

MINUTES OF THE
SANTA FE COUNTY
DWI PLANNING COUNCIL

September 10, 2015

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 9:05 a.m. on the above-cited date at County Community Services Department Conference Room, 2052 Galisteo Street, Suite B.

II. Initially lacking a quorum, non-action items were discussed. The following members present:

Members Present:

Thomas P. Starke, Chair
Erica Abeyta
Richard De Mella
John Mowen
Christine Wendel [late arrival]

Member(s) Absent:

David Saldivar
Leah Tafoya
Jay Spoonheim

County Staff Present:

Lupe Sanchez, DWI Program Coordinator
Peter Olson, DWI Prevention Specialist

Others Present:

Loralee Freilich, Community Activist
Brendon Baca, SWAT Coordinator
Fey Miller, Interested Citizen
Desiree Valdez, DOH
Valery Henderson, DFA LDWI grants manager
Margaret McClean, Attorney - Training for Officers
Tara Vander Lee, Guest
Jeres Rael, AG's Traffic Safety Resource Officer
Jenna Martinez, AG's Traffic Safety Coordinator

Those present introduced themselves.

VI. Matters from the Council/Action Items

A. Follow-up from previous meetings

None were offered.

B. Announcements

Chairman Starke said a recovery celebration is scheduled for Sunday, September 20th from 1:00 to 4:30 at the New Friendship Club.

Last night's City planned checkpoint was modified to a saturation patrol due to the weather.

Mr. Olson said freeway entrance checkpoints are favored by the State Police because it requires limited personnel and is a highly controlled location.

Mr. Sanchez mentioned a calendar of events is available on line.

VII. Information Items

Chair Starke said the Council's charter includes coordinating activities across the community in DWI reduction and alcohol abuse which includes alcohol-involved domestic violence. There are a number of related organizations the Council works with.

a. Law Enforcement Update

Mr. Olson, liaison to the law enforcement agencies, said they meet monthly. The committee is composed of City, County, State and Tribal law enforcement agencies. Also in attendance is CYFD Juvenile Probation, Special Investigations Division. Topics for the meetings vary. Last month the discussion was about the chief hearing officer for DMV who discussed the changes with the Hearing Bureau; they will be drafting new rules and regulations that will make rescheduling hearings easier for officers.

September is historically a busy month for law enforcement to spend down federal money and more checkpoints are planned. 100 Days & Nights of Summer ends September 30th.

b. Coordinator's Report

Mr. Sanchez reported on the distribution/contracts of Local DWI funding which is derived from the liquor excise tax and he noted the programs are all ranked evidence-based by SAMHSA:

- School-based prevention: Alcohol Literacy Challenge: Dr. DeBeneditis receives \$24,000 to cover the middle and high schools throughout Santa Fe County; Santa

Fe University of Art and Design's freshman class will be included in a special orientation

- Santa Fe Public Schools: Office of Student Wellness receives \$65,000 to target 2,500 students in the 4th to 6th grades with the Botvins Life Skills
- Students Wellness Action Teams (SWAT): to receive a portion of SFPS's \$65,000 earmarked for the SFPS operating in middle and high schools
- Capital City Cab: Cab Ride Home Program will receive \$130,000 which provides rides to over 30,000 intoxicated individuals
- FireStik Studios: \$130,000 to develop DWI public awareness campaigns
- MOU with the AOC to conduct random urine testing, \$60,000 – everyone convicted of a DWI in magistrate or district court must submit to random urine testing
- Behavioral Therapy Associates: a web based DWI course/Right Turns for all offenders referred to the DWI Compliance program, \$35,000. This started as a pilot program and is being expanded to reach an estimated 600 offenders. It assists the offender in recognizing consumption of alcohol and how it affects health
- Margaret McClean: Contract for to train law enforcement officer in courtroom procedures and trial practice. Contract amount \$4,900 (contract pending)

Community DWI Grant comes from DOT and it derived from fines DWI offenders pay in District Court. It will fund overtime for officers' court time:

- Santa Fe Police Department @ \$10,000
- Santa Fe Sheriff's Department @ \$5,000
- Pojoaque Tribal Police @ \$5,000
- New Mexico State Police @ \$10,000

Local DWI Detox Grant will fund

- CHRISTUS St. Vincent Sobering Center at \$300,000 to provide social detoxification services to Santa Fe County residents

Other items include:

- The Santa Fe County DWI Program Annual Report – requires Council review and approval and will be reviewed at the October meeting
- A contract with Michelle Lis to develop a plan regarding alcohol abuse that will be completed by November
- The County will provide compliance monitoring services/probation supervision for the Pueblo of Tesuque. This required an MOU which calls for additional review. The pueblo was provided urine kits
- A rough draft of the by-laws were emailed to the Council for review and comments
- DWI awareness cocktail napkins and coasters are provided to liquor establishments in Santa Fe

Mr. Sanchez said that Santa Fe SAFE has requested the Council’s assistance in domestic violence issues. Santa Fe County lacks a monitoring program for domestic violence offenders at the misdemeanor level. The program will be similar to the DWI program – offenders will be sentenced and required to come to the office here for monitoring which include random urine tests. Mr. Sanchez said one of the concerns is the City files offenders in magistrate court and the County would prefer they are filed in municipal court, reducing the work load of County compliance monitors.

The Department of Traffic Safety/Transportation Division funded a full-time compliance officer position for the DWI program. The grant agreement is fully executed and the next step is BCC approval of a resolution to accept the grant. There were 40 applications.

Chair Starke and Mr. Sanchez are on AM 810 radio monthly where they discuss DWI related issues and vehicle forfeiture.

[Ms. Wendel arrived at this time and a quorum was achieved.]

III. Approval of Minutes: August 13, 2015

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

IV. Approval of Agenda

The agenda was accepted by consensus.

VII. c. Behavioral Health Alliance

Chair Starke reported on the Alliance which works with DWI on substance and alcohol abuse. The Alliance was successful in working with the courts to get a treatment guardian process established in Santa Fe County for people who are unable to make their own medical decisions. It is predominantly being used by the jail.

The County has recently funded a mobile crisis response team. The team is instrumental in assisting in cases of an individual with a mental health crisis/substance abuse issue. The team is dispatched via 911, paramedics or law enforcement. The team works with the individual and has a strong follow-up component.

The Alliance is currently focused on two major projects: a wet shelter for those impaired from alcohol or drugs can go to get out of the weather/in a shelter; and a triage center for those with mental illness.

VIII. Miscellaneous

Chairman Starke referred to the Council’s charter requirement of an Alcohol Abuse Reduction Program. The Council has initiated work on the program but there is no

integrated strategy. One in six Santa Fe residents has been affected by an alcohol involved death.

The Chair referred to the packet material noting that Santa Fe County's DWI arrests have gone up and remains stable indicating that officers and prevention staff programs are effective. While arrests have gone up, crashes have decreased.

Lauding the results in reduced DWI-related crashes, etc. Ms. Wendel expressed concern that there may be more domestic violence occurring with people staying home and drinking. She suggested developing a measurement/chart relative to DWI arrest versus domestic violence calls.

VII. d. Santa Fe Prevention Alliance

In Ms. Mann-Lev's absence, Brendon Baca reviewed the following:

- The Prevention Alliance worked with Fiesta Council's Mariachi Extravaganza event in limiting alcohol consumption to "best practice," no more than two drinks and no mixing of drinks. The Fiesta Council is agreeable for Prevention Alliance to make a presentation on best practices. SWAT had a booth at the event with interns working it
- St. Vincent Hospital Foundation was recently denied an exemption to serve alcohol on the plaza by the City Council.
- Chili's Bar & Grill is requesting an alcohol service permit at their new southside location. The Alliance is working to define a process to assess the risk as well as the density of alcohol availability in an area. Establishments tend to apply for planning and building permits with the alcohol service request coming after
- A presentation on the alcohol tax increase is planned in October
- Door hangers and magnets have been produced to educate the public on the Social Host Ordinance
- The Alcohol Safe Party brochure will be produced in English and Spanish
- Mental Health First Aid Training is available
- Grand opening of the southside Swan Park is Saturday, September 19th
- Recovery Santa Fe Celebration is Sunday, September 20th
- Prescription pill take-back is scheduled Saturday, September 26th
- The YRRS (Youth Risk and Resiliency Survey) will be administered in SFPS in October

Mr. Sanchez said these events will be noted on the Council calendar.

Chair Starke requested that the Alliance provide their materials to the Council.

Mr. Freilich suggested obtaining Zozobra and Fiesta arrest information.

VIII. Miscellaneous

Chair Starke referred to the packet material which included a drug overdose graph. He noted a 287 percent increase in the female overdose population in the past 12

to 15 years with the bulk occurring in 2009. Ms. Moeller, who prepared the materials, was alarmed enough by the data that she attended a needle exchange program and saw young women exchanging needles while young children were waiting in cars. The use among women is becoming a challenge that requires attention.

Mr. Mowen said the chart can be misleading. Mr. DeMella believed the issue is Oxycontin/synthetic heroin.

Chair Starke asked Ms. Valdez to have the numbers verified by DOH and provide a determination as to the significance of the findings.

Chair Starke mentioned the opioid user that is driving while impaired which is part of the Council's charter.

A. Agenda Items for Next Few Meetings

- Women and drug use
- Discuss the prescription addictive drug use – opioid problems
- Medical detox versus social detox - relative to Medicaid patients
- Shelly Moeller to present data on alcohol-related deaths
- Legislative initiatives to include: Shelley Mann-Lev to present alcohol tax initiative; Chair Starke and Dick Roth to present improving ignition interlock initiative
- Discuss conviction rate levels
- Statistics for the #DWI program – and change in use to 911

Mr. DeMella requested statistics on the convicted offenders that have school-age children. He spoke about a direct correlation with truancy and dropping out of school. Mr. Mowen said this would tie into the domestic violence issue.

Chair Starke asked that Mr. Baca discuss this issue with the Alliance to provide data to the Council.

Attorney General's Office

Jeres Rael, Traffic Safety Resource Prosecutor, said his primary focus will be training police officers and prosecutors on DWI prosecutions. He introduced Jenna Martinez, the project coordinator.

Chair Starke said the DWI program is contracting with Ms. McClean to provide similar training and he welcomed collaborations with the AG's Office. He urged that the prosecution also include 22gs/driving on a revoked license and the use of the ignition interlock. He reviewed the programs and initiatives of the Council and its partners.

VIII. Announcements

- Next Planning Council Meeting: October 8, 2015, 9:00, same place
- Victim Impact Class: October 14, 2015, 6:30: SFCC in the Jemez Room

IX. Adjournment

Prior to adjourning, those present congratulated staff on the progress of the many programs in effect.

Having completed the agenda and with no further action to come before the Council, Chair Starke declared this meeting adjourned at approximately 10:45 a.m.

Approved by:



Thomas P. Starke
Thomas P. Starke, Chair
DWI Planning Council

Respectfully submitted by:

Karen Farrell, Wordswork

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