



Village of Los Lunas, Valencia County DWI PROGRAM

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DWI PLANNING COUNCIL MEETING

September 13, 2023

12:05 pm

EXECUTIVE MEMBERS PRESENT:

John Chavez, Belen Magistrate Court	Carol Claus, Community Wellness Council (CWC)
Ryan Gray, Los Lunas Police Dept.	Victoria Flores, YDI, Teen Court
Esther Padilla, NMSP	Catalina Nunez Valencia Shelter Services
Chelsey Meyer, MADD New Mexico	Pamela Skinner, Community Wellness Council (CWC)

EXECUTIVE MEMBERS ABSENT:

Ragon Espinoza, CYFD	Mike Milam, Valencia County Clerk (Excused)
Heather Benavidez, CEO of The ARC NM	Robert Mundy, CWC, St. Matthew's Episcopal Church (excused)

GENERAL MEMBERSHIP:

Cheryl Luna, VLL VC DWI	Scott Bowen, District Attorney's Office
Marisha Maez, DWI Drug Court	Lori Kurtz, VLL VC DWI
Michelle Gonzales, VLL VC DWI	Tanya Trombley, NMSP
Ricky Dominguez, BFPD	David Vazquez, BFPD
Fred Duran, BFPD	Joann Cordova Sanchez, VLL VC DWI Treatment
Estevan Gallegos, JPO	Brandon Lujan, VCSO
Shana Croker, VSS	Stephanie Wood, VSS
Michael Sanchez, VSS	Pamela Saiz, District Attorney Office
Guy Sullenger, Belen PD	Ginny Adame, VLL VC DWI
Angela Ramirez, VLL VC DWI Treatment	

Vice President, Judge John Chavez opened the meeting at 12:05pm, with a full quorum. Proxy matters and absences were addressed.

Self-introductions.

Review of agenda. Motion to approve the agenda was moved by Ryan Gray, 2nd Carol Clause. No discussion. All in Favor. Approved.

Review and approval of June 14, 2023, minutes. Motion to approve the minutes was moved by Esther Padilla, 2ND Ryan Gray. No discussion. All in Favor. Approved.

New Business:

Presentation from MADD – By Ms. Chelsey Meyer:

- MADD began the DWI Court Monitoring Program in 2016.
- The program has six monitors who spend an average of 12 days a month in the court.
- From July 2021- July 2022, they monitored a total of 3,210 cases. 2,129 of those cases were adjudicated.
- They currently monitor eight counties in New Mexico.
 - Bernalillo, Dona Ana, McKinley, Rio Arriba, San Juan, Santa Fe, Valencia, and Sandoval.

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- There is a higher recidivism rates in McKinley County and San Juan County.
- MADD shares bi-weekly data reports with NMDOT.
- MADD is present at VIP classes in Albuquerque on Monday nights. Victims are allowed to join and speak if they choose to.

R-N-R Framework Pilot Project- By Mrs. Lori Kurtz and Ms. Marisha Maez

- R-N-R stands for Risk Needs Responsivity.
- Valencia County was chosen to be part of the pilot program for AOC. The purpose of this pilot is to verify when those involved in the criminal justice system are matched with appropriate treatment and the appropriate amount of supervision, there is a reduction in recidivism.
- The District Attorney's Office will join an R-N-R training in Albuquerque on October 3rd and 4th.

On-Going Updates:

District Attorney's Office – by Mr. Scott Bowen, Assistant District Attorney

- The ADA's office is currently understaffed.
- The number of cases is rising.
- ADA's office is having issues with officers not showing up for court, causing dismissal of cases.
- The ADA'S office hired Mrs. Pamela Saiz within the last year.

Treatment – by Ms. Joann Cordova-Sanchez:

- DWI Treatment currently has 47 participants.
 - 22 Referred by Compliance.
 - 3 returned.
 - 12 from Los Lunas.
 - 4 from Belen
 - 1 from NM State Corrections
 - 4 self-admitted.
 - 12 Successful Completions.
 - 3 Unsuccessful Discharges.
- Ms. Joann and Ms. Angela had their licensures renewed for the next two years.
- Ms. Joann reported the Aftercare Integrity Recovery Curriculum developed by Daniel Blackwood of the Evolution Group in Albuquerque has started and meets on Wednesday evenings.
- Ms. Joann and Ms. Angela signed up for the Reconsolidation of Traumatic Memories (RTM) training in Mescalero.
- Numbers compared from last year around the same time to this year:
 - 123 referrals
 - 67 Successful Discharges
 - 19 Unsuccessful Discharges

Drug Court – by Ms. Marisha Maez:

- Drug Court is participating in the R-N-R pilot program.
- Currently there are 14 participants.
- 1 client graduated since last meeting.

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- 2 new clients have recently been accepted into the program. One from Los Lunas Magistrate Court, the other from Belen Magistrate.
- The Drug Court program is currently working on putting together an alumni group for peer mentoring.

Local/State Law Enforcement Update

By Sergeant Ryan Gray with Los Lunas PD:

- DWI Task Force currently has \$5,880.00 dollars.
- Los Lunas and Bosque Farms Police Departments will be the recipients of the money this year.
- Bosque Farms Police Department and Valencia County Sheriffs Office are currently working on starting DWI units.

Valencia Shelter Services FPI Program- By Ms. Catalina Nunez

- Currently have 11 participants
- 5 recently completed.
- The program is starting a Spanish speaking group.

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

- Teen Court is still being held in person.
- BHS is recruiting teen attorneys.
- Currently have eleven (11) trained and active teen attorneys.
- Most of the cases are coming from JPO's, Schools, and School Resource Officers.

Juvenile Probation- Mr. Estevan Gallegos

- There are currently only 4 juvenile detention centers in New Mexico for pre-adjudication.
- Probation sees an increase in cases during school months.

Prevention/Enforcement – Ms. Ginny Adame:

Prevention:

- The Alcohol Harms Alleviation (AHA) coalition are advocating once again to raise the alcohol excise taxes to reduce alcohol harm. Ms. Ginny also joins in on learning about the AHA coalition efforts to raise the alcohol excise taxes while also holding the LDWI and Drug Court programs free from any program decreases. There is a growing number of partners throughout the state. Meetings with the Governor/Governor's office continue to take place and the priorities of AHA are to keep the LDWI programs' funding whole which has prompted Representative Ferrary and Senator Sedillo Lopez to propose language to be included within the bill that states something to the effect that the LDWI Programs will receive finds no less the \$25 million dollars and up to a percentage of the alcohol excise taxes yet to be determined, which is greater.
- Community Wellness Council has a 100% Community Valencia CRUNCH taking place on September 29th from 10:00am-2:00pm at the Peralta Methodist Church.
- Community Health Improvement Plan will take place with the ongoing work towards the community selected priorities of:
 - Mental/Behavioral Health Access
 - Substance Misuse Prevention,
 - Access to Healthy Food

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Enforcement:

- The Underage Drinking Taskforce conducted two operations on June 8th and June 9th, 2023, with participation from Belen PD, Bosque Farms PD, Los Lunas PD, and Valencia County Sheriff's Office. As a result, there were:
 - 1 DWI
 - 1 Warrant Arrest
 - 1 Arrest for Arson
 - 1 Driving on a Suspended/Revoked License.
 - 3 No or driving without a Driver's License.
 - 6 No Seatbelts
 - 16 No/Expired Registration.
 - 20 No Insurance.
 - 21 Speeding, and,
 - 16 other citations.
- August 28, 2023, during the Los Lunas Homecoming dance the Underage Drinking Taskforce also conducted an enforcement operation. Belen Police Department and Valencia County Sheriff's office also participated. As a result, there were:
 - 2 No Driver's License
 - 1 No Registration
 - 1 other citation

Compliance – by Ms. Michelle Gonzales:

- Compliances total caseload as of today is 205.
- Compliance has a client who does not want to cooperate with the compliance program. The case is not alcohol or drug related.
- Compliance is still working on getting training completed and working on the R-N-R Pilot Project.

Open Discussion/Topics for Next Meeting:

- Ms. Ginny reported that we need to add Valencia Shelter Services (VSS) to the report section moving forward.

Motion moved by Carol Claus to adjourn meeting, 2nd by Victoria Flores; All Approved. The meeting adjourned at 1:30pm.

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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