

**San Miguel County DWI Planning Council Minutes**  
**September 29, 2016**  
**Alta Vista Regional Hospital 11:00am-1:00pm**

**Present:** James Esquibel, WLV Truancy Coordinator; Commander Chris Lopez, LVPD; Desiree Martinez, OSAP-NMHU Cares; Rosalie Martinez, San Miguel Health Council; Les Montoya, SMC Manager; Arthur Padilla, SMC Commissioner; Rodney Perea, SMC Sheriff's Dept.; Twila Quintana, ADA, District Attorney's Office, Vice Chair; Kimberly Valdez-Blea, Dean of Students;

**Guests:** Victoria Baca, Rio Grande Substance Abuse Treatment; Mark Livingston, Rio Grande Substance Abuse Treatment; Dominique Martinez, NMDOH; Derrick Ortega, MSW Intern; Valentina White, NMDOH;

**Absent:** Ray Collins, Chairperson; Joseph Cruz, Chamber of Commerce; Tim Gallegos, Somos Familia; Phil Leger, NMSP; Moses Marquez, LCC; Bernadine Medina, Amistad y Resolana; Captain Javier Moncada, NMSP; Concha Montano, Evaluator; Antonio Padilla, SMC Detention Center; Commander Eric Padilla LVPD; Clarence Romero, NMHU Police Dept.; Zabrina Sandoval, Sobriety Court Coordinator;

**Staff Present:** Michelle Cordova, Compliance Monitor; Yolanda Cruz, DWI Program Coordinator; Veronica Dimas, Administrative Assistant; Stephanie Leger, Compliance Monitor;

***1. Call to Order***

*Vice Chair, Twila Quintana called the Planning Council Meeting to order at 11:17 a.m.*

***2. Approval of Agenda:***

*Rodney Perea moved to approve agenda with the addition of the Take Back Event added to announcements, Second by Kimberly Valdez-Blea, motion passed.*

***3. Approval of Minutes May, June, and July:***

*Rodney Perea moved to approve minutes, Second by Mark Livingston, motion passed.*

***4. Approval of Minutes by Chairperson:***

**Name:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Date:** \_\_\_\_\_

***5. Announcements***

- Yolanda presented a Thank You Certificate to Commissioner Marcelino Ortiz for being a member on the DWI Planning Council.
- Yolanda introduced and welcomed Commissioner Arthur Padilla.
- Yolanda presented a Thank You Certificate to Chris Wolf and Alta Vista Hospital for hosting and providing lunch today.
- Yolanda presented a Thank You Certificate to Ray Collins for his donation.
- Yolanda went over the memo and new distribution estimates from DFA.

- Desiree discussed her coalition along with Elks Lodge and the Local Collaborative 4 will be hosting the Take Back/ Family Fun Day. It will be October 22<sup>nd</sup>, 2016 starting 10:00am till 2:00pm, this event will take place at Melody Park.

Commissioner Arthur Padilla some of you know me as a Commissioner, police officer, drug enforcement coordinator for San Miguel county. I retired from law enforcement in 1990, then after became a drug enforcement coordinator for five counties. We would apply for grants and work on drug enforcement this work is similar to what the DWI Program does. I do understand that DWI is a huge problem not only in this county but also surrounding areas. Marcellino Ortiz was part of the DWI Planning Council for many years. I was asked by Mr. Ortiz to be a member of this board and I accepted. I'm glad to be here.

*Introductions were made by all DWI members and guests.*

#### *6.) Discussion & Input*

This is the second memo from DFA. DFA is recommending that we plan on a substantially less distribution amount for our DWI Program. The distribution is funded through alcohol excise taxes and about 46 percent goes to DWI Program's throughout New Mexico. Last year the legislature swept all the money that was remaining. This year during the first quarter all the alcohol excise taxes were collected, even though all funding should come in at once it doesn't come in right away. So when it comes time to distribute, the people who hold the strings distribute the money to numerous funds. The whole amount that goes to DWI was not there, so usually DFA would go into their bank account to make up this difference but they don't have the funding available to do this. For example for the first quarter our program would receive about \$50,000-\$60,000 instead we will be receiving \$25,000. Right now whatever has been spent is all that can be reimbursed, the rest can be carried over to the second quarter and ask for it then. If DFA never receives the money for reimbursement, and we have already spent this funding we are just digging ourselves in a hole. Reversion grants cannot be applied for. DFA is requesting we go back to FY15 numbers. We should now cut back on advertising costs, travel expenses, promotional items, and office supplies. In addition, the prevention specialists usually attend around four trainings a year, DFA recommends prevention enroll in online trainings. Also the Prevention Specialist will not take the certification tests right now. The compliance monitors would have gone to compliance basic training which is a week-long training, however that has been postpone until the spring because the state knows the DWI Councils are in a bind financially. The Compliance advanced training just took place but our office didn't have anyone who met this criteria. A big cost for us is evaluation DFA recommends only evaluating half of the year. In our county we are looking at how much of this contract can be negotiated. We usually fund some of the law enforcement activities, for now this will be put on hold until the spring and have them utilize other funding. The Safe Ride program runs Friday and Saturday night, most of this program is funded through CDWI which is a different grant that the program receives, however we are unaware of when we will receive this money. Both drivers resigned, we then made the decision not to fill those positions until we know we have the money to continue the program. The program is suspended until further notice. A meeting has been set up with our finance director and county manager on Friday to go over the budget. The biggest concern is the evaluation budget which is a \$29,000 contract. If we can reduce that cost it will help us in other ways with this budget cut. By cutting enforcement this makes up \$5,000 and cutting the Safe Ride Program is an additional \$12,000 that we save. We will not be paying overtime, we can offer comp time if the time is taken within the same week. Some events our office will not be participating in because right now we don't have promotional items. The school activities will continue it's more the outreach that will take a hit. Commander Chris Lopez

keeps a monthly log for LVPD of DWI's. This is a good opportunity to show what a difference the enforcement and Safe Ride has made. Hopefully this will be short term and the funding will be available again.

Yolanda is able to gather a lot of information for the yearly Evaluation from the ADE system. Kimberly mentioned all the data collected with community survey can also be used to help the DWI program with evaluation. We are looking at other grants that are available, we need to make sure what we are applying for, fit with what is already being done within our program. An ordinance to collect monthly compliance fees was passed in 2010. The program is waiting on a meeting with the judges which is the last step. The planning council had discussed originally charging \$15.00 or implementing a sliding scale fee, because this ordinance states \$20.00 this will be the fee charged to all new clients entering the program. Kimberly discussed generating fund from donations or fundraising. Possibly researching which day either Friday or Saturday had more ridership? Offer the service one night a week versus no service available to the community. Look into charging a small fee for the service. Consider letting customers purchase a ticket prior to the upcoming weekend, so no driver would carry/deal with cash. Look into a card reader and charge for this service. Rosalie would like to have RHS cheerleaders/dancers make posters about DWI to bring awareness to this issue. Also confirmation students can help pass out pamphlets.

#### *7.) Old Business*

At this time there is no old business to discuss.

#### *8.) New Business*

On October 27, 2016 elections will take place for nominations of officers.

#### *9.) Report Packet (Highlights)*

#### *10.) Round Robin*

*Arthur- Glad to be here, work on new ideas.*

*Yolanda- I just want to thank everybody we had a great turnout, and good conversation. It's good to have a coalition because a lot of these brains produce more ideas because we don't always think of everything. I wanted to let you guys know I had been appointed as the secretary of the DWI affiliate I was appointed to vice chair.*

*Michelle- Thank you guys .*

*Victoria- Glad to be here thank you for lunch.*

*Rodney- Thank you guys for allowing me to be on this Council I'm learning a lot, if I have anything that I can brainstorm with anybody and willing to work with everyone.*

*Commander Chris Lopez- Yolanda advised me that we would be putting a hold on law enforcement funding, I know money is getting tighter, the CDWI funding really helped us. We do get money from the Fed's through TSB but it's different. Hopefully this is just temporary and the federal funding we lost some money there too. Operations will be cut about 5-10 percent we will start feeling that in every angle. With all of us here we can continue to fight that fight. The collation helps us to understand and help each other I appreciate all of you being here there has been a lot of new faces but all in all were trying to make our community a better place. It's important that we keep everything here and not at the state level.*

*James- Kuddos to everything you're doing. Thanks to Yolanda for attending the homecoming dance. There has been a slow decline in alcohol related incidents on campus and an increase in marijuana drug related incidents.*

*Dominique- I'm with the public health office this is my first meeting. It was a good meeting very informational and good to be here. Valentina and I are focusing on harm reduction and increased awareness so we are still doing that. Trying to get that distributed throughout the community harm reduction and naloxone.*

*Valentina- I'm Valentina White I want to thank you for the invitation I invited Dominique. We are trying to bring awareness to our harm reduction services . We did start in Mora last month. I do have our northeast region public health priorities one page information sheet to pass out. Thank you for the invitation I always like to help, get new ideas and willing to collaborate.*

*Kimberly- I would also like to thank everyone for the work being done in the community similar to what Commander Lopez has mentioned we too are facing cuts in higher education. However I think it gives an opportunity to be creative and collaborate with one another and really to support the work that we all do in this community. If there's anything specifically that you have an idea about with the university please feel free to let me know. I know sometimes there some intimidation about wanting to get into the resident halls because of access but contact me so we can coordinate that.*

*Derrick- Thank you for having me a lot of information very informative and interesting*

*Desiree- I want to thank Yolanda for all her help with the Take Back Event.*

*Stephanie- Thank you everyone for all the support, and great ideas, and thank you all for being here.*

*Veronica-Thanks everyone for coming.*

*Twila- I will be having a conversation with my boss. It's very alarming that funding is decreasing especially in DWI programs that show there is success in what they do. I agree as well that consistency is important. And so if were attempting to offer something then we should still try offer it as best as we can. When you establish something rather than go backwards with it you try and maintain or continue with it but I know there is always difficulty with that. There is a bit of flux at the magistrate court level not so much with the judges but with court staff and trying to fill positions. Probably the employee having been there the longest has been there about two and a half years- three years at most everyone else has left. Many of them are at district court now, they have a new supervisor I'm not sure what her title is but they need more office staff and managers. The trouble with all that they don't have the institutional history to be able understand what things worked. People have come from Santa Fe to work in the magistrate court here. They are trying to institute things that work in Santa Fe, if things weren't broken why are you attempting to change them? Santa Fe is structured completely different. The DA' office has to ensure that the defendants aren't being trampled upon such as due process right. So there has been some difficulty with that and they are trying to work out ways for us to get information. They thought the DA's office was a major problem there, because we are sending in so much paper into them compared to the Santa Fe office. I know it has impacted what you all do as well. I have tried to bridge as much of a gap as possible. I know Yolanda has had this meeting pending with the judges for some time to discuss compliance fee's. I do plan on talking to my boss about some of these issues, I don't know what are budget looks like but he's pretty generous. We are all partners here trying to work toward common goals. My boss does have a meeting with magistrate court now on the first or second week of October I'm trying to attend that.*

*Les- We will be meeting and discussing what we can do to maintain the level of service being provided that's reasonable for everybody. Possible short falls with regard to revenue based on what the state is looking at.*

*Rosalie- The Health Council has been working on suicide prevention awareness. I want to thank Valentina. My former boss son committed suicide and it really affected me. I'm still going into the school and working with students to bring awareness about suicide. Getting busy working on deliverables. Two upcoming presentation for the Kiwanas. Meeting with Desiree to see how I can help.*

*Adjournment*

*Motion to Adjourn meeting was made by Kimberly Valdez-Blea, second by James Esquibel adjournment at 12:50. Next meeting on October 27, 2016 from 11:00am-1:00pm at the Hillcrest restaurant.*