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MINUTES OF THE
SANTA FE COUNTY
DWI PLANNING COUNCIL

September 11, 2014

Santa Fe, New Mexico

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

A quorum was achieved with the following members present:

Members Present:

Tom Starke
Richard De Mella
Loralee Freilich
John Mowen

Member(s) Excused:

David Saldivar
Erica Abeyta
Leah Tafoya

Staff Present:

Lupe Sanchez, DWI Program Coordinator
Peter Olson, DWI Program
Diolinda Roybal, DWI Prevention Specialist
Jennifer Romero, Teen Court

Others Present:

Ted Collins, NM State Police
Christa Kongs, CSV Nurse, Western Governors University
Nathan Segura, Santa Fe Sheriff's Office
Maire Claire Voorhees, Santa Fe Prevention Alliance
Joseph Cannon, Santa Fe Police Department

Those present introduced themselves.

The Council paused to commemorate those who died during the 9/11 terrorists attacks and DWI crashes.

III. Approval of Minutes: August 14, 2014

IV. Approval of Agenda

These two actions were deferred.

V. Matters from the Council/Action Items

A. Follow up from previous meetings

1. Culture and Alcohol Use

Chair Starke said a small group consisting of Shelley Mann-Lev, Ted Lovato, Jennifer Romero, Lupe Sanchez, John Mowen and himself discussed how alcohol abuse is generational within the family. The discussion focused on the community and its values that perpetuate the problems with alcohol. Alcohol is part of Santa Fe's economy and contributes to the community. Chair Starke said the community has made a great deal of progress in regards to drinking. The effectiveness of the Life of the Athlete program came up during the meeting and the importance of family bonding in avoiding alcohol for youths.

The net result of the meeting was agreement that the positive needs to be highlighted and community needs to be involved in creating affirmative values regarding abstinence or responsible alcohol use.

VI. Information Items

A. Julie Krupcale – LDWI Bureau Chief: Deferred

B. Recovery Santa Fe Celebration

September is Recovery Month and Chair Starke said a celebration, Sunday, September 27th, is to make supporting people in recovery from alcohol and drugs and mental disorders even more of a priority in Santa Fe. The celebration will be held at the Friendship Club with exhibits from artists in recovery, workshops, BBQ and airing of the film *Anonymous People*. The point is to bring those in recovery together with their families and friends, those who treated them and everyone in the community to celebrate the power of recovery.

Ms. Romero indicated that Teen Court is sponsoring the Face of Recovery Nature Walk, on the same day at Arroyo Hondo Open Space Trail.

Mr. Sanchez said at last month's meeting the DWI plan was reviewed and the question before the Council is whether they want to continue to add to the DWI plan as actions are accomplished.

Chair Starke mentioned that Rhode Island holds recovery celebrations that started with 50 people in attendance and has grown to 10,000 participants. The focus is on what's good about recovery to balance the difficulties with addiction.

C. Reaching out to the Spanish Speaking/Immigrant Community

The following ideas were mentioned under this topic:

- Enter the community through the churches (Deacon Anthony) and libraries
- Engage families connected with descansos – contact MADD
- Work through the local labor council chapter (CLC) – Somos Un Pueblo Unido
- Ascertain appropriate locations to provide information where individuals have waiting periods – laundromats, bus stops, markets, DMV, the ER, etc.
- Insert fliers in food bags
- Educate the community support people
- Prepare a booth at the Sunday soccer games at MRC

Ms. Freilich volunteered to contact someone from the labor council and Chair Starke will contact Adelante to further develop ideas on reaching the community.

D. Coordinator's Report

Mr. Sanchez reported that the manager of the Local Government Division of DFA resigned and that may have contributed to Ms. Krupcale's absence.

The urine testing program has been in effect since August 11th and 175 tests have been executed of which 132 tested negative. People do fail to show. Hearings will be scheduled for those that fail to take the test and if they fail to appear at the hearing a bench warrant will be issued.

The program has challenges. There are individuals on the medical marijuana program and their urine will test positive as well as users of opioids. People that live a distance outside of the county are excused from the program. A company in the northern part of the county is interested in testing but they charge \$30 per test compared to the current provider at \$12. Mr. Sanchez said he'll contact Hoy about urine testing in Española.

Mr. Sanchez said the urine test has strict protocols to prevent tampering with the sample. Shelly Moeller has provided staff information on how to evaluate the effectiveness of the testing program by comparing the compliance rates, styles of the judges' sentencing and recidivism rates.

Mr. Sanchez reported that Santa Fe County's DWI program is being audited between October 22nd – 24th.

The CDWI Grant agreement has not been received.

This Zozobra celebration appeared to be family-oriented with appropriate celebration.

With the demise of CARE Connection proper assessment for DWI offenders has been difficult. Life Link took over CARE Connection's role but with a limited staff the assessments are delayed. An assessment leads to a one-time voucher for treatment. Life Link is conducting assessments for a number of agencies but lacks the necessary staff. The County is considering developing its own assessment component via contract that will encompass mental health, substance abuse, job skill challenges, etc. for referral to appropriate services.

Ms. Freilich mentioned the importance of follow up with the clients.

Drug Take Back is scheduled for September 27th 10 to 2 at a number of locations throughout the county. Mr. Olson said pharmacies may be able to collect drugs in the future.

Restaurant staff are wearing the Think SaFe t-shirts and buttons. Twenty establishments use the napkins and coasters, five establishments have committed to wearing the t-shirts and eleven committed to the buttons.

Ms. Freilich recommended a poster/decal in the window of the establishment identifying them as Think SaFe participants. There is advertisement at the Santa Fe Place Mall that will run through the holiday season.

Chair Starke said establishments are receiving letters advising them that it “was alleged by an individual” who received a DWI that they had just come from your establishment. He said it is important to build a relationship with the liquor establishments to reduce over-serving and underage service. It will be important to reach out and educate the gallery owners as well.

VII. Miscellaneous

A. Agenda Items for Future Meetings


- Invite Julie Krupcale to attend a meeting
- Discuss the community outreach
- Discuss DWI offenders with Life Link
- Discuss the hospital screening program, Kristin Carmichael; Living Sober

The next meeting was scheduled for October 9th

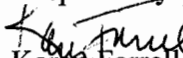
VIII. Adjournment

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

Approved by:


Tom Starke, Chair
DWI Planning Council

Respectfully submitted by:


Karen Farrell, Wordswork