



Village of Los Lunas, Valencia County DWI PROGRAM

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DWI PLANNING COUNCIL MEETING
Via Cisco Webex due to COVID-19
March 9, 2022
12:05 pm

EXECUTIVE MEMBERS PRESENT:

Robert Mundy, CWC, St. Matthew’s Episcopal Church	Judge John Chavez, Belen Magistrate Court–Division II
Carol Claus, Community Wellness Council (CWC)	Heather Benavidez, State Treasurer’s Office
Victoria Flores, YDI, Teen Court	Ryan Gray, Los Lunas Police Dept.

EXECUTIVE MEMBERS ABSENT:

Nathanial Blanton, APPO (Excused)	Diana Good, Dept. of Health (Excused)
Ragon Espinoza, Heart and Soul of NM	William Garberina, Full Circle Recovery
Vacant	Vacant

GENERAL MEMBERSHIP:

Judge Miles Tafoya, Los Lunas Magistrate – Division I	Angela Ramirez, VLL VC DWI Program
Jo Ann Griego, Presbyterian Community Health	Joann Cordova-Sanchez, VLL VC DWI Program
Linda Montano, VLL VC DWI Program – OSAP	SSG Thomas Hammer, National Guard
Chelsey Meyer, MADD NM	Pamela Skinner, Community Wellness Council
Esther Padilla, NMSP- D5	Marisha Maez, Valencia County DWI Drug Court
William Radasa, NMSP SIU	Paulette Jaramillo, Los Lunas Magistrate Court
Catalina Nunez, Valencia Shelter Services – FPI	Deputy Chief Charlie Files, LLPD
Franchesca Hessinger, VLL VC DWI Program	Ginny Adame, VLL VC DWI Program
Lori Kurtz, VLL VC DWI Program	

President Mundy opened the meeting at 12:05pm.

Self-introductions.

Review and approval of agenda. Motion to approve agenda by Judge John Chavez; 2nd by Carol Claus; All in favor. Approved.

Review and approval of December 8, 2021 minutes. Motion to approve minutes by Carol Claus; 2nd by Victoria Flores. All in favor. Approved.

New Business:

Family Peace Initiative (FPI) – by Ms. Catalina Nunez, Clinical Director with Valencia Shelter Services:

- Ms. Catalina began with an update on Valencia Shelter Services (VSS):
 - A satellite SANE Unit (Sexual Assault Nurse Examiners Unit) will open in Los Lunas at VSS within the next week or so. This makes the third site within the State of New Mexico where services can be obtained by victims of sexual assault and domestic violence;
 - To tour the facility, contact Ms. Catalina Nunez, at catalinan@vssnm.org or 505-565-3100.
- The FPI Program, formerly known as the Batterer’s Intervention Program or BIP, has added new curriculum to expand the services that they provide to those individuals required to complete the FPI. Expanded services include Substance Use Matrix Curriculum, Parenting, Trauma, Self-Care, Self- Esteem,

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Emotional Regulation, Anger Management, and whatever needs the client may have. Case management is also provided, to include housing, education, employment, applying for benefits, and legal paperwork if needed.

- 25 clients have been referred since January of 2021:
 - 8 successful completions;
 - 15 active clients at this time.
- There is currently one (1) facilitator for the FPI Program; however, in FY23 they hope to add another facilitator which will allow for more individual sessions, and more case management. They work hard to meet the clients where they're at (mentally, emotionally) to best serve them;
- Ms. Pamela Skinner with the Community Wellness Council (CWC) offered to provide information to Ms. Catalina relative to the Shelter Plus Care Program for housing purposes.

Filling Vacant DWI Planning Council Board Positions – by Chairman The Very Reverend Mundy:

- Two (2) position on the DWI Planning Council Executive Board are vacant and nominations are being sought;
- Ms. Lori Kurtz nominated Ms. Catalina Nunez. Ms. Catalina accepted the nomination;
- The Very Reverend Mundy nominated Staff Sergeant Thomas Hammer with the National Guard. SSG Hammer declined the nomination at this time but will verify with his Agency that he can act in the capacity of a voting member for future reference;
- The Very Reverend Mundy nominated Agent William Radasa with NMSP/SIU. Agent Radasa respectfully declined the nomination, but nominated Ms. Esther Padilla with NMSP. Ms. Esther accepted the nomination;
- There being no further nominations, Vice-Chairman Judge John Chavez made a motion to accept the nominations by acclamation; 2nd by Ms. Carol Claus; All in favor. Approved;
- Ms. Catalina and Ms. Esther were welcomed and thanked for their participation.

New Mexico Community Survey – by Ms. Linda Montano, OSAP

- The New Mexico Community Survey (NMCS) is being conducted online through April 29, 2022 in both English and Spanish;
- The more participation in the NMCS, the better understanding of addiction and perception, which allows OSAP to better target community needs;
- Data collected can also be used by other agencies within Valencia County to pursue grant funding;
- Survey can be completed within 15-20 minutes;
- Gift cards will be drawn on a weekly basis at the State level and at the County level;
- The QR Code and link to the survey will be emailed to the DWI Planning Council and the same can be shared amongst everyone's email list serves.

New Mentoring Program – by Ms. Ginny Adame, VLLVC DWI

- National funding for the Village of Los Lunas Valencia County PAL Program will no longer be pursued; however, a new mentoring program will serve the youth of Valencia County through the Prevention component of the DWI Program;
- A name for the mentoring program is still needed;
- Services to be provided through the program include:

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- Social and emotional learning – Envision Your Future (EYF), evidenced-based curriculum, will be utilized to help the youth set short and long term goals and help them learn how to achieve those goals;
- Mentoring – Overseeing community service projects and other youth programming designed to increase resilience and connect our youth to our community;
- Tutoring – Assisting the youth who are struggling academically;
 - Two sites will serve 15 youth, one site in Belen, the other in Los Lunas;
 - Referrals will be coordinated with Teen Court, RAC (Reception and Assessment Center), Juvenile Probation, Boys and Girls Circle, Teen Center, and the schools.
- The mentoring program will continue to partner with the police, first responders, and park rangers;
- Chairman The Very Reverend Mundy asked if volunteers will be needed? Ms. Ginny advised not at this time; however, if and when volunteers are needed, a background check will need to be completed;
- Chairman also asked what age groups would be served? 6th grade through Freshmen level students. Additionally, there is hope that these students will return as peer mentors;
- Chairman asked if there is a cost to the youth? No.

On-Going Updates:

District Attorney's Office – No one present.

Treatment – by Ms. Joann Cordova-Sanchez:

- 37 new referrals have been received since last quarter;
 - 9 successful completions;
 - 6 non-compliant;
 - 6 others have been referred to another level of care;
- 59 active clients being served between Ms. Joann and Ms. Angela Ramirez;
- As a SAMSHA approved treatment agency, referrals are also received from individuals who are charged with DWI out-of-state and need to complete their court-ordered requirements;
- Treatment sessions continue to be held over the telephone; however, clients are being polled to see how many would like to resume in-person groups, dependent upon COVID numbers;
- If groups resume in-person, each group is limited to 13 participants. Ms. Angela will facilitate the English-speaking sessions and Ms. Joann will facilitate the Spanish-speaking sessions.

Drug Court – by Ms. Marisha Maez:

- All going well with the DWI Drug Court Program;
- Three (3) new participants have joined this quarter;
- Drug Court has successfully transitioned to providing their own electronic/alcohol monitoring units (SCRAM units) for the participants. Additionally, they administer random drug/alcohol testing on their own.

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Local/State Law Enforcement Update:

- New Mexico State Police/SIU -- Agent Radasa stated that NMSP continues to be short-handed with only one (1) officer on patrol in Valencia County. On the SIU side, there have not been any new complaints regarding merchants overserving or selling to intoxicated individuals. Contact Agent Radasa if there are any issues/complaints to be reported. The annual SIU training will be held in October.
- Los Lunas Police Department – Officer Ryan Gray stated that checkpoints have not yet resumed due to staff shortage. DRE (Drug Recognition Expert) school will be held in April, however, there are no Valencia County officers/deputies enrolled in this class.

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

- The Teen Court contract was signed on January 10, 2022 and all is going well;
- Court was held on March 3, 2022 via Zoom. Because court is being held virtually, only cases being pled are heard at this time;
- A new adult interpreter has joined Teen Court and provides interpretation to family members of a participant. Teen Court also has a youth interpreter for the teens;
- Training for new teen attorneys, both for prosecution and defense, will soon be held with seven (7) participants;
- Home visits are conducted (for interview purposes) when transportation is an issue for the referred teen to report to the office;
- Community members are invited and encouraged to attend Teen Court.
- Agent Radasa with NMSP's Special Investigations Unit (SIU) advised Ms. Victoria that SIU is looking for youth between the ages of 18 and just under 21 to assist with compliance checks throughout Valencia County. Youth are paid \$15 per hour and provided one meal (up to \$20);
 - Chairman The Very Reverend Mundy asked Agent Radasa if compliance checks will be done for cannabis sales to minors? Not at this time.

Prevention/Enforcement:

Prevention:

- OSAP – by Ms. Linda Montano:
 - In addition to what was reported above, Ms. Linda reminded law enforcement officers to share their PSAs so that she may also provide the information. Additionally, she asked the officers to please share any data relative to stops involving alcohol and/or opioids within FY21. If the data could be shared on quarterly basis, it would be most helpful to ensure targeted prevention efforts.

Enforcement – by Ms. Ginny Adame:

- Upcoming operations include a compliance check in March and Prom in April. The local movie theatre provides for a safe and sober post Prom activity for the students. The movie is free and the first 100 students are provided free popcorn and soda. Our Program collaborates with OSAP and Teen Court to accomplish the post Prom event. This year, four (4) high school will have their Prom on April 23, 2022 (Belen, Infinity, Los Lunas, and School of Dreams Academy (SODA)). On April 30, 2022 Valencia High School and Century will hold their Prom.

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- SSG Hammer with the National Guard advised that he will see if they can also join in this activity.

Compliance – by Ms. Lori Kurtz:

- Compliance is seeing an average of five (5) new referrals per week from the Magistrate Courts. Thank you to Ms. Franchesca Hessinger and Ms. Cheryl Luna for carrying the bulk of the caseload;
- The switch to our new client management database (DIMS) occurred in January 2022 and maneuvering through the database is improving;
- Drug testing administered by Argus Private Security is going very well and the communication they have with our Compliance Officer is excellent;
- A date for Accreditation assessment is still not pinned down. Accreditation will be performed using PowerDMS, an electronic, web-based database.

Open Discussion/Topics for Next Meeting:

- Vice-Chairman Judge John Chavez shared that Judge Jamie Goldberg has been appointed to the Los Lunas Magistrate Court seat that was vacated upon Judge Buddy Sanchez’s retirement. Judge Goldberg is not seeking election for the position, so he will be seated until the end of 2022.
- No further discussions held.

The Very Reverend Mundy called for a motion to adjourn. Motion by Judge John Chavez, 2nd by Victoria Flores. No objections, meeting adjourned.

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Reviewed and Approved by DWI Planning Council:

Dated: _____

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