

San Miguel County DWI Planning Council Minutes
October 27, 2016
Hillcrest Restaurant 11:00am-1:00pm

Present: Ray Collins, Chairperson; Desiree Martinez, OSAP-NMHU Cares; Captain Javier Moncada, NMSP; Rodney Perea, SMC Sheriff's Dept.; Twila Quintana, ADA, District Attorney's Office, Vice Chair; Kimberly Valdez-Blea, Dean of Students;

Guests: Shyann Romero-Martinez, OSAP-NMHU Cares; Valentina White, NMDOH;

Absent: Joseph Cruz, Chamber of Commerce; James Esquibel, WLV Truancy Coordinator; Tim Gallegos, Somos Familia; Phil Leger, NMSP; Commander Chris Lopez, LVPD; Moses Marquez, LCC; Rosalie Martinez, San Miguel Health Council; Bernadine Medina, Amistad y Resolana; Concha Montano, Evaluator; Les Montoya, SMC Manager; Antonio Padilla, SMC Detention Center; Arthur Padilla, SMC Commissioner; Commander Eric Padilla LVPD; Clarence Romero, NMHU Police Dept.; Zabrina Sandoval, Sobriety Court Coordinator;

Staff Present: Yolanda Cruz, DWI Program Coordinator; Veronica Dimas, Administrative Assistant; Stephanie Leger, Compliance Monitor; Ebony Mondragon, Prevention Specialist; Monica Padilla, Prevention Specialist

1.Call to Order

Chairperson, Ray Collins called the Planning Council Meeting to order at 11:05 a.m.

2. Approval of Agenda:

Rodney Perea moved to approve agenda, Second by Kimberly Valdez-Blea, motion passed.

3. Approval of Minutes

Kimberly Valdez-Blea moved to approve minutes, Second by Rodney Perea, motion passed.

4. Approval of Minutes by Chairperson:

Name: _____ ***Date:*** _____

5. Announcements

- Yolanda thanked Julian Duran and NMHU students for helping with the go-carts at the Take-Back Event.

Introductions were made by all DWI members and guests.

6.) Discussion & Input

- The senate bill passed at the special session, we spoke with DFA and people are thinking this is the fund balance and this isn't what is available. Taxes get collected on a monthly basis from the Tax and Revenue Dept. and is then given to DFA. So this funding sits there for three months and

on the third month the funding gets distributed. Even though the local DWI fund is established with the main reason of funding DWI programs other things were put in by State Statute. An error in calculations was made this will affect the program.

- On April 26th, 2016 the Grant Council approved the FY17 distribution estimate amount of \$15.4 million. Senate Bill Two from the special session was signed for the governor on October, 19th, 2016. There are two funding streams from the liquor excise taxes. One is the grant which would help cover anything over the distribution amount, this funding was not affected (\$38,000). Any money that gets reverted at the end of the year goes back to councils, at this time no reversion will occur. The original distribution amount we were told to budget for is \$221,521.88. At the last meeting we had a substantial cut of \$38,000, with the new amounts received it's an additional \$40,000 reduction. The new amount we are receiving is \$143,000 for this fiscal year.
- We are reviewing the budget and looking at ways to make up this difference. We had already reduced our budget, by cutting out all trainings, travel, purchasing of supplies, promotional items, cut enforcement funding, and by suspending the Safe Ride Program. Personal and benefits are one of our biggest costs. We have 7 months of Evaluation and will not be funding evaluation for the rest of the fiscal year. Desiree spoke with Dr. Ray Martinez and he has volunteered to have his students work on our evaluation.
- Each county will be sending out one sheet of information about their DWI Program to the legislator. Our sheet lists the number of students that received curriculum for protecting you protecting me, and too good for drugs, with a breakdown of genders. The key outcomes on pre and post tests and looking at YRRS data, patterns and trends for past 30 day use of alcohol decreased both among high school and middle school students. In our office we've noticed with compliance more clients being from outside this county, more women, and various age groups. In-patient treatment services have gone up. Hopefully all of this information can be passed on to legislators so they realize the impact our program is making.
- Rodney suggested implementing a DWI test when receiving or renewing your license charging \$10.00 to bring up revenue for DWI programs throughout the state. Another way to generate funding is through fundraisers.

7.) Old Business- Nominations and election of officers

Kimberly Valdez-Blea moved to approve Twila as Chair Person, Second by Rodney Perea motion passed.

Twila Quintana moved to approve Kimberly as Vice Chair Person, Second by Rodney Perea motion passed.

Rodney Perea moved to approve the creation of a Fundraising Committee, Second by Javier Moncada, motion passed.

Twila Quintana moved to approve the creation of a Legislative Advocacy Committee, Second by Rodney Perea, motion passed.

8.) New Business

No new business for discussion.

9. Report Packet- HU Cares Take Back Event

Desiree NMHU Cares On Saturday we had the Take Back and Family Fun Day, we ended up filling three and a fourth drop boxes which equaled to 92 pounds. We received prescription drugs and other drugs as well. We ended up filling 7 sharps containers full of needles. About 250 people attended and 34 agencies present. The next event will be in April and we will start planning it soon.

10.)Round Robin

Rodney- Looking forward to being on the committee.

Mr. Collins- Thank everybody for allowing me to be Chairperson for the last nine years. When I first started there was fewer people involved.

Valentina-Good to be here, disappointed about the budget cuts, that's why we have to put our heads together and find new ideas/ways to support our program here in the community which is needed. I will let you know if I am able to be a committee member.

Monica- I just want to thank everybody for coming out today, and for trying to think of ideas to help our program.

Ebeny- Hi it's good to see everyone. Thank you everybody for the help and support.

Desiree- Glad to be here

Shyann-Thank you for having me at this meeting it was very interesting.

Captain Moncada- This is a really important committee obviously everybody is here for a reason. I'm hoping that because we had to cut so many things DWI's don't go up, unfortunately it's going to happen. We're going to continue to work hard and get drunk drivers off the road. We are willing to help out in any way we can.

Stephanie-Thanks you guys for support.

Veronica-Thank you

Yolanda- I want to thank Mr. Collins and Twila for all of the years of chair and vice chair. The leadership has kept the planning council strong. I do think the strength of the community is the people.

Kimberly- Thank you everybody for your continued commitment, I look forward to working with you all and to continue collaborating. It's a bummer to face these financial issues but as a community were resilient and will get through it.

Twila-Thank you everyone who voted for me. I'm so appreciative of what this small group accomplishes.

Margret Mead was right with her quote "never doubt that a small group of thoughtful committed citizens can change the world indeed it is the only thing that ever has." I see that every day with the amount of resources that you have. I think that we need to hold our legislators to a higher standard, somebody needs to be held accountable. When times are tight money should be spread around.

Programs should be looked at for the number of people they serve. Thank you all and I hope we can continue to do good work and continue down the same path that Mr. Collins has lead us on. Thank you for your leadership, I know that this fight that you are fighting is extremely personal the losses that you suffered as a result of this. As the captain said, I anticipate that DWI's will probably rise as well. In some ways that is a good thing because it shows when this program was in affect DWI's were down it shows there's a need. Hopefully during this time law enforcement is able to catch these individuals, and we will prosecute them to the best of our ability through our office. I'm going to look into those deferred. As

the senior attorney dealing with DWI's anyone who prosecutes them falls under me. As a result of this budget issue I have asked all prosecutors to begin including some form of contribution, including domestic violence charges at times alcohol/drugs is a factor there as well.

11.)Adjournment

Motion to Adjourn meeting was made by , second by adjournment at 12:51. Next meeting on November 17, 2016 from 11:00am-1:00pm at NMHU Student Center Room 321.