



Village of Los Lunas, Valencia County DWI PROGRAM

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PARKS AND RECREATION DEPARTMENT

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DWI PLANNING COUNCIL MEETING Via Cisco Webex due to COVID-19

December 8, 2021
12:05 pm

EXECUTIVE MEMBERS PRESENT:

Robert Mundy, CWC, St. Matthew's Episcopal Church	Judge John Chavez, Belen Magistrate Court-Division II
Carol Claus, CWC	Heather Benavidez, State Treasurer's Office
Diana Good, Dept. of Health	Ragon Espinoza, Heart and Soul of NM
Ryan Gray, Los Lunas Police Dept.	Victoria Flores, YDI, Teen Court

EXECUTIVE MEMBERS ABSENT:

Nathaniel Blanton, APPO (Excused)	William Garberina, Full Circle Recovery
Vacant	

GENERAL MEMBERSHIP:

Judge Miles Tafoya, Los Lunas Magistrate – Division I	James Wiggins, JPO-CYFD Valencia County
Ginny Adame, VLL VC DWI Program	Marisha Maez, Valencia County DWI Drug Court
Linda Montano, VLL VC DWI Program – OSAP	Chelsey Meyer, MADD NM
Scott Jeansonne, First Choice Community Healthcare	Esther Padilla, NMSP- D5
Jo Ann Griego, Presbyterian Community Health	Joann Cordova-Sanchez, VLL VC DWI Program
Cheryl Luna, VLL VC DWI Program	Jeremy Griego, Los Lunas Magistrate Court
Catalina Nunez, Valencia Shelter Services – FPI	Angela Ramirez, VLL VC DWI Program
Franchesca Hessinger, VLL VC DWI Program	Lori Kurtz, VLL VC DWI Program
Bart Regelbrugge, Kiwanis, CWC	

President Mundy opened the meeting at 12:05pm.

Self-introductions – President Mundy requested that everyone present for the meeting add their name and agency into the chat feature for attendance purposes.

Review and approval of agenda. Ms. Ginny Adame advised that Ms. Shannon Barnes is running late and requested that her presentation follow Ms. Angela Ramirez. There being no opposition, a Motion to approve agenda as amended by Victoria Flores; 2nd by Ryan Gray; All in favor. Approved.

Review and approval of September 8, 2021 minutes. Motion to approve minutes by Carol Claus; 2nd by Heather Benavidez. All in favor. Approved.

New Business:

Acu-Detox Presentation – by Ms. Angela Ramirez:

- Acu-Detox, also known as auricular acupuncture, was founded in 1974 by Dr. Michael Smith. This treatment option provides a natural, holistic approach to reducing substance use, minimizes withdrawal symptoms, lowers anxiety/stress, and provides better sleep;

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- Five (5) small, flexible needles are placed into five (5) points on each ear which are associated with the:
 - Sympathetic – This point targets the autonomic nervous system, which alleviates stress in the sympathetic nervous system related to emotions (anxiety to calmness);
 - Shen Men – This point also helps to reduce anxiety/stress;
 - Kidneys – This point helps to reduce toxicity and purifies blood;
 - Liver – This point also helps to reduce toxicity, and helps with hormonal and emotional balance;
 - Lungs – This point helps to reduce toxicity within the immune system.
- Acu-Detox sessions are held for 30 – 45 minutes while sitting quietly alone or in a group setting. The process decreases cravings for alcohol and drugs, helps with digestion, insomnia, and pain;
- For those who find needles unnerving, magnets (the size of a seed) are an option and placed in the same position as the needles;
- Pamphlets are available in English and Spanish for clients and the public; however, unfortunately, due to the pandemic, service has been suspended and it is unknown when service will resume;
- President Mundy questioned if a client could place the magnets on themselves if sent to them with a copy of the picture showing the points to target on the ear? Ms. Angela stated that it was a good idea which has not been considered previously;
- Ms. Ginny Adame shared that there has been positive feedback and outcomes from Village of Los Lunas employees who have partaken in Acu-Detox.

100% Community Presentation – by Ms. Shannon Barnes:

- Presentation will follow FY2023 Application Input due to Ms. Barnes having trouble logging into meeting.

FY2023 Application/Input – by Ms. Ginny Adame:

- FY2021 Annual Report shared with the Planning Council and a copy is available if requested:
 - Demographics profile – average age of clients is 36; 68% are males; 24% of clients had an education level of 11th grade or less; 59% are Hispanic; 46% have an income level of \$20,000 or less;
 - Compliance – 1,876 clients served between July 2012 and June 2021 with a recidivism rate of less than 10%, while prior to the implementation of supervised probation, the recidivism rate was up to 47% (caveat being the return of clients to Misdemeanor Compliance and not to Adult Probation). 248 clients were served in FY21;
 - Enforcement – 20 operations were conducted by the VLL/VC Underage Drinking Taskforce (statistics provided). We are one of the very few counties with law enforcement agencies working together and working together on joint operations. This shows the community that law enforcement is a united front and when there are additional enforcement officers/deputies out, this helps increase the perception of being stopped by the police when doing something unlawful;
 - Prevention – collaborative support and work provided to decrease Adverse Childhood Experiences (ACEs) while working with the Office of Substance Abuse Program (OSAP), 100% Community and the Community Wellness Council, and the Police Athletic League (PAL) which will be undergoing transition at the end of FY22. 47 sessions of life skills were provided to youth;

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- Treatment – Our two treatment providers have over 55 years of combined experience. Additionally, with 46% of our clients making less than \$20,000 a year, we are fortunate to be able to provide treatment free of charge. Over 2,880 treatment hours were provided in FY21.
- FY2023 application recommendations/input requested from Planning Council members:
 - President Mundy asked if YRRS information has been received, to which Ms. Ginny advised that the 2021 survey was just completed and preliminary information indicates an increase in youth drinking and smoking;
 - President Mundy asked if it is possible to provide programs that have not yet been explored? Ms. Ginny explained that the funding received through liquor excise taxes (Distribution) is typically flat, which does not allow for new, sustainable programming; therefore, if we provide different services, then existing services will suffer or need to be eliminated. However, services currently being provided are responsive to the demographics of our clientele and the data also supports our component choices.
 - President Mundy also asked if money from the sales of recreational cannabis can be used within our Program. Ms. Ginny advised that current legislation has not yet set any funds to be distributed to the DWI Programs at the state level for use in prevention, enforcement, compliance, and/or treatment to offset any harms resulting from the legalization of cannabis. This makes it important to be in contact with Legislators, our local County Commissioners, and Municipal Leaders as they will most likely decide locally how to distribute tax revenues that comes in to local coffers.
 - There being no further discussion, the Council continues to support the DWI Program in its mission and services provided.

100% Community Presentation – by Ms. Shannon Barnes:

- Ms. Shannon Barnes shared her background with a PhD in Public Health;
- She joined the Community Wellness Council on November 1, 2021 and has been working with 100% Community which was launched in 2020. 100% Community was spurred from Anna Age 8, a movement that began in 2017 and whose mission is to decrease childhood abuse and neglect;
 - There are 10 key taskforces to 100% Community, and participation in any of the taskforces would be welcomed (www.100nm.org). Reach out to Ms. Shannon (shannon@healthyconsultingnm.com) for more information;
 - A directory for services is being updated and agencies are being vetted to determine the most accurate agencies are accessible to 100% of our Community;
 - A community survey is underway and all are encouraged to complete the survey, which is available in English and Spanish. The survey will help determine the services most needed by citizens of our county. The survey link will be shared with the Planning Council. Results of the survey will be available on the CWC website (www.communitywellness.org).

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On-Going Updates:

District Attorney's Office – No one present.

Treatment – by Ms. Joann Cordova-Sanchez:

- 15 new referrals this quarter, with a total of 44 active clients;
- Treatment sessions continue to work well over the telephone.

Drug Court – by Ms. Marisha Maez:

- All going well with the DWI Drug Court Program;
- There were four (4) graduates this quarter and two (2) new participants joined;
- Drug Court has been approved to obtain electronic monitoring units (SCRAM units) that will be used specifically for DWI Drug Court participants. Once obtained, the clients will no longer be required to pay for the SCARM unit.

Local/State Law Enforcement Update:

- Los Lunas Police Department – Officer Ryan Gray advised that check points are being conducted once a month.
- Ms. Ginny added that an SIU training was conducted on October 15, 2021 with 21 participants from Belen PD, Bosque Farms PD, Los Lunas PD, Los Lunas Schools, Valencia County Sheriff's Department, and DWI Program staff:
 - 2 – Merchants sold alcohol to minors (misdemeanor);
 - 2 – Adults purchased alcohol for minors (4th degree felony).

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

- The grant application for Teen Court underwent an amendment and they are awaiting approval.

Prevention/Enforcement:

Prevention:

- OSAP – by Ms. Linda Montano:
 - Strategies continue to work on perceived risk of alcohol and opioid use;
 - Also working on opioid misuse and educating on safe storage and disposal. Lock boxes and bags for safe disposal are provided during community events;
 - Ms. Linda reminded law enforcement officers that any data relative to stops involving alcohol and/or opioids would be greatly appreciated.

Enforcement – by Ms. Ginny Adame:

- Reported under Local/State Law Enforcement Updates.

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Compliance – by Ms. Lori Kurtz:

- Compliance is in the midst of switching to a new client management database;
- New drug testing procedures have been instituted along with a new agency (Argus Private Security) administering the random drug testing. All is working very well;
- Accreditation assessment is tentatively scheduled for May 2022;
- Collaboration with Valencia Shelter Services (VSS) and the Family Peace Initiative (FPI) Program has been working very well. The FPI Program targets not only abusive behavior but also possible underlying issues (i.e. substance use, need for family counseling, etc.).

Open Discussion/Topics for Next Meeting:

- Ms. Ginny suggested having Valencia Shelter Services provide a presentation on the Family Peace Initiative (FPI) Program;
- President Mundy noted that the Community Wellness Council (CWC) was named the best Non-Profit in Valencia County by the Belen Chamber of Commerce;
- Ms. Chelsey Meyer with MADD New Mexico shared that December is national red ribbon 'Tie One on for Safety' month. Also, MADD will be holding its candle light vigil virtually. See MADD New Mexico Facebook page for further details;
- The next DWI Planning Council meeting will be held on Wednesday, March 9, 2022.

The Very Reverend Mundy called for a motion to adjourn. Motion by Diana Good, 2nd by Heather Benavidez. 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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