

MINUTES OF THE
SANTA FE COUNTY
DWI PLANNING COUNCIL

September 12, 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 9:17 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
Lisa Wooldridge
Tom Starke
Leah Tafoya
Loralee Freilich

Member(s) Excused:

Glenn Levant
Richard De Mella
David Saldivar

Staff Present:

Lupe Sanchez, DWI Program Coordinator
Peter Olson, DWI Program

Others Present:

Mary Justice, CARE Connection
Dick Roth, Impact DWI
Shelley Moeller, Contractor
Joanne Martinez, Citizen
Marie Claire Voorhees, Santa Fe Prevention Alliance
Nate Segura, SFSO
Ted Collins, NMSP
David Bentley, NMSP

III. Approval of the Minutes: August 13, 2013

On page 2, regarding Senate Memorial 77, Mr. Starke clarified that it will be a 10 to 12-person council so the PC may not have anyone on the council but they would be interested in this group's input. Chair Bevacqua-Young said she spoke with Jennifer Anderson regarding the membership of the study group.

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Under the Envision your Future, on page 3, Chair Bevacqua-Young stated the paragraph regarding the NM Supreme Court were made in the context of a government hearing she attended with oral arguments on where to put juvenile offenders during pretrial confinement.

Under Matters from the Public, it was Captain Collins, not Sergeant Lewandowski who spoke about accepting warrants. Chair Bevacqua-Young added that the situation is resolved for the moment.

Upon motion by Mr. Starke and second by Ms. Tafoya, the minutes of the August meeting minutes were unanimously approved as amended.

IV. Approval of the Agenda

Ms. Voorhees asked to speak on the Call to Action regarding rule changes to the Liquor Control Act.

Mr. Starke moved to approve the agenda as modified and Ms. Wooldridge seconded. The motion carried unanimously.

V. Matters from the Council

A. Follow-up from Previous Meetings

Chair Bevacqua-Young announced there would be a DWI crash training at the State Capitol, Room 307 on October 21st and 22nd, primarily for police officers and prosecutors. On the 22nd there is a need for members of a live jury, 8:30 to 11:00.

Mr. Starke noted that Sergeant Lewandowski had said his department interacts with 300 children per month and he felt there was insufficient information about programs and options. Steps should be taken to assure that information be made available to law enforcement. Ms. Wooldridge said that should be the role of a children's advocacy service. Mr. Sanchez said Mr. De Mella is involved with JJAC and could be asked about that.

B. Other Matters from the Council

Mr. Starke said there was discussion at the last Public Policy and Communications Committee of the strategic plan. The enabling resolution called for a needs assessment and a broadening to consider alcohol and drug abuse. The committee is working to assemble that information. He referred to the packet which has a draft of the strategic plan and he solicited input on the goals in order to roll that into the updated version of the plan.

C. Approval of Fiscal Year 2014 DWI Program Budget

Mr. Sanchez mentioned this was being worked on by Mr. Levant. He said it is a formality. Mr. Starke said Mr. Levant's concern had to do with the enabling resolution which says that the council should play a role in budget planning.

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Ms. Moeller asked if the budget for FY 15 was being written in January. Mr. Sanchez said it was, and that a copy of the grant is provided to all council members before submitting the application. The grant is about 130 pages long, although there is talk of streamlining it.

There was consensus to defer action on the budget.

VI. Information Items

A. Ignition Interlock

Dick Roth introduced himself and outlined how he became involved in DWI work. He's been promoting use of ignition interlocks for 15 years and he has made presentations throughout the country. Additionally, he has drafted legislation in many states and ignition interlock is now the basis of the latest National Highway Bill. He also holds victim impact panels which get positive responses. He invited the committee members to attend.

Mr. Roth gave a power point presentation showing that fatalities are down due to interlock use. He used graphs to demonstrate how fewer loopholes lead to more interlock use. Graphs also showed interlocks leading to fewer re-arrests, crashes, injuries and fatalities. He provided Santa Fe County data on arrests, adjudication and convictions, and showed the efficacy of interlocks over license revocation even on those with low BAC, and second and third offenses. He said 99.93 percent of interlock days result in no drunk driving. In summary, he said interlocks should be used with all DWI offenders because they are the most effective sanction, they are the most cost-effective, they are perceived as fair by 85 percent of offenders, there is 50 to 90 percent less recidivism than license revocation. He noted most DWI fatalities are caused by first-time offenders.

Ms. Tafoya asked who gets the reports on interlock information. She noted Probation and Parole are not apprised of results. Mr. Roth said that information should go to whoever the judge indicates. Mr. Sanchez said providers send faxes from magistrate court, whereupon the compliance staff notifies the judge to set up a hearing. There are fewer district court cases.

Mr. Roth said his group recently bought lapel cameras and asked if the Sheriff's Department needed them. Officer Segura stated they are standard issue for all deputies.

B. Christus St. Vincent CARE Connection – Year-End Report

Mary Justice indicated the CARE Connection has an assessment component and a sobering center. They opened in November 2006 and since that time there have been 6,740 intakes. The average stay is 70 hours, the average age is 40 years old. There is a breakdown of 75 percent male, 25 percent female. Trends they have noticed since the opening are stays are longer, participants are younger, there are more women, and a lot more heroin and opiates. She provided a breakdown by intoxicant.

Ms. Justice explained the sobering center used social detox rather than medical detox so they don't deal with benzos. There is a case manager who tries to link clients to treatment or other needed services. They pay to send people to inpatient treatment. They provide cell phones to high utilizers which has proven effective. There are therapists and every night there is either an AA or an NA meeting on site. They have a staff of 17 who work on 12-hour shifts.

Most clients are referred by the ER since medical clearance is required before admission. They can accommodate 15 patients at a time.

Ms. Wooldridge asked to where referrals are made, and Ms. Justice said they use about 20 providers. They make use of Access to Recovery vouchers if clients cannot pay for treatment. Under extraordinary circumstances people have been kept in the sobering center for 90 days in order to facilitate securing HUD housing. She gave an example of a man who was able to stay sober through intensive case management involving housing, medication, etc. She spoke of programs that focus on frequent users of the ER and jail and how intensive management saves money.

Mr. Starke asked what needs the program has. Ms. Justice said they could use more space and more beds.

Ms. Freilich asked if there was a half-way house. Ms. Justice said housing is the biggest challenge and she would like to see more sober houses. She mentioned that San Diego County has a huge network of sober houses and she would like to see more of those here.

C. Coordinator's Report

Mr. Sanchez referred to the insert in the *New Mexican* as part of a public awareness campaign. He showed posters in both Spanish and English and material will be distributed to liquor establishments which show penalties for DWI.

He said the vehicle forfeiture ordinance passed in the County Commission which aligns the County policy with that of the City. An educational outreach is planned to acquaint the population with the new regulations.

D. Subcommittee Reports

Mr. Sanchez said there is still one vacancy and he asked for volunteers for the subcommittees.

VII. Miscellaneous

A. The next meeting: October 10, 2013

Chair Bevacqua-Young asked that anyone with suggestions for agenda items email her.

VIII. Matters from the Public

Ms. Voorhees states that Santa Fe Prevention Alliance gave a presentation on issues within the Alcohol and Gaming Division regarding the quota system in the Liquor Control Act. There is talk of eliminating the quota system for licensure. SFUDPA is asking for contact with the Alcohol and Gaming Division Director to apprise her of local perspectives, and community meetings with the director and stakeholders. They also seek clarify on the PC's position on alcohol outlet density and quota elimination. She asked if the Council wanted to participate.

Chair Bevacqua-Young noted that her office is taking a neutral position.

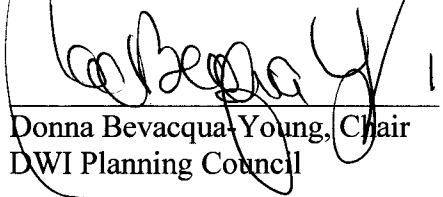
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Mr. Starke asked that Ms. Voorhees send committee members a letter so that they can have a more formal discussion on the matter.


IX. Adjournment

This meeting was declared adjourned at approximately 10:32 a.m.

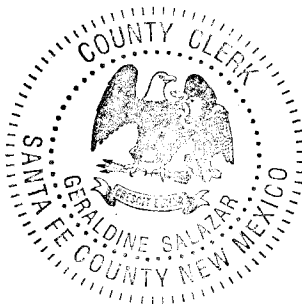
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