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SANTA FE COUNTY
DWI PLANNING COUNCIL

Prevention Subcommittee: Study Session

March 7, 2012

Santa Fe, New Mexico

This meeting of the Prevention Subcommittee of the Santa Fe County DWI Planning Council was called to order by Allen Steele, Chair at approximately 10:00 on the above-cited date at 2052 S. Galisteo, Santa Fe, New Mexico.

The following individuals were present:

Members Present:

Allen Steele, Chair
Vivian Nelson
Jim Jackson [early departure]

Member(s) Excused:

Grace Quintana-Trujillo
Juan Blea

Staff Present:

Frank Magourilos, DWI Program Senior Certified Prevention Specialist Supervisor
Joyce Varela, DWI Program Accountant

Others Presents:

Shelley Mann-Lev, SFUDPA

Jim Jackson stated he spoke with Joyce Varela; he will be voting "no" on the minutes because he thinks it is wrong to put another \$40,000 into the CADDy program. Ms. Nelson agreed.

Ms. Mann-Lev said she understood from the January meeting there was clear opposition to further funding for CADDy, and she did not attend the February meeting so was unaware of how the change occurred.

Turning to the money going into the detox program, Mr. Magourilos said that is funded very year through the DWI through a designated grant.

Mr. Jackson said he felt everything should be under the Prevention rubric. He added that he would have an expanded discussion with public input on the strategic plan for the March 15th morning meeting and the council will meet and make decisions in the afternoon. Ms. Mann-Lev stated she had concerns about that.

Mr. Magourilos noted that Glenn Wierenga has expressed his eagerness to rejoin the council. Mr. Jackson said they are looking at two different alternatives, and that he could perhaps be considered if the council is expanded. He spoke in favor of wider representation and Mr. Magourilos urged retaining expertise.

Mr. Jackson indicated Mr. Magourilos provided expertise, and Ms. Mann-Lev noted that he is not on the council. She pointed out that when the planning council was initially formed they were not heard, whereas now, they have a strong voice. She advocated having a "middle point" as far as representation. Mr. Jackson said his concern was that the public is speaking and the council is silent.

Ms. Nelson said this is a recommending body.

Ms. Mann-Lev stated she understood the strategic plan would cover three years and be a recommendation rather than a decision. Mr. Jackson said much would depend on who is hired as the new coordinator. Mr. Magourilos agreed with Ms. Mann-Lev that there was a fear of losing expertise. Mr. Jackson said he was interested in recruiting a Native American and a young person for the council.

[Mr. Jackson excuses himself from the remainder of the meeting.]

Approval of the Minutes

The minutes were accepted by consensus.

Approval of the Agenda

The agenda was approved by consensus.

Year-End Funding

Mr. Magourilos referred to the budget in the packet with highlighted items. The \$43,275 listed for Capitol Cab is a placeholder in case that funding is needed to end the year; it could be used elsewhere.

Joyce Varela joined the meeting and explained the \$43,000 is a reserve for the remainder of the fiscal year. It hasn't been put in the contract yet and if not needed it will be reverted. She noted Capitol Cab does not keep complete records.

Mr. Magourilos said the professional evaluator will be asked to evaluate the CADDy program. He proposed requiring more information from the cab company if they want to continue to participate.

Ms. Mann-Lev asked why the council decided to spend more money on the program after the doubts expressed at the January meeting. Ms. Varela said the council was not prepared to end the program that is supported by the Commissioners, and decided to provide additional funding to the end of the fiscal year. Ms. Mann-Lev said alternatives exist to full funding, such as cutting hours. Ms. Nelson said it was fundamentally predicated on the strong support from the Commission, as relayed by staff.

Chair Steele said it was important to identify alternatives to the program, such as finding community organizations willing to take on a designated driver role. Noting that the CADDy funding amounted to 15 percent of the entire budget, which could otherwise fund two law enforcement positions or three prevention staff members, Ms. Mann-Lev recommended a more in-depth discussion, possibly with participation by a Commissioner or Commissioners. Ms. Nelson suggested inviting Commissioners to a council meeting.

Chair Steele said the CADDy program falls within the purview of the council rather than this subcommittee. Mr. Magourilos suggested scaling back until a decision is made.

There was discussion as to whether any recommended changes would apply to the end of this fiscal year or whether they would begin afterward. Ms. Mann-Lev recommended making this the highest priority for the new coordinator. She added the simplest approach would be to shorten the hours from 5:00 until 2:00 to something like 7:00 to midnight.

Mr. Magourilos said the cab company might come up with the same number of rides.

Ms. Nelson said both hours and days should be limited, starting April 1st or April 15th.

Chair Steele suggested limiting the service to holidays and occasions such as: St. Patrick's Day, Superbowl Sunday, Thanksgiving Eve, New Year's Eve and Day, Christmas Eve, Fiesta (Zozobra), July 4th, Cinco de Mayo, Valentine's Day and Halloween, with others to be added as necessary.

Ms. Mann-Lev indicated that the evaluator would profit from comparing results before and after cutting down service.

A motion carried to the effect that:

- funding levels would be contingent upon the evaluator's findings
- the CADDy program be a priority for the new coordinator
- service be limited to holidays

Mr. Magourilos spoke to the one-time funding requests that were approved; everything is near completion. He referred to the request made at the previous subcommittee made by Hands Across Cultures for prevention activities in the Pojoaque schools, pointing out that this school year is almost over.

Chair Steele asked if there was a funding cycle for the schools, and Mr. Magourilos said they have to follow the school year and know that schools make their plans at the beginning of the year. Ms. Mann-Lev explained that it is helpful to get things in place as soon as possible. She suggested July 1st as a date to shoot for. Mr. Magourilos noted the RFP procurement process takes 60 days. He said red tape is the weakest and most frustrating link on the County side and the schools have their own bureaucratic processes to go through. Additionally, proposals have to go through the New Mexico Abilities Department to be vetted to see if there are opportunities for the disabled.

Chair Steele asked if the DWI put out a notice that it was receiving requests and proposals. Mr. Magourilos said it does. He mentioned he has been considering using the council members as advocates.

Ms. Mann-Lev suggested having a flow chart to keep track of where each contract is in the process. Getting stalled in the Legal Department is also something to be aware of. Mr. Magourilos said the RFP for the evaluator is only now being released; he offered to email it to the committee members. Ms. Nelson recommended having a calendar format. There was a motion to that effect which passed without opposition.

Communication Subcommittee

Ms. Nelson stated she has been working on the database in an effort to consolidate information on previous DWI offenses. Currently statewide information is not immediately available to law enforcement.

Ms. Mann-Lev said law enforcement – three agencies – will be making a presentation which will provide an opportunity to garner information. She suggested Ms. Nelson speak with Lt. Abram Anaya at Santa Fe Police Department.

Chair Steele said his pet project is an awards program and he asked who should be considered for exemplary work for County DWI work. The following groups were mentioned: law enforcement, SWAT (student wellness action) teams, advocates, innovative/successful programs, teachers, public officials, businesses, healthcare professionals, youth and non-profits. Chair Steele said he would come up with a proposal around awards.

Mr. Magourilos spoke of funding an advocate position for the council for someone like Cynthia Delgado who is well versed in talking to community leadership. He said he would develop a more detailed proposal.

A discussion ensued regarding the issue of what becomes of funds that are not spent. Ms. Mann-Lev asked if that money is lost. She recalled a year when the County was required to give money back. Mr. Magourilos said he believed unused funds could be diverted to other programs.

Ms. Varela explained that unspent money from the LDWI is put in a pool and any program can apply for it. There is no guarantee that it will come back to the County. Grants are a different case. However, Ms. Varela said she believed all the money would be spent. Ms. Mann-Lev said she could not guarantee that the \$55,000 for high school programs could be spent in time, having come in so late.

Ms. Varela said if grant money is not used she can move some expenses from the distribution into the grant in order to spend it all. Grant money was earmarked for “prevention activities” which is broad. Ms. Mann-Lev said this is an issue that can be discussed in the strategic planning process.

Matters from Staff

Mr. Magourilos distributed a graph [*Exhibit 1*] showing the discrepancy between need and distribution of funding in prevention versus medical expense. He also distributed information on What Is An Evidence-Based Program? [*Exhibit 2*] He highlighted #6, What is learned should be disseminated to key stakeholders and decision makers. He said these points should be kept in mind during the strategic plan process

Ms. Mann-Lev announced that SFUDPA was about to launch its community survey which touches on a multitude of issues. She urged everyone to send it out widely.

Chair Steele stated he enjoyed going to the SFUDPA meeting. He introduced a motion to direct staff to include “networking” in contracts, so that organizations could be evaluated on that basis. He asked that this be brought up at the regular council meeting.

Ms. Nelson supported the concept, and Chair Steele speculated on the possible duplication of effort in the absence of networking among groups. Participation in SFUDPA would be integral to that. Mr. Magourilos said other coalition-type organizations include the New Mexico Prevention Network, the New Mexico Prevention Advocate, and Injury Prevention Coalition. Regarding behavioral issues, the Behavioral Health Collaborative fills that role.

Ms. Mann-Lev said the intention of SFUDPA was to pull together the different organizations, especially in terms of education. Much more can be accomplished through coordination. She said if networking is included in the scope of work it will be reported on by the contractor. Mr. Magourilos said networking promotes leverage as well. He would like to see more alignment between SFUDPA and the planning council so that there be seamless interaction.

Ms. Mann-Lev pointed out that that would be welcome because SFUDPA has no funding stream, whereas the DWI program does. SFUDPA brings people together to avoid duplication, identifies advocacy and policy areas, and bring awareness to the community.

Mr. Magourilos said the key was to maximize the common goals and minimize differences.

Chair Steele suggested a newsletter would facilitate overall networking; this could be the council’s responsibility. Ms. Mann-Lev said a website could serve that role.

Chair Steele noted that currently there is no public relations person in the program, and that is a possibility for funding. Mr. Magourilos said that was what he envisioned when he spoke of an advocate with connections.

Chair Steele asked if the SWAT teams ever get together and Mr. Magourilos said he believed the program funded an annual retreat. He suggested having Phil Lucero and JoAnn Sartorius, SWAT coordinators; make a presentation to the full council.

Adjournment

It was agreed to hold the next Prevention Subcommittee two weeks before the next council meeting.

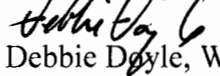
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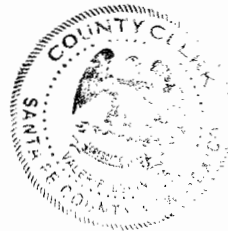


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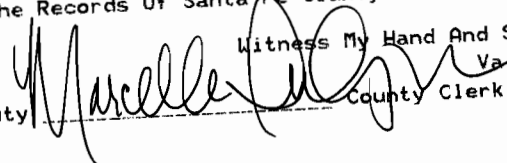
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