



Village of Los Lunas, Valencia County DWI PROGRAM

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DWI PLANNING COUNCIL MEETING
Via Cisco Webex due to COVID-19
September 14, 2022
12:05 pm

EXECUTIVE MEMBERS PRESENT:

Judge John Chavez, Belen Magistrate Court–Division II	Carol Claus, Community Wellness Council (CWC)
Ryan Gray, Los Lunas Police Dept.	Victoria Flores, YDI, Teen Court

EXECUTIVE MEMBERS ABSENT:

Robert Mundy, CWC, St. Matthew's Episcopal Church (Excused)	Heather Benavidez, State Treasurer's Office
Ragon Espinoza, Heart and Soul of NM (Excused)	Nathaniel Blanton, APPO (Excused)
Catalina Nunez (Excused)	Esther Padilla, NMSP (Excused)
Vacant	Vacant

GENERAL MEMBERSHIP:

NM Senator, Liz Stefanics	Mike Milam, Valencia County
Pamela Skinner, Community Wellness Council	Estevan Gallegos, JPO
Jo Ann Griego, Presbyterian Community Health	Dylan Orosco, JPO
Marisha Maez, Valencia County Magistrate Drug Court	Paulette Jaramillo, Los Lunas Magistrate Court
Angela Ramirez, VLL VC DWI Program	Joann Cordova-Sanchez, VLL VC DWI Program
Cheryl Luna, VLL VC DWI Program	Ginny Adame, VLL VC DWI Program
Louie Sanchez, VLL VC DWI Program	Lori A. Kurtz, VLL VC DWI Program

President Mundy was out of the country; therefore, Vice-President Judge Chavez opened the meeting at 12:08pm, in hopes of gaining a quorum.

A quorum was not established.

Self-introductions.

Review of agenda. Motion to approve the agenda was not made due to lack of a quorum.

Review and approval of June 8, 2022 minutes will roll over into the next DWI Planning Council meeting due to lack of a quorum.

New Business:

VLL/VC DWI Program FY21 Annual Report Highlights -- by Ms. Ginny Adame

- Ms. Ginny provided highlights from Ted Alcorn's 7-part series, 'Blind Drunk - New Mexico in Depth'. Ms. Ginny stated that the series was well researched and provided such important insight and statistics, it is important to share the rich information available. Additionally, the series highlights the importance of continuing to not only support the work being done by local DWI Programs, but to search for ways to continue to decrease alcohol related harm as far upstream as possible. It is highly recommended to read the series in its entirety.

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- A brief overview of our DWI Program's annual report for FY22 was presented:
 - Compliance Monitoring for District, Magistrate, and Municipal Courts:
 - Accreditation is by far the biggest success achieved by our Misdemeanor Compliance Monitoring Program within FY22, becoming one of only five (5) accredited compliance programs in the state;
 - Within the last 10 fiscal years, while the DWI Program has been offering supervised probation services, there have been 2,081 clients/cases referred to Compliance;
 - Referrals in FY22 were down due to the pandemic; however, the tail end of FY22 saw a steady increase in cases being adjudicated;
 - During FY22, there were 157 offenders monitored/tracked, 80 cases closed successfully, and 24 cases closed unsuccessfully.
 - Enforcement:
 - The very active Underage Drinking Taskforce includes all our local law enforcement agencies: Belen PD, Bosque Farms PD, Isleta PD, Los Lunas PD, and Valencia County Sheriff's Department. The Taskforce also works closely with New Mexico State Police and Special Investigations Unit (SIU) in several joint compliance checks and minor shoulder-tap operations when funding is available;
 - In FY22, 16 operations were funded through our DWI Program (11-Underage Enforcement operations; 2-Saturation Patrols; 2-Compliance Checks; and 1-Warrant Round Up operation;
 - Combined statistics resulted in:
 - 1 - DWI
 - 7 - Selling/Giving Alcohol to a Minor
 - 1 - Assault/Public Affray
 - 3 - Misdemeanor/Warrant Arrests
 - 2 - Possession of Controlled Substances
 - 1 - Felony Arrest for (80) Fentanyl Tabs
 - 9 - Driving on a Suspended/Revoked License
 - 17 - No Driver's License
 - 11 - Felony/Warrant Arrests
 - 74 - Speeding Violations
 - 45 - No/Expired Registration
 - 2 - No Child Restraints
 - 1 - Unlawful Taking of a Vehicle
 - 2 - Careless Driving
 - 35 - No Insurance
 - 8 - No Seatbelt
 - 1 - Larceny of American Flag
 - 64 - Other Citations

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- Prevention:
 - The VLL/VC Prevention Program partnered with OSAP on the development/implementation of a Strategic Plan that was based upon a comprehensive community assessment and is in the 2nd year of implementation community wide. Additionally, the Prevention Program also partners with the Community Wellness Council (CWC) on the 100% Community Initiative which has 10 taskforces;
 - Conducted 294 Prevention-based activities were conducted throughout the community reaching 2,732 participants;
 - Delivered 10 Sessions (20 hours total) of Life Skills with VLL/VC PAL Program and 8 sessions (16 hours total) of Envision Your Future with Youth Success Core (YSC);
 - We were unable to go into the schools in FY22, limiting the number of students reached;
 - Coordinated the VLL/VC Police Athletic League (VLL/VC PAL) Program (July 2021-March 2022) that saw over 200 active youth members with 36 youth graduating from the evidence-bases substance misuse and bullying prevention curriculum and mentoring program;
 - Developed the Youth Success Core (YSC) that replaced VLL/VC PAL due to change in funding and focus. YSC is largely focused on partnering with Teen Court, Juvenile Probation, Reception and Assessment Center (RAC), and Restorative Justice referrals. Curriculum used is Envision Your Future (EYF) and is coupled with community service/civic projects and mentoring;
 - The NM Community Survey for Valencia County for FY22 was conducted. This survey provides annual data on alcohol use/DWI trends, and perception.
- Screening:
 - Every offender convicted of DWI is required to complete the state-mandated screening tool, the Impaired Driving Assessment (IDA);
 - The number of offenders screened in FY22 was 129.
- Treatment:
 - 49% of our clients make less than \$20,000 annual;
 - VLL/VC DWI provides free treatment/Auricular Detox services, filling an important gap in service in our community;
 - Our Treatment program is recognized by SAMHSA, nationwide;
 - Our LADAC is bilingual and has 36 years in the addictions field, and our LSAA has 21 years of experience;
 - 123 Offenders were referred to treatment;
 - 2,397.5 total treatment hours were provided;
 - 67 successful completions;
 - 19 Unsuccessful completions
- A copy of the full report will be sent to the DWI Planning Council.

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Legislative Representatives Presentations Q & A Session:

- Vice-President Judge Chavez introduced State Senator, Ms. Liz Stefanics;
- Senator Stefanics joined us from Gallup, New Mexico, where she was attending a Behavioral Health Committee meeting;
- She shared that the State has financial resources for school-based health clinics which have been shown to be effective at prevention and early intervention; but schools need to advocate for the clinics to be introduced into their High Schools so the money can be allocated accordingly;
- Liquor excise taxes were not raised during the last Legislative session; however, she supports raising the taxes and seeing the money go to treatment and harm reduction programs. Both parties are in favor of seeing the money distributed as such;
- There is a need for Certified Peer Support Workers (CPSW), and UNM through the Behavior Health Committee, is encouraging individuals who fit the criteria to become certified;
- The Legislature is discussing an increase in Medicaid rates by 125% to pay professionals working in the field of behavioral health a competitive wage. National recruitment is also being done to attract those professionals to New Mexico, as well as incentivizing multi-language individuals;
- The credentialing timeline needs to move faster to get the professionals in the field;
- Information on what committees are meeting and what is on their agendas can be found by going to www.nmlegis.gov, then to Committees, then to Health & Human Services, then to Agendas, and finally to Handouts;
- A suggestion was made regarding the possibility of combining a number of our community meetings to format like is currently being done with 100% San Miguel where their DWI Planning Council meets along with their Juvenile Justice Board and health council providing a united voice for the mutually beneficial work being done;
- A suggestion for partnering for requests for Junior House Bill money for community projects that could support DWI programs was also made.
- Vice-Chair Judge Chavez and Ms. Ginny Adame, DWI Program Coordinator, thanked Senator Stefanics for taking the time to attend our meeting and for providing some insight to what may be coming up during the next Legislative session.

Filling Vacant DWI Planning Council Board Positions:

- No quorum. This agenda item will roll to the next meeting.

On-Going Updates:

District Attorney's Office – No one present.

Treatment – by Ms. Joann Cordova-Sanchez:

- Ms. Joann reported that Ms. Angela Ramirez did a review of their database from September 2014 to September 2022, and on September 1, 2022, their 1,000th client was admitted into treatment!
- Ms. Joann began working with the DWI Program in February 2018. Since then, 638 clients have been admitted, with 53 of those clients returning for treatment (not as a self-referral);
- MRT workbooks are used during the client's treatment. Once the client has completed treatment, some would like to continue with their counseling, so they are then inputted into the database as a self-referral;

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- Groups in English have begun. Groups in Spanish will begin later;
- Preparation for our annual Christmas party/dinner with our clients is underway.
- Judge Chavez asked if there are any AA (Alcohol Anonymous) groups in Belen. Ms. Joann advised that there are none. There is one treatment facility in Belen (Heart-n-Soul). She also mentioned that there is an NA (Narcotics Anonymous) meeting held in Los Chavez.

Drug Court – by Ms. Marisha Maez:

- Numbers are down since the graduation of five (5) participants;
- The Surveillance Officer is conducting home checks once again (with a Deputy);
- In August, some members of the Drug Court staff, attended the National Association of Drug Court Professionals (NADCP) conference in Nashville.

Local/State Law Enforcement Update:

- Officer Ryan Gray with Los Lunas PD stated that checkpoints will be conducted in October and November. He is currently working on a grant proposal to allow for an increase in overtime pay rate for officers, to include those participating in the Underage Taskforce. Additionally, officers will be attending a training in San Antonio, Texas regarding 'Wolf Packs', which conduct Sat Pats rather than checkpoints because they are more effective. LLPD is lacking DWI officers and are seeking highly motivated and highly qualified officers.

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

- Teen Court was held in person on September 8, 2022;
- Lucas and Alonzo are training young teen attorneys;
- Referrals from JPO are being received;
- Shout out to Ms. Noelle Chavez for her ongoing partnership and support of the Teen Court/Prevention programs and for providing space to meet at the Rocket Teen Center.

Prevention/Enforcement – by Ms. Ginny:

- Ms. Ginny stood for any questions relative to the Prevention and Enforcement information provided earlier during the meeting. There were no questions.

Compliance – by Ms. Lori Kurtz:

- As mentioned previously, our Misdemeanor Compliance Monitoring Program has been recommended for Accreditation. The Program will receive its certificate during the Legislative session in January 2023;
- Compliance welcomes our newest Compliance Officer, Mr. Louie Sanchez, who comes to us with a background in detention. Louie will be attending Court Officer Basic Training (COBT) in September;
- Current caseload, as we near the end of the first quarter sits at 184, with 44 in warrant status;
- Ms. Lori attended the 2022 New Mexico Sheriff's Conference in Ruidoso, NM in August. The training obtained is very beneficial. The highlight of the training for Ms. Lori was participating in the Use of Force Virtual Simulator. The experience provided a whole new appreciation for our law enforcement partners. Kudos to all law enforcement officers!

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Open Discussion/Topics for Next Meeting:

- Judge Chavez recommended a history of the DWI Program be presented for our newest DWI Planning Council members;
- Remember! We will be filling the vacant seats for the DWI Planning Council executive board;
- Next meeting to be held on Wednesday, December 14, 2022, IN PERSON.

No motion made to close the meeting due to lack of a quorum.

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Reviewed and Approved by DWI Planning Council:

Dated: _____

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