



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

June 8, 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)	Nathaniel Blanton, APPO
Ryan Gray, Los Lunas Police Dept.	Catalina Nunez

EXECUTIVE MEMBERS ABSENT:

Victoria Flores, YDI, Teen Court	Heather Benavidez, State Treasurer's Office
Ragon Espinoza, Heart and Soul of NM	William Garberina, Full Circle Recovery
Esther Padilla, NMSP	Vacant

GENERAL MEMBERSHIP:

Jo Ann Griego, Presbyterian Community Health	Angela Ramirez, VLL VC DWI Program
Ginny Adame, VLL VC DWI Program	Joann Cordova-Sanchez, VLL VC DWI Program
Linda Montano, VLL VC DWI Program – OSAP	Francesca Hessinger, VLL VC DWI Program
Cheryl Luna, VLL VC DWI Program	Ruben Barreras, Los Lunas Schools
Lori Kurtz, VLL VC DWI Program	

Vice-President Judge Chavez opened the meeting at 12:05pm on behalf of President Mundy because he was feeling under the weather. President Mundy was in attendance.

A quorum was not established at the start of the meeting. Ms. Lori Kurtz mentioned that Ms. Diana Good resigned her position, and this is the third (unexcused) absence in a row by Mr. William Garberina, leaving his seat open.

Judge Chavez advised that this matter will be added to our next meeting's agenda.

At 12:15pm, a quorum was established, and the meeting moved forward.

Self-introductions.

Review and approval of agenda. Motion to approve agenda by Carol Claus; 2nd by President Mundy; All in favor. Approved.

Review and approval of March 9, 2022 minutes. Motion to approve minutes by Carol Claus; 2nd by President Mundy. All in favor. Approved.

New Business:

New 501c3 to Serve Valencia County Youth – by Ruben Barreras

- Mr. Barreras shared that the new program, Community Advocacy Team (CAT), is in its infant stages, and he did not have a lot of information to share now; however, there will be a community meeting held on June 9, 2022, at 9:00am at St. Matthew's Church in Los Lunas to discuss the direction the Program should go to serve our youth the best way possible;
- Mr. Barreras was invited to return to the DWI Planning Council meeting next quarter to share the results of that meeting and how the Program will proceed.

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Vote on DWI PC FY23 Meeting Format (Virtual vs. In Person)

- Discussion held and the majority of those attending choose for the virtual format to continue.

September's Meeting/Legislative Outreach

- Ms. Ginny Adame shared that, with Judge Chavez's assistance, the September meeting is when our Legislators are invited to partake in our DWI Planning Council meeting so they can share information they have regarding legislation, and we can share what our DWI Program is accomplishing;
- In the past, participation by the Legislators has been less than optimal, but Judge Chavez is willing to pursue their attendance once again. Additionally, we have a new Representative, Brian Baca, and a new Senator, Joshua Sanchez, who will also be invited;
- Discussion.

On-Going Updates:

District Attorney's Office – No one present.

Treatment – by Ms. Joann Cordova-Sanchez:

- Ms. Joann began Tuesday groups (in English) on April 5, 2022. Ms. Angela Ramirez will begin Wednesday groups (in English) on May 11, 2022. Spanish groups will begin later in the year;
- 27 new referrals have been received since last quarter. 19-Los Lunas Magistrate Courts, 5-Belen Magistrate Court, 1-APPO referral, 2-self-referrals;
 - 18 successful completions;
 - 4 non-compliant;
 - 2 returning clients;
 - 1 referred to another level of care;
 - 3 no treatment required
- New goals have been set, one being 'social activities' with the clients. Our annual Christmas party will resume this year, which allows clients and staff to gather in a more social setting while still focusing on recovery with recovery games, coloring, arts-n-crafts, etc.

Local/State Law Enforcement Update:

- Officer Ryan Gray departed from the meeting early and there were no other law enforcement agencies present;
- Judge Chavez mentioned that one officer with the Belen Police Department has been making a DWI arrest approximately once a night.

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Drug Court – by Judge Chavez:

- Drug Court has resumed in-person hearings while following covid safe protocols;
- There are currently 12 participants, which is well below the matrix of 30;
- Drug Court is now structured under the 13th Judicial District Court rather than under the Administrative Office of the Courts (AOC).

YDI/Teen Court/Youth Coalition Update – No one present.

Prevention/Enforcement:

Prevention:

- OSAP – by Ms. Ginny Adame:
 - Ms. Linda Montano has resigned her position with the Office of Substance Abuse Program (OSAP). Thank you to Ms. Linda for all that she has accomplished in our County through OSAP. It is unknown at this time if the OSAP program will continue to operate within the County; however, it will no longer be under the DWI Program.
- Prevention – by Ms. Ginny Adame:
 - The DWI Program is working with the Youth Success Core (YSC), formerly known as the Village of Los Lunas/Valencia County PAL, and all is going very well. Referrals to YSC are received from JPO, Teen Court, Restorative Justice, RAC, and possibly from the schools;
 - Envision Your Future (EYF) curriculum is being facilitated at School of Dreams Academy (SODA) by Ms. Noelle Chavez. We hope to provide the same curriculum at other schools in the Fall.

Enforcement – by Ms. Ginny Adame:

- A bench warrant roundup was conducted in Valencia County with New Mexico State Police Special Investigations Unit (SIU) coordinating the operation. Twenty-six (26) warrants were confirmed, all clients with the Misdemeanor Compliance Monitoring Program. 11 residences were visited, and three (3) individuals were taken into custody;
- This quarter, the Underage Drinking Taskforce conducted (6) operations with the dates of 4/23, 4/30 for Post Prom Events, 5/17/2022 for Belen High School Graduation, 5/21/2022 for both Los Lunas and Valencia High School Graduations, 6/4/2022 for a Party/Underage Drinking patrol for all local High School graduations, and 5/28/2022 for a joint DWI Warrant Roundup. The following departments participated in the operations: Belen Police Department, Bosque Farms Police Department, Isleta Tribal Police Department, Los Lunas Police Department, Valencia County Sheriff's Department, the Special Investigations Unit and the DWI Coordinator and Compliance Officer, Franchesca Hessinger. The combined statistics resulting were: (1) Felony Arrest for possession of (80) fentanyl tabs, (3) Misdemeanor Arrests, (1) Careless Driving, (5) No Driver's License, (4) No Seatbelt, (1) Warrant, (1) Selling or Giving Alcohol to a Minor, (1) Possession of illegal Drugs, (34) Speeding Citations, (16) Uninsured Motorists, (2) Driving on Suspended or Revoked Driver's License, (18) No/Expired Registrations, and (23) Other Citations.
- The Underage Taskforce completed post-prom operations on April 23rd and 30th, 2022. All went well with 100-200 youth at each event. Kudos to Gary Johnson with the Mitchell Starlight Theater in Los Lunas for his continued support of the youth in our community by allowing the afterhours safe and sober alternative to Prom goers. Ms. Ginny advised that an article is always published in the Valencia County

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News-Bulletin, thanking Mr. Johnson for his support. Judge Chavez recommended sending a formal letter to Mr. Johnson from the DWI Planning Council, and perhaps nominating him for 'Outstanding Community Member'.

Compliance – by Ms. Lori Kurtz:

- The Misdemeanor Compliance Monitoring Accreditation Assessment team will be on site June 21-22, 2022. The Compliance team has been hard at work preparing for their visit.

Open Discussion/Topics for Next Meeting:

- The two (2) open executive member positions will be added to the agenda for the next quarterly meeting;
- In addition to invitations being sent to our legislators, send a formal invitation to District Attorney Barbara Romo to attend our next meeting.
- No further discussions held.

The Very Reverend Mundy called for a motion to adjourn. Motion by Judge John Chavez, 2nd by Carol Claus. 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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