



Village of Los Lunas, Valencia County LOCAL DWI PROGRAM

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DWI PLANNING COUNCIL MEETING

Via ZOOM due to COVID-19

June 10, 2020

12:00 pm

EXECUTIVE MEMBERS PRESENT:

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

EXECUTIVE MEMBERS ABSENT:

Calvin Lucero	Chance Sousa	Ragon Espinoza (excused)
Jeffrey Smith		

GENERAL MEMBERSHIP:

Noelle Chavez	Heather Benavidez	DeeAnn Sanchez
William Rasada	William Gaberiana	Andrea Grossetete
Ginny Adame	Linda Montano	Cheryl Luna
Franchesca Rangel	Angela Ramirez	Lori Kurtz

President Mundy opened the meeting at 12:05pm.

Self-introductions.

Review and approval of agenda. Motion to approve agenda by Carol Claus; 2nd by Diana Good; All in favor.

Approved.

Review and approval of March 11, 2020 minutes. Vice-President Judge Chavez noted that Bart Regelbrugge's last name is misspelled on the 3rd line of the minutes. President Mundy noted that the next meeting date needs to be corrected to June 10, 2020 under Open Discussion/Topics for Next Meeting, last line. Judge Chavez motioned to approve minutes as amended; 2nd by Carol Claus. All in favor. Approved.

New Business:

Update on how DWI Program has been operating during pandemic – By Ginny Adame and Lori Kurtz:

- Effective March 23, 2020, the majority of the DWI Program staff began teleworking from home;
- Misdemeanor Compliance and Treatment have been conducting appointments with clients over the telephone;
- Random drug testing has been suspended at this time. Unknown when this process will restart;
- Court hearings are being attended virtually or telephonically.

Plans for returning to services in phases – By Ginny Adame:

- Ms. Ginny advised that we are following the Governor's Public Health Orders;
- With that said, the Village of Los Lunas has issued its first phase for reopening and the DWI Program has also prepared a safety plan for return to work;

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- Currently, we are authorized to operate with a total of (6) persons in the Wellness Center. This requires staff and RMOMS staff, who also share the Wellness Center, to continually communicate with each other to ensure we do not exceed the maximum limit at any given time;
- At the current time, RMOMS is conducting business outside of the Wellness Center in the parking lot while they download and service SCRAM bracelets and/or issue/install devices;
- We will continue to follow the Village of Los Lunas' Reopening Plan which follows State protocol.

On-Going Updates:

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

- Attorneys and staff at the District Attorney's office are working in shifts. There are typically four (4) attorneys in the office along with the Deputy District Attorney, Anthony 'Tony' Long, who is present daily;
- Court hearings are being conducted virtually through Google Meet;
- Jury trials are not being held at this time;
- The newest Assistant District Attorney who arrived in the midst of COVID-19, Mr. Stephen Timmer, was introduced. He has been assigned to Misdemeanor Domestic Violence and DWI matters;
- There is an increase in the number of DWI cases filed with refusals to provide a BAC and open container, and there is a decrease in the number DRE cases being filed;
- Referrals to Drug Court are also down due to Pre-Trial conferences and trials being postponed due to COVID.

Alternative Sentencing/RMOMS – Not present.

Treatment – by Ms. Angela Ramirez:

- There are currently 40 active clients, nine (9) of which are from outside referral sources and 16 clients have been discharged;
- All contact with clients has been over the telephone. Clients are given assignments in their MRT workbooks and reviewed/discussed during their next telephonic visit;
- Many clients are anxious to begin visiting in person again;
- Ms. Joann has been teleworking; however, she will begin coming into the office as intakes are processed;
- The first intake was completed yesterday. It is a challenging process with social distancing and wearing a mask did make it a bit difficult to hear or understand what the other person is saying, but it worked.

Local/State Law Enforcement Update:

Los Lunas Police Department – by Officer Ryan Gray (through Danae Figueroa):

- Officer Gray had to depart this meeting to attend a SWAT meeting.

New Mexico State Police – by Special Agent William Rasada:

- NMSP has been on patrol, enforcing the Governor's Public Health Order;
- NMSP has also been handling calls relative to recent protesting. Valencia County has not seen many of these calls.

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Drug Court – by Judge John Chavez:

- Judge Chavez reported on behalf of Ragon Espinoza who was unable to attend today's meeting;
- Judge Heather Benavidez was introduced. Judge Benavidez was appointed to the Los Lunas Magistrate Court bench by the Governor following the Honorable Tina Garcia's retirement. Judge Benavidez is also serving as the Associate Judge with Drug Court;
- There are currently 11 participants in Drug Court;
- Without the ability to drug test at this time, the participants have been fitted with a SCRAM bracelet or a Remote Breath device to ensure sobriety;
- Treatment for the participants continues through virtual platform as well.

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

- Teen Court attorneys are looking forward to being present at our September meeting and presenting their accomplishments;
- A past participant of Teen Court has now joined Teen Court as an attorney;
- President Mundy asked about the Youth Coalition. Ms. Victoria advised that she is in the process of getting the Coalition started; however, right now, the 10 youth in Teen Court are also part of the Coalition.

Prevention/Enforcement – By Ms. Ginny Adame:

Prevention:

- Work continues with Community Wellness Council (CWC);
- The follow up to Anna, Age 8 is 100% Community, which is to be held in July; however, given current conditions, it may not take place;
- The PAL Program has been funded for another year, which will allow for 21 youth to be served;
- TNT Boxing, in coordination with PAL, received a Facebook Grant. Their hope is to purchase laptops for on-site tutoring for participants of PAL/TNT Boxing. Additionally, parents of those youth can utilize the computers to complete job applications, etc.;
- Ms. Linda Montano gave a shout out to David Adame for his hard work in getting the building set up and running. She also encouraged volunteering at the facility. Those interested can reach out to her, Ginny or David.

Enforcement:

- One enforcement operation was held to date.

Compliance – by Ms. Lori Kurtz:

- In addition to what was shared earlier, there have only been two (2) existing clients who have been arrested on new charges;
- 16 new cases have been referred to Compliance, 14-DWIs, 1-DV, and 2-Misdemeanors;
- Two (2) intakes were conducted last week. Quite challenging and requires additional time for disinfecting following each appointment; however, it worked;
- For now, only initial intakes will be conducted in-person;
- Many virtual meetings and/or webinars have been attended.

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Open Discussion/Topics for Next Meeting:

- Ms. Diana Good advised that COVID-19 testing is available and the point of contact is Melinda Ivey, RN, in Belen;
- Stephen Timmer, the newest Assistant District Attorney, asked what the rehabilitation requirements are for a DWI 2nd and above. Judge Chavez advised that treatment is mandatory by statute for all DWIs 2nd and above, either 28-day in-patient, 90-day out-patient or a Drug Court Program. Ms. Angela Ramirez added that our office requires 18 weeks to start;
- Ms. Carol Claus advised that COVID anti-body testing is available with blood donation.

The Very Reverend Mundy called for a motion to adjourn. Motion by William Radasa. No objections, meeting adjourned.

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Reviewed and Approved by DWI Planning Council:

Dated: _____

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