



Village of Los Lunas, Valencia County LOCAL DWI PROGRAM

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DWI PLANNING COUNCIL MEETING Wellness Center December 11, 2019 12:05 pm

EXECUTIVE MEMBERS PRESENT:

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| Robert Mundy | Bart Regelbrugge | Carol Claus |
| Danae Figueroa | Diana Good | Jeffrey Smith |
| Ryan Gray | Victoria Flores | |

EXECUTIVE MEMBERS ABSENT:

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| John Chavez (excused) | Calvin Lucero | Ragon Espinoza (excused) |
| Chance Sousa | | |

GENERAL MEMBERSHIP:

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| Franchesca Rangel | Cheryl Luna | Nathan DeLeon |
| Esther Padilla | Paulette Jaramillo | Patrick Ficke |
| Joe Harris | RJ Sanchez | Angela Ramirez |
| Joann Cordova-Sanchez | Michelle Nelson | DeeAnn Sanchez |
| Lori Kurtz | David Adame | Ginny Adame |
| Tina Garcia | Greg Martin | Adam Keck |
| Catalina Nunez | Phillip Romero | Andrea Grossete |
| Noelle Chavez | | |

President Mundy opened the meeting at 12:05pm.

Self-introductions.

Review and approval of agenda. Motion to approve agenda by Bart Regelbrugge; 2nd by Ryan Gray; All in favor. Approved.

Review and approval of September 11, 2019 minutes. Motion to approve minutes by Carol Claus; 2nd by Danae Figueroa. All in favor. Approved.

New Business:

Special Presentation: DWI Program:

Ms. Ginny Adame and Ms. Lori Kurtz, on behalf of the Local DWI Program, presented Judge Tina Garcia with an honorary award as she retires from the bench. She was gratefully thanked for her honorable commitment and unselfish service to our community.

Veteran's Peer Support Group Presentation – By Mr. Nathan DeLeon:

- Mr. DeLeon, in addition to assisting Veterans get the services they need and deserve, he shared what his role is to the Veterans who are going through the criminal justice system;

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- He also invited everyone to the Valencia County's Veterans Resource Day on January 16, 2020 from 10:00 am to 2:00 pm at the Daniel Fernandez Youth Center;
- Discussion followed.

FY2021 Application/Input – By Ginny Adame:

- Funding for the upcoming year remains approximately the same as FY20, which raises the question, 'Why isn't the funding increasing?', when there is an increase in local population, an increase in the number of alcohol distributors, and an increase in the number of individuals turning 21;
- It is proposed to continue funding the following components: Prevention, Compliance Monitoring, Treatment, Enforcement and Coordination, Planning and Evaluation;
- Ms. Ginny also advised the Planning Council that Behavioral Health is once again pursuing the question of why treatment, funded through the Local DWI Programs, is not being billed through Medicaid. It is unclear what the Department of Health's intentions are;
- Legislation to be followed this year is the Recreational Cannabis Bill. Ms. Ginny explained how the small amount of funding currently proposed to flow through the DWI Programs would be utilized for law enforcement officer training but not for prevention nor supervision of offenders who are caught DUI.

DWI Planning Council By-Laws Annual Review:

- Ms. Ginny Adame advised that there are no proposed changes to the existing By-Laws;
- Hearing no recommendations for changes, President Mundy called for a Motion to approve the By-Laws as presented. Motion to approve by Bart Regelbrugge; 2nd by Diana Good; All in favor. Approved.

On-Going Updates:

District Attorney's Office – By Ms. DeeAnn Sanchez and Ms. Danae Figueroa:

- There is a new DWI prosecutor on staff, Ms. Crystal Cabrido. She was unable to attend today's meeting;
- Ms. Ginny encouraged the DA's office to let us know how the DWI Program can assist them/their office with successful prosecutions of DWI/DUI cases (i.e. providing space for training, etc.).

Alternative Sentencing/RMOMS – Not present for report.

Treatment – by Ms. Joann Cordova-Sanchez:

- There are currently 66 active clients this quarter (42 with Ms. Joann and 24 with Ms. Angela);
- Clients are required to complete 18 weeks of counseling; however, each client is reassessed at the 12-week mark and can be released early if they have completed their required assignments and show signs of improvement;
- There are currently three (3) groups being offered to the clients, one of which is a Spanish-speaking group.

Local/State Law Enforcement Update:

New Mexico State Police – by Lt. Jeffrey Smith:

- NMSP will be conducting a checkpoint next weekend;

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- There is money to be spent on DWI enforcement.

Los Lunas Police Department – by Officer Ryan Gray:

- LLPD will be conducting a checkpoint once a month, for up to seven (7) months.

Bosque Farms Police Department – by Lt. Patrick Ficke:

- Checkpoints will be conducted within the next six (6) months utilizing funding from Department of Transportation (DOT);
- 90 DWIs arrests have been accomplished within the past six (6) months by Officers Ricky Dominguez and Joe Harris;
- Lieutenant Ficke advised that SFST training is available through their Department.

Belen Police Department – by Lt. Adam Keck:

- The Department does not have funding for checkpoints at this time.

Drug Court – by Judge Tina Garcia:

- Judge Garcia reported on behalf of Ragon Espinoza who was absent from today's meeting;
- All continues to go well with the program;
- Judge John Chavez will be the presiding judge for Magistrate Drug Court now that Judge Garcia retires.

YDI/Teen Court/Youth Coalition Update – by Ms. Victoria Flores:

- Teen Court currently has six (6) referrals. There are 12 teen attorneys who meet weekly at this time. Training is open to all youth who wish to participate as a teen attorney;
- Teen Court is held on the 2nd Thursday of the month at District Court from 5:00pm to 8:00pm. All are invited to attend;
- Teens attorneys from the School of Dreams Academy (SODA) were invited to present at the National Symposium in Florida in June.

Prevention/Enforcement:

- Prevention by Mr. David Adame:
 - As a mentor of the TNT/PAL organization, Mr. Adame shared that the community has provided a lot of in-kind support to the Program which will be graduating almost 130 youth, some of who travel as far away as Bernardo, NM (the far south end of Valencia County, approximately 32 miles one-way);
 - In addition to the fiscal support provided by the Village of Los Lunas and donations ordered by the local Magistrate Court, there are two large fundraisers conducted each year to assist the Program with monetary support. This includes a golf tournament and fireworks sales.
- Enforcement by Ms. Ginny Adame:
 - Ms. Ginny explained that the monies earmarked for enforcement through the DWI Program are not used for checkpoints because there is funding available to the law enforcement agencies for that purpose. The DWI Program utilizes the money for underage taskforce operations throughout the County and in the

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second quarter there were two (2) operations conducted which resulted in three (3) arrests: One for narcotics during the Valencia High School v. Los Lunas High School football game, and two (2) during a Compliance check, with SIU in attendance. One distributor sold to a minor and two (2) individuals purchased alcohol for the minor.

Compliance – by Ms. Lori Kurtz:

- Our quarterly Compliance meeting was held prior to the Planning Council meeting. Topics of discussion included medical cannabis cards, proposed changes to the Misdemeanor Compliance Program Guidelines by AOC, 52-week program (BIP) for domestic violence offenders;
- As reported to the Valencia County Commission in November, we currently have a caseload of approximately 260 and the percentage of clientele within the incorporated areas of Valencia County and those who reside in the County proper breaks down as follows:
 - County = 37%
 - Village of Los Lunas = 22%
 - City of Belen = 16%
 - Village of Bosque Farms = 4%
 - Town of Peralta = 1%
 - Out-of-County = 17%
 - Out-of-State = 3%

Balance of Open Discussion/Topics for Next Meeting:

Ms. Andrea Grossetete with MADD:

- Would like the opportunity to present at our next meeting to share the services that MADD NM provides to the community.

The Very Reverend Mundy 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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