



## Village of Los Lunas, Valencia County LOCAL DWI PROGRAM

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### DWI PLANNING COUNCIL MEETING Via Google Meets due to COVID-19 September 9, 2021 12:05 pm

#### EXECUTIVE MEMBERS PRESENT:

Robert Mundy	John Chavez	Carol Claus
Danae Figueroa	Diana Good	Ryan Gray
Victoria Flores		

#### EXECUTIVE MEMBERS ABSENT:

Calvin Lucero	Chance Sousa	Ragon Espinoza
Jeffrey Smith	Bart Regelbrugge (excused)	

#### GENERAL MEMBERSHIP:

Linda Montano	Alonzo Garcia	Franchesca Rangel
Ginny Adame	Lucas Dimas	Judge Heather Benavidez
Paulette Jaramillo	Edwina Moya	Angela Ramirez
Joann Cordova-Sanchez	Lori Kurtz	David Trujillo
Janice Chino-Acton	William Gaberina	Johnny Rodelo
Norma Romero	Bianca Gonzales	Cheryl Luna
April Salazar		

President Mundy opened the meeting at 12:07pm.

Self-introductions.

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

Review and approval of June 10, 2020 minutes. Motion to approve minutes by Carol Claus; 2<sup>nd</sup> by Judge John Chavez. All in favor. Approved.

#### **New Business:**

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

- Unfortunately, there was no response to the invitations sent to our eight (8) Legislators to attend our meeting.

##### **Teen Court Presentation:**

- Ms. Victoria Flores introduced Teen Attorneys, Lucas Dimas and Daniel Trujillo, as well as the Teen Court Judge, Alonzo Garcia. 35 referrals were successfully closed out prior to the start of COVID-19;
- Judge Alonzo Garcia has been with Teen Court for 10 years. Teen Court is student/youth driven and the goal of Teen Court is to help the participants become a better person through sanctions shaped and issued by a group of their peers. Process of Teen Court was shared;

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- Lead Teen Attorney, Lucas Dimas, and the youngest Teen Attorney, David Trujillo, provided a presentation on becoming a Teen Attorney and their vision to provide second chances to teens in their community. They want to see the participants flourish with interpersonal skills and professionalism while keeping the client's well-being is always in their best interest;
- Presentations have been provided at 2019 Independent Charter School Symposium and 2020 Attendance for Success Conference. This year's Symposium was canceled due to COVID;
- The Teen Attorneys closed their presentation by providing the recognition of the following individuals involved with Teen Court: David Poulin, Translator; Michelle Nelson with School of Dreams Academy (SODA); Victoria Flores, Teen Court Coordinator; Judge Alonzo Garcia.

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

- President Mundy advised that there are three (3) positions available on the Executive Board: Two (2) seats are vacant due to three (3) unexcused absences (Calvin Lucero and Chance Sousa) and one (1) seat (Lt. Jeffrey Smith) is up for election/reelection. Called for nominations;
- Judge John Chavez nominated Judge Heather Benavidez and Defense Attorney, Peter Ortega. Judge Benavidez accepted the nomination. Peter Ortega was not present for the meeting but advised previously that he would accept the position if nominated and voted in;
- Diana Good nominated William Gaberina from Full Circle Recovery;
- There being no further nominations, Judge Chavez motioned to cease nominations and elect by acclamation; 2<sup>nd</sup> by Carol Claus. All in favor. Approved. Welcome and thank you to all new members of the Executive Board.

### **On-Going Updates:**

#### **District Attorney's Office:**

- Ms. Danae Figueroa was present at the start of the meeting but excused herself to attend Court prior to updates.

#### **Alternative Sentencing/RMOMS – Not present.**

- Judge Chavez asked if this update should be removed from the agenda since RMOMS has not participated in many of the past meetings. Ms. Ginny Adame will reach out to RMOMS.

### **Treatment:**

By Ms. Angela Ramirez:

- Contact with clients continues to be over the telephone. Clients are given assignments in their MRT workbooks and reviewed/discussed during their next telephonic visit;
- Initial intakes are scheduled in the office, using COVID safe practices;
- Before the start of COVID, there were 64 referrals. Currently there are 44 active clients and 11 clients have been discharged successfully.

By Mr. William Gaberina with Full Circle Recovery:

- Day and evening groups are provided;
- Juvenile IOP (Intensive Outpatient) treatment is starting at their Socorro location.

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By Ms. Diana Good with Department of Health:

- Working with the Behavioral Health Collaborative and 100% Community Taskforce which has 25 participants to date;
- Ana Age 8 is going well.

### **Local/State Law Enforcement Update:**

Los Lunas Police Department – Officer Ryan Gray had to depart before updates.

No other Law Enforcement agencies were present

### **Drug Court – by Judge John Chavez:**

- Despite the District Drug Court being on ‘pause’ due to COVID, DWI Drug Court is going strong;
- Staffing and Court continues via video platform.

### **YDI/Teen Court/Youth Coalition Update – By Ms. Victoria Flores:**

- Teen Court presentation provided under New Business.

### **Prevention/Enforcement:**

#### Prevention:

- OSAP – By Ms. Linda Montano:
  - Environmental strategies are being utilized;
  - Contact with law enforcement agencies is being made to obtain statistics on check points and saturation patrols. Perceived risk of being stopped by the police is increased when their presence in the community is visible;
  - A fundraiser will be held for the youth center that houses PAL, TNT Boxing, RAC, tutoring. Information to be sent out.
- DWI Prevention – By Ms. Ginny Adame:
  - Work with the Community Wellness Council (CWC) is ongoing. 10 different taskforces are being created to help families thrive. For more information or to volunteer on one of the taskforces, please contact Ms. Noelle Chavez, Diana Good or Ginny Adame;
  - Youth is being served virtually and youth are completing community service projects.

#### Enforcement – By Ms. Ginny Adame:

- Last year, COVID cut the number of operations;
- Thus far, this fiscal year has seen one joint underage taskforce operation with participation from Belen Police Department, Isleta Police Department, Los Lunas Police Department and Valencia County Sheriff's Office. 23 citations were issued and four (4) arrests were made (1-felony arrest and 3-bench warrant arrests).

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### Compliance – by Ms. Lori Kurtz:

- Contact with clients continues to be completed by telephone, text messaging, email and video platform;
- There has been an influx of new referrals received from the Magistrate Courts. Compliance Officers are working to complete intakes with those individuals;
- The quarterly Misdemeanor Compliance meeting with collaborative partners was held prior to the DWI Planning Council meeting. Topics discussed included status hearings, random drug testing, new screening tool and database, accreditation status, confidentiality with Google Drive and the Valencia Shelter Services provided an update on their Batterer's Intervention Program (BIP);
- Assessment of the Misdemeanor Compliance Monitoring Program for accreditation is still pending due to COVID.

### Open Discussion/Topics for Next Meeting:

- Ms. Ginny Adame recommended future presentations from All Faiths/Wrap Around and Full Circle Recovery;
- Ms. Cheryl Luna recommended a presentation by MVD Compliance;
- The Very Reverend Mundy recommended a review of the By-Laws to include: acceptance of virtual meetings, review of By-Laws every three (3) years, and moving the review of By-Laws from December to June for inclusion with yearend paperwork to DFA.

The Very Reverend Mundy called for a motion to adjourn. Motion by Diana Good. 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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