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LOCAL DWI PROGRAM  
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**DWI PLANNING COUNCIL MEETING**

**Wellness Center  
September 11, 2019  
12:05 pm**

**EXECUTIVE MEMBERS PRESENT:**

|               |                  |                               |
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| John Chavez   | Bart Regelbrugge | Jeffrey Smith for Chad Pierce |
| Calvin Lucero | Carol Claus      | Chance Sousa                  |
| Diana Good    | Ragon Espinoza   |                               |

**EXECUTIVE MEMBERS ABSENT:**

|                |            |             |
|----------------|------------|-------------|
| Robert Mundy   | Cruz Munoz | Joshua Baca |
| Reyes Delacruz |            |             |

**GENERAL MEMBERSHIP:**

|                                 |                                  |                                 |
|---------------------------------|----------------------------------|---------------------------------|
| Jessica Martinez                | DeeAnn Sanchez                   | Cheryl Luna                     |
| Esther Padilla                  | Ginny Adame                      | Paulette Jaramillo              |
| Joe Harris                      | Andrea Grossetete                | Gregory Baca                    |
| Tim Beaton                      | Ryan Gray                        | Angela Ramirez                  |
| Victoria Flores                 | Joann Sanchez                    | Linda Montano                   |
| Beth Williams                   | Franchesca Rangel                | Lori Kurtz                      |
| Nathan DeLeon-did not sign in   | Alonzo Baldonado-did not sign in | Michelle Nelson-did not sign in |
| Janice Chino-Acton-did not sign |                                  |                                 |

President Mundy was unable to attend today's meeting, therefore, Vice-President, Judge John Chavez, opened meeting at 12:05pm;

Self-introductions.

Review and approval of agenda. Motion to approve agenda by Diana Good; 2<sup>nd</sup> by Ragon Espinoza; All in favor. Approved.

Review and approval of June 12, 2019 minutes. Motion to approve minutes by Carol Claus; 2<sup>nd</sup> by Ryan Gray. All in favor. Approved.

**New Business:**

**Legislative Representatives Presentations, Q & A Session:**

Representative Baldonado shared:

- He is a member of the Criminal Justice Reform Committee;
- He sponsored the 'Ban the Box' bill, which increases the opportunity for individuals formerly incarcerated to obtain an interview when applying for a job;
- Supports operations such as Uber and Lyft in rural communities.

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Senator Gregory Baca shared:

- He covers District 29;
- He too is part of the Criminal Justice Reform Committee;
- Senator is sponsoring 'Dual Sentencing' crime bill for juveniles.

Judge Chavez and Ms. Ginny Adame thanked both legislators for attending our DWI Planning Council meeting and Ms. Ginny reminded them that our funding comes from the liquor excise tax and their support of any legislation that could affect our local program would be greatly appreciated. Both gentlemen advised that we should reach out to them if we have concerns with any legislation because the number of bills being sponsored makes it difficult for them to know exactly what is coming forward until presented. Further discussed by Ms. Ginny is the possible passage of the cannabis bill. Ms. Ginny requested that if the cannabis bill seems likely to pass to please ensure mechanisms are securely in place to ensure a percentage of the taxes get allocated to the DWI Programs that are currently in place and well suited to expand services to offset potential harms associated with legalization to include prevention, treatment, and compliance/probation services to handle any increases in convictions for impaired driving. The additional taxes collected and allocated to the DWI Programs that could result from the passage of the cannabis bill could flow through the Department of Finance and Administration (DFA), whom already has oversight and experience in the management of the DWI programs. Utilizing this process mirroring the checks and balances already in place to oversee the DWI funding could make the process more of a seamless transition to adding additional service provision.

**Drug Court Presentation** – by Mr. Ragon Espinoza:

- As the Coordinator of the DWI Drug Court Program for the past six years, Mr. Espinoza has seen the benefits of providing treatment to individuals versus incarceration. A power point presentation was provided to show when and where Drug Court Programs first began and how evidence-based practices work effectively;
- Discussion followed.

**Filling Vacant DWI Planning Council Board Positions:**

Ms. Ginny Adame advised that a review of positions indicates that there are currently three (3) vacant seats on the Board, as well as one (1) up for re-election/election and appointment of one (1) seat that is currently seated with a member of law enforcement who has been transferred to another jurisdiction. Vice-president, Judge Chavez, called for nominations:

- Lt. Jeffrey Smith was nominated to fill Lt. Chad Pierce's seat;
- Ragon Espinoza was nominated to retain his seat;
- Victoria Flores, Ryan Gray and Danae Figueroa were nominated to fill the vacate positions;
- There being no further nominations, Ragon Espinoza motioned to close nominations and elect by acclamation; 2<sup>nd</sup> by Carol Claus; All in favor;
- New members were congratulated and thanked for their support.

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**On-Going Updates:**

**District Attorney's Office** - Representatives of the District Attorney's office were present during the meeting; however, were required to depart for court prior to Updates.

**Alternative Sentencing/RMOMS** – Not present for report.

**Treatment** – by Ms. Angela Ramirez:

- There are 90 active clients this quarter, 30 of which are from previous quarters;
- This quarter included outside referrals from Socorro County, Bernalillo County, the states of Arizona, Colorado, Pennsylvania and five (5) self-referrals;
- 22 clients were non-compliant, five (5) were referred to other programs, 17 did not meet the requirements for treatment and 16 clients were successfully discharged;
- Ms. Joann Sanchez-Cordova and Ms. Angela both attended the Responsible Gaming conference. Ms. Angela continues to provide auricular detox services and Ms. Joann provides a 12-step faith-based support group separate from her part-time position with the DWI Program. Thank you to Ms. Angela for 'carrying the load' while Ms. Joann was out ill.

**Local/State Law Enforcement Update:**

Bosque Farms Police Department – by Officer Joe Harris:

- Checkpoint conducted on September 6, 2019 with 10 officers present – resulted in multiple DWI/DUI arrests;
- Officer Harris also stated that BFPD has made five (5) to seven (7) DWI arrests per month (general time of day is 4:00pm to 7:00pm);
- Deputy Calvin Lucero congratulated BFPD on their impressive stats.

Los Lunas Police Department – by Officer Ryan Gray:

- A grant has just been completed for checkpoint funding;
- Officers active with 100 Days and Nights of Summer;
- DWI arrests are down slightly, but LLPD is being proactive.

Valencia County Sheriff's Department – by Deputy Calvin Lucero:

- A saturation patrol is set to be completed before the end of the month;
- VCSO will be reaching out to other law enforcement agencies to set up joint operations.

New Mexico State Police – by Lt. Jeffrey Smith:

- NMSP has been working with tribal agencies. Two (2) checkpoints have been completed with Isleta Police;
- NMSP goal is to have another four (4) to five (5) operations before Christmas.

**Drug Court** – by Mr. Ragon Espinoza:

- Introduced Ms. Beth Williams, who is the District Drug Court Coordinator in Valencia County;
- 17 participants in Drug Court.

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**YDI/Teen Court/Youth Coalition Update – by Ms. Linda Montano:**

- On behalf of Ms. Victoria Flores, who is now coordinating Teen Court, Ms. Linda reported that the Teen Court contract is to be signed. A teen attorney training will be held September 17-24, 2019, 2:45pm – 3:45pm at School of Dreams Academy (SODA). Teen Court is tentatively scheduled for October 3, 2019 at the District Courthouse. Forms were provided for anyone who may know teens who would be interested in participating.

**Prevention/Enforcement:**

- Prevention by Ms. Linda Montano:
  - Provided a brief presentation on OSAP’s six (6) environmental strategies;
  - Working with the Behavioral Health Collaborative to obtain/provide resources for first responders who can then provide the information to victims or keep the materials for future reference.
- Enforcement by Ms. Ginny Adame:
  - A review of FY19 4<sup>th</sup> quarter stats included 31 joint operations that were funded through the VLL/VC Local DWI program to include: 11 Underage Drinking patrols, 18 Saturation Patrols, and 2 Compliance checks. Below were the combined results of the operations identified above:

|   |                          |                               |
|---|--------------------------|-------------------------------|
| *3 DWI Arrest   | *3 Misdemeanor Arrests   | *6 Felony Arrests             |
| *1 Drug Arrest  | *1 No proof of Insurance | *18 No Driver’s License       |
| *2 No Child Restraint   | *72 Speeding Citations   | *10 No Seatbelts              |
| *34 No Registration   | *1 Careless Driving      | *2 Pos. of Drug Paraphernalia |
| *1 Pos. of Marijuana  | *54 Uninsured Motorists  | *8 Driving Suspended/Revoked  |
| *1 Contrib. to the Delinquency of a Minor                         |                          | *169 Other Citations          |
| *1 Selling or Giving Alcohol to a Minor in a retail establishment |                          |                               |
| *1 Selling or Giving Alcohol to a Minor (shoulder tap)            |                          |                               |

- For the 1<sup>st</sup> quarter of FY20, the Underage Taskforce conducted a compliance operation on 8/23/19 which resulted in the following: (1) apprehension of a runaway, (2) public affrays involving minors, (2) sales of alcohol to minors by alcohol merchants and (1) felony provision of alcohol to a minor due to a shoulder tap which actually turned into the same adult shop lifting the alcohol in attempt to pocket the cash. An additional Underage Taskforce operation took place on 9/6/19 in coverage of Valencia High School’s Homecoming which resulted in: (2) battery, (2) public affray, (6) traffic, and (3) alcohol in public citation. Two more operations are scheduled before the end of the month at two (2) other high schools. Collaborative work continues with the Juvenile Probation Office.

**Compliance – by Ms. Lori Kurtz:**

- Our quarterly Compliance meeting was held prior to the Planning Council meeting with Belen Magistrate Court and the DA’s office. We will meet with Los Lunas Magistrate Court on October 2<sup>nd</sup>, as Judge Garcia was unavailable for today’s gathering. Topics of discussion included updated protocols, bench warrants for misdemeanor cases, probation violations, DWIs appealed and remanded back to Magistrate Court;



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- Cheryl, Franchesca and Lori attended the New Mexico Sheriff's Association conference;
- Caseload continues to run close to 300 cases.

**Balance of Open Discussion/Topics for Next Meeting:**

Ms. Linda Montano:

- Provided information relative to a Veterans' Day Program to be held on November 11, 2019;

Ms. Andrea Grossetete with MADD:

- Shared that there were 15 people at the last Victim's Impact Panel held in Los Lunas;
- NM MADD provided water to BFPD during their last checkpoint. Request contact information from other agencies so that NM MADD can support future operations the same way;
- Walk like MADD is scheduled September 28, 2019.

Judge Chavez called for a motion to adjourn. Motion by Bart Regelbrugge. No objections, meeting adjourned.

**MINUTES ARE IN DRAFT FORM AND ARE NOT OFFICIAL UNTIL THEY ARE APPROVED BY THE DWI PLANNING COUNCIL.**

Reviewed and Approved by DWI Planning Council:

Dated: \_\_\_\_\_

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