judgmental manner to foster mutual respect and appreciation.

Sam Sanders pointed out that teaching mentors would be useful in teaching the methodology and program in the coming years.

Dr. Patty said youth who identify directions, dreams and goals are less likely to choose negative and risky behaviors. The youth were taught how to be solution makers for their lives.

Mr. De Mella mentioned the lack of resources available to many of Santa Fe's youth and gave an example of a child who commits a crime in order to go into detention for the dental and optometry assistance.

Dr. Patty confirmed that the program is evidence-based and she would provide collateral and statistical materials to Mr. Sanchez. Workbook material is in both Spanish and English. The DWI funding represents roughly one-third of their budget.

Chair Bevacqua-Young said the NM Supreme Court is struggled to identify existing programs for juveniles who have committed serious crimes and she encouraged dialogue with the courts. Dr. Patty mentioned Deacon Anthony, a trained facilitator working in the jails. She said the optimal time to connect with kids is in 5th grade.

Ms. Mann-Lev recommended introducing a memorial to raise the level of awareness of the lack of support for children in our state.

A. Solace Crisis Treatment Center

Mr. Starke said the recent health assessment indicated there were 750 reported domestic assaults in Santa Fe County last year. It is estimated that only one in four assaults are reported and most are alcohol related. The extent to which alcohol is showing up in assaults has tremendous consequences and he recommended the County expand upon the Planning Council's charge.

Rich Ransley, Clinical Manager, said Solace, formally the Santa Fe Rape Crisis center, treats post traumatic stress disorder, victims of sexual assault, domestic violence and interpersonal violence. Mr. Ransley said the Center is on the receiving end of DWI or criminal violence/traumatic situations.

Mr. Ransley said domestic violence, substance abuse disorders, sexual assault and other kinds of interpersonal violence are all correlated/connected. In New Mexico a high percentage of sexual assault cases involve incest and domestic assault. The likelihood of sexual assault rises with alcohol and drugs. He spoke about the connectivity of community issues regarding juveniles, alcohol, violence, etc.

Mr. Ransley referred to the 2012 National Center for Addiction and Substance Abuse that defines the costs and implications of addiction, treatments that work, etc. He spoke of addiction

as a brain disease/medical problem that is hard to treat. The report cites that 32 percent of the US population over the age of 12 will engage in risky substance use behaviors. Nine out of ten addicts never receive treatment and those that do may not receive effective treatment. The reality of addiction and substance abuse in the US is dismal.

Mr. Ransley said classes on addiction medicine should be required of medical practitioners. Genetics was listed in the NCASA report as the single biggest cause of addiction. Mr. Levant disputed that fact.

C. Santa Fe Prevention Alliance – Alcohol Density Challenges/Liquor Control Act

Ms. Mann-Lev said the Alliance is currently focusing on the environment, particularly the built-in environment, as a way to prevent alcohol issues and related crime. With the recent change in administration at the Alcohol and Gaming Division (AGD) a challenge has arisen regarding alcohol outlet densities and services – sales to intoxicated person. She said New Mexico's alcohol regulation is a looming crisis.

Lisa Grace Giuffra said the issue concerns public health and safety and is non-partisan. The Liquor Control Act is enforced by the AGD. The state statute establishes limitation on number of licenses and exceptions to that rule. Ms. Mann-Lev said the rule is not more than 1 dispenser or retailer's license per 2,000 residents and Santa Fe far exceeds that rule. There is a lot of pressure to either eliminate or greatly modify the liquor license quota system. Changing that quota requires a legislative change and the community can work to prevent that change from occurring.

Ms. Giuffra said there is talk of eliminating the .14 BAC as presumptive evidence of intoxication and the current 90-minute rule. Both changes would weaken enforcement.

Ms. Mann-Lev noted the following facts about New Mexico:

- Highest alcohol-attributable death rate in the nation
- Alcohol outlet density in most counties is higher than the national average
- Higher alcohol outlet density is linked to increased in DWI, violence, underage drinking, crime and declining property values

Santa Fe Prevention Alliance has collected data and is sharing the information with the community. Ms. Mann-Lev said there are pressures to expand the sale of alcohol – hours, who can sell and modification to the quota. She encouraged the DWI PC to hold meetings and informational discussions with the AGD director, local legislators and elected officials. It's important that the AGD director, Jennifer Anderson, be fully informed about the community's concerns about alcohol outlet density in the community and state.

Ms. Giuffra discussed the Alcohol Server Education Advisory and said its purpose was to standardize the rules and regulations around house servers and retailers. She offered to keep the Planning Council advised of any changes to the rules and regulations.

Ms. Giuffra referred to the Liquor Control Act Task Force, SM 77, and said it was her understanding the director is accepting resumes from interested persons to serve on the task force. She suggested that the Planning Council consider hosting a meeting.

SID, Special Investigative Division, was identified as the enforcement arm for the statewide rules and regulations. Mr. Levant said the state police are understaffed.

Mark Lewandowski, SFPD, said in his tenure on the force he has never seen SID issue citations. Ms. Mann-Lev said she understood SID was interested in forming partnerships with local police.

Officer Lewandowski said the department interacts with 300+ children monthly and he was disappointed that they didn't have more information about the resources discussed by Dr. Patty and Solace. The parents and kids the department deals with need help and he urged better communication with law enforcement.

Mr. De Mella said communication was definitely needed at patrol officer level.

Ms. Giuffra said the Alliance has tremendous respect for the service of law enforcement in the community.

D. Coordinator's Report

Mr. Sanchez said the contract for the CDWI grants have been finalized and \$10,000 for over-time payroll will be issued to law enforcement agencies. The dashboard information was provided in the packets as well as the consolidated budget through August 2013. Law enforcement courtroom training is scheduled for October 21st and 22nd.

Staff will be meeting with a contractor to develop the public awareness campaign. The BCC voted unanimously to publish title and general summary of an amendment to the forfeiture ordinance – seizing the vehicle following one DWI conviction.

VII. Miscellaneous

A. The next meeting: September 12th.

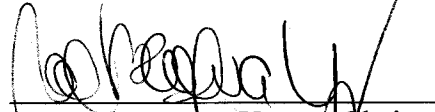
VIII. Matters from the Public

Officer Lewandowski said Santa Fe County is not accepting warrants from other counties. Chair Bevacqua-Young said she has contacted the DA's office and other counsel from other counties. She said she was hopeful the situation will be resolved. At this point, law enforcement is being turned away when trying to book someone into the jail and this is a public safety issue containing liability issues.


IX. Adjournment

This meeting was declared adjourned at approximately 10:45 a.m.

Approved by:



Donna Bevacqua-Young, Chair
DWI Planning Council

Submitted by:

Karen Farrell, Wordswork

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