

MINUTES OF THE
SANTA FE COUNTY
DWI PLANNING COUNCIL

August 8, 2017

Santa Fe, New Mexico

I. This meeting of the Santa Fe County DWI Planning Council was called to order by Chair Thomas P. Starke at approximately 9:00 a.m. on the above-cited date at County Community Services Department Conference Room, 2052 Galisteo Street, Suite B without a quorum.

II. No quorum was established and the following members present:

Members Present:

Thomas P. Starke, Chair
Erica Abeyta
Richard De Mella
John Mowen
Jay Spoonheim
Christine Wendel

Member(s) Absent:

Tamara Zawistowski

County Staff Present:

Lupe Sanchez, DWI Program Coordinator
Peter Olson, DWI Program
Diolinda Roybal, DWI Program
Jared Mosher, Santa Fe Sheriff's Office

Others Present:

Stuart Castle, Pacific Institute for Research and Evaluation (PIRE)
Javier Alvarado, Intake Coordinator, Santa Fe Recovery Center

Introductions

Those present introduced themselves.

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III. Approval of Minutes

July 13, 2017: There was not a quorum at the July 13th meeting. Mr. Mowen moved to accept the minutes. His motion was seconded by Mr. Spoonheim and passed without opposition. [Ms. Wendel abstained.]

May 11, 2017: Action on these minutes were postponed until later in the meeting. [See page 4]

IV. Approval of Agenda

Ms. Wendel moved to accept the agenda. Mr. Mown seconded and the motion passed by unanimous voice vote.

V. Matters from the Council/Action Items

A. Follow-ups from previous meetings

Chair Starke said the Council will continue to support the Courts to Schools program. He noted that staff was drafting a letter regarding the Council's safety concerns regarding 599 that were raised at the previous meeting.

VI. Information Items

A. Santa Fe Detox Center – Update on the former Sobering Center

Javier Alvarado, Intake Coordinator, Santa Fe Detox/Recovery Center, said they took over the operations of the Sobering Center on July 12th and have taken in 38 clients since that time, of which 28 were alcohol-related. He reminded the Council that they are not a medical detox center and are unable to detox from the following substances: Methadone, Oxycontin, and Benzodiazepines. They work with Christus and there is a \$10 fee for a UA. Their goal is to stop the revolving door and help the patient find treatment after detox. The center can offer 7 to 10 days of detox and then 30 days of treatment.

Mr. Alvarado stated that since July 12th he has conducted 60+ assessments and he outlined the intake process. The center is offering more counseling. He said they work hard to refer individuals with benzo addictions to other facilities: Mesilla Valley and Turquoise Lodge were mentioned. Dr. Brown serves as the program medical physician and they have added a number of counselors.

Ms. Wendel highlighted the need for medical detox. Chair Starke recommended discussing the item next month and preparing the Council go on record identifying medical detox as a critical need.

Mr. Castle emphasized the importance of an evaluation component to develop data. He suggested that it would be important to define success to justify the center's existence. Mr. Alvarado said there is follow-up on patients who agree to it. Mr. Sanchez said Christus saw approximately 1,200 individuals at the Sobering Center and at that time the

average stay was two to three days. Mr. Alvarado said they are focused on providing and encouraging longer stays. He acknowledged that the facility is not particularly attractive but staff is working to improve upon that. Mr. Sanchez said he has noticed positive changes as well as the great improvement of having counselors available.

Mr. Alvarado said the physical layout of the Center is conducive to medical detox although privacy curtains would be required. The Center has 15 beds, 10 for males and 5 for females. With the recent national spotlight on opioid addiction, it is possible additional funding may be available.

Mr. Mowen asked whether the intake process has any DWI-related questions. Mr. Alvarado said they do ask questions but they do not actively inquire whether there are warrants out on the individual. He said they have a good relationship with DWI staff. The center has Narcan and, personnel are first aid certified.

Mr. De Mella asked whether juveniles were part of the Center's population and Mr. Alvarado said they do not accept 17 and under children.

There are AA meetings at the Center. As a member of the City's LEAD (Law Enforcement Assisted Diversion) committee, Mr. Sanchez invited Mr. Alvarado to speak at a meeting.

Corporal Mosher said he was unaware of the fact that the Center had reopened. Mr. Sanchez said he would work with the Center to advance awareness to law enforcement.

A discussion regarding needs of center occurred and it was suggested they develop a list of needs that the Council could assist in meeting.

Mr. Sanchez said the GRT increase will fund the development of a crisis triage center. He assumed the County will continue to devote annually \$300,000 to the detox center.

Chair Starke asked that staff verify whether the Center's contract with the County includes an evaluation component and then further that discussion on how the evaluation will be addressed.

B. "High in Plain Sight" – Current Youth Drugs and Alcohol Use Trends Training

Mr. Sanchez said a "High in Plain Sight" training is scheduled for August 30th. The training is free and geared towards law enforcement and probation officers and is being coordinated by the Prevention Alliance. DWI staff will be attending.

C. Coordinator's Report

Mr. Sanchez reported on the following:

- The DV (domestic violence) program currently has six active clients, all males. The program is slated to serve 12 clients in FY18. The court recently sentenced a repeat offender to two years. The average age of the offender is 34 years, three offenders had DWI arrests, three had previous DVs, all had previous criminal offenses and all of the DV incidents involvrd alcohol. Three of the offenders in the program are Spanish speaking only and have been referred to Esperanza. Comprehensive data is being entered into a spreadsheet for tracking and evaluation purposes
- Staff is preparing an RFP for a DWI clinician position. The clinician would provide an assessment to facilitate directing the client to the correct available treatment. The clinician position may be expanded to other tasks to include behavioral health
- Judges Segura and Anaya are very interested in the pre-trial program and staff is developing program policies and procedures that include a 5-panel UT
- DWI and Teen Court personnel will receive Narcan training
- A meeting with the DA and evaluator is scheduled for mid-August to discuss conviction rates and length of time the system requires. Ignition interlock providers have been invited to discuss their issues

Ms. Wendel asked about the older population (65+) getting DWIs and Mr. Sanchez said it is a small group. Ms. Wendel suggested that as people retire, DWI and DV offenses would perhaps increase. Mr. Mowen noted that a reduction in testosterone in the older population may keep the offense numbers down. Mr. Sanchez offered to provide age related data. Mr. Castle said there may be statistics on alcohol-related falls within the older population that could be interesting.

Chair Starke requested that staff develop a report on the DV program for presentation to the County Commissioners.

D. Behavioral Health Alliance Update

Chair Starke reported on the following Alliance activities:

- There is a focus on the 14,000 outstanding bench warrants in Santa Fe County – 10,000 for magistrate court and 4,000 for municipal court – and how to proceed
- The County is looking to divert people from jail and getting people into services as quickly as possible. San Antonio serves as the mode with programs that can be emulated to help people get the care they need
- Treatment guardians for the mentally ill is being studied
- A memorial for those who died of accidental overdose in 2016 is scheduled for August 16th at Our Lady of Guadalupe courtyard from 2 -3 p.m.

Chair Starke said Texas has shifted funding from prisons to treatment for people with mental illness. They have successfully integrated their systems of care and are willing to work with Santa Fe.

III. Approval of May 11, 2017 Minutes (cont.)

Ms. Wendel moved to approve. Mr. De Mella seconded and the motion passed by unanimous voice vote.

E. Santa Fe Prevention Alliance Update

No one was present to provide an update.

VII. Miscellaneous

A. Agenda Items for the Future Meetings

- Medical detox – discussion
- Staff to provide information regarding alcohol and the elderly population
- Results of the meeting with the DA
- Review notes (Monica) regarding 599 safety

VIII. Public Comment

None was offered.

IX. Announcements

A. Next Planning Council Meeting: September 12, 2017

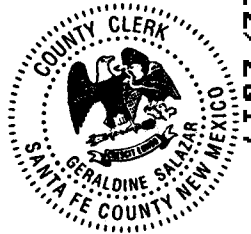
X. Adjournment

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.

Approved by:

Thomas P. Starke

Thomas P. Starke, Chair
DWI Planning Council



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Respectfully submitted by:

Karen Farrell, Wordswork

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