San Miguel County DWI Planning Council Meeting Minutes For

June 30, 2016

<u>Present</u>: James Esquibel, WLV Truancy Coordinator; Moses Marquez, LCC; Desiree Martinez, OSAP-NMHU Cares; Bernadine Medina, Amistad y Resolana; Twila Quintana, ADA, District Attorney's Vice Chair;

<u>Guests:</u> Dana Curtis, OSAP-NMHU Cares; Julian Duran, Blue Cross BlueShield; Valentine White, NMDOH; Joseph Cruz, Chamber of Commerce; <u>Absent:</u> Ray Collins, Chairperson; Tim Gallegos, Somos Familia; Phil Leger, NM State Police; Commander Chris Lopez, Las Vegas Police Dept.; Rosalie Martinez, San Miguel Health Council; Captain Javier Moncada, NM State Police; Les Montoya, County Manager; Marcellino Ortiz, Commissioner; Antonio Padilla, San Miguel County Detention Center; Commander Eric Padilla, Las Vegas Police Dept; Clarence Romero, NMHU Police Department; Zabrina Sandoval, Sobriety Court Coordinator; Kimberly Valdez-Blea, Dean of Students;

<u>Staff Present:</u> Michelle Cordova, Compliance Monitor; Yolanda Cruz, DWI Program Coordinator; Veronica Dimas, Administrative Assistant; Stephanie Leger, Compliance Monitor; Ebeny Mondragon, Prevention Specialist; Monica Padilla, Prevention Specialist;

Agenda Item	Discussion	Follow-Up
	Introductions were made by all Planning Council members and guests.	
1. Call to Order:	Meeting began at 11:30 a.m.	
2. Approval of Agenda:	No Quorum	
3. Approval of Minutes:	Approval of minutes was postponed for the next meeting due to no quorum.	
Approval of the Minutes by Chairperson:	Name:	
	Date:	
4. Announcements:	Yolanda introduced Michelle Cordova as the new Compliance Monitor.	
5. Discussion and Input:	What training/skills would help our partners and this group?	

Valentina White who is employed with Public Health, some initiatives currently being worked on, substance abuse and training on Naloxone. Public Health offers harm reduction services that involves needle exchange and the NarCan. She is hoping by fall the trainings for naloxone will be approved and take place, how to administer Naloxone is the main focus of these upcoming trainings. Naloxone can be purchased at your local pharmacy, but a lot of individuals may not know to administer the medication. Naloxone is a medication which can reverse the effects of an overdose of heroin, opium, and other drugs. New announcement starting this week harm prevention services will be provided in Mora County. We have never had harm reduction in More County, currently this County is number two in our state for drug overdose death rates. Yolanda mentioned her daughter did one of her internships in Albuquerque which involved needle exchange and was surprised by the amount of needles that come back in. Needle exchange is good because of infections from sharing needles and no needles are just being thrown in the community.

Stephanie would like to see to learn more about entities through trainings/presentations. She would also like to attend DWI classes and Responsible driving courses.

Michelle would like to see that the community be more aware of all upcoming events and trainings.

Ebeny wants the Prevention staff to attend more trainings on all drugs not just alcohol. Joseph thinks we should bring more awareness to our local youth. Presentations at local schools, with an emphasis on DUI's not so much on DWI. Let individuals or clients discuss to local youth how getting a DWI/DUI has affected their lives, job, and family life. Also have them discuss how the program has improved them overall. Basically more community education/awareness, if individuals aren't involved they probably don't know about these issues.

Moses is impressed on the tracking of all monthly numbers. The community needs to be aware of all these statistics. All the number reported on monthly be posted on a website monthly. Yolanda would like to check with the city to add to website.

Julian build relationships with partners in the community, being aware of what is out the for us. Bring in people from different programs and explain to us there process. If we understand the process we are more aware of all services offered by each entity. Any

extra knowledge is useful including on Narcan trainings. Additional training would help open our eyes to addiction. Collaboration with CYFD, Adult Probation, Juvenile Probation to see there process. More awareness with all the DWI Statistics. Handing out information for 4th of July about car related deaths with drinking involved. A resource book bringing this into our council.

James a lot of positive coming from our group. He would like to some more youth recruitment, and some incentive programs. James will look into recruiting local youth to join or attend DWI Planning Council meetings.

Bernadine basically what everyone has said. Getting some youth here. Thanks to Prevention staff for being so helpful and information.

Desiree our Evaluator has really good statistics on our community and community readiness, perception of change. Local evaluator who is always willing to share any information. Now receiving stats from State police, Highlands Police, City police, Highlands Housing, Sheriff's Department, Dean of students, DA's office certain places willing to give stats on substance abuse, minor in possession and party patrol and other things. We could offer stats. Goal with these numbers to show the community or if a grant be written the information is ready. We are willing to do presentations, to explain to individuals in the community what it is that we do. Recently presented for the residents at the Calle Allegre Apartments. The attending residents from Calle Allegre formed an informal group called the "Drug Busters". The residents would like to meet monthly and have new presenters attend. There are 40 lock bags available which are free. The requirements for receiving a lock box, the individual must be taking long term narcotics, have younger children in the home or narcotics have been stolen from the individual.

Dana would like to create a youth council group. He will be meeting with Stephen Salas to develop a youth council. Media posters have recently been printed for the awareness campaign. On Friday the 500 handbooks will be received.

Twila last month when DFA was here law enforcement mentioned the would like more trainings to be conducted. The District Attorney's office does training's for law enforcement when new laws come out. The DA's office are certified and hold the bi annual training for LVPD. In between trainings if we see something come up the attorney will address it with the

individual officer to try and to correct things, if laws have changed we will get the word out about changes. There is a recent case with the Supreme Court that maybe changing things with blood draws associated with the implied consent act. Seems from our perspective we always say the Police Department and our office are the same team even though we really aren't. We have different ends the Police Department would be immediate assistance to resolve a situation and keep the community safe, the DA's office would be following through with all legal requirements and finding an individual either guilty or innocent. Conducting trainings with the Police Department can be difficult because of time conflicts. The DA's office is currently arranging for upcoming trainings throughout the summer. I like the idea of conducting the meeting in a different way also what we have done in the past now there is not only new members but new employees with the DWI Planning Council as well. We should try and recruit more individuals within the community. It would be a good idea to have each employee of the DWI planning council give a presentation as to what they do in detail. I am an advisor for the Honor Society at Luna Community College. Currently working on a few projects, we are required to be a competitive chapter. The DWI Planning Council should look into having an informal evening social and invite the public. Maybe have brainstorming sessions and focus on one thing say individuals are absent information be sent out after session.

Yolanda get so much out of the meeting's because she learns so much about what everyone does. I really like the idea of presentations and learning more about what everyone does and the services there entity provides. The more we know about one another he more we can support the work everyone does. Look into the idea of more activities for the youth.

Compliance Fees- Yolanda reported that the Grant Council asked all programs whether they are collecting all fees allowed by law (screening fees and compliance fees), they are strongly encouraging all programs to implement/collect these. State statute allows compliance fee between \$15-\$50. Discussion was held about finding out how many programs had compliance fees, how much they charge, whether they have sliding scale fees. Judges and they County Commission would also have to be on board, as a County ordinance needs to be adopted and judges are the only ones who can order such a fee. We do not want to add barriers to anyone so we would like to look at creative ways to implement these. 27 other

counties in New Mexico are charging compliance fee's. State statue range for compliance fee's in no less than \$15.00 and no more than \$50.00. Ideas put forward are to partner with businesses who could hire clients - so two hours of working and getting paid would be fifteen dollars, then the employer would then pay the DWI Planning Council. Yolanda will look into this.

Legislative outreach and new business will be tabled until the next meeting.

Yolanda went over information packet. We are changing the way we conduct our meetings to be more discussion oriented and identify problems, issues, and solutions.

Joseph Cruz- This is my second meeting it's a lot of information to take in but I think you guys have done a good job getting that out there. Sound like your team does a great job and thank you letting me be a part of this.