



Village of Los Lunas, Valencia County DWI PROGRAM

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PARKS AND RECREATION DEPARTMENT

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DWI PLANNING COUNCIL MEETING

December 13, 2023

12:05 pm

EXECUTIVE MEMBERS PRESENT:

Robert Mundy, CWC, St. Matthew's Episcopal Church	Carol Claus, Community Wellness Council (CWC)
Chelsey Meyer, MADD New Mexico	Victoria Flores, YDI, Teen Court
Esther Padilla, NMSP	Catalina Nunez Valencia Shelter Services (By Proxy – Brissa Sotelo)
Pamela Skinner, Community Wellness Council (CWC)	Mike Milam, Valencia County Clerk

EXECUTIVE MEMBERS ABSENT:

Ragon Espinoza, Children Youth and Families	Ryan Gray, Los Lunas Police Dept.
John Chavez, Belen Magistrate Court	Heather Benavidez, State Treasurer's Office

GENERAL MEMBERSHIP:

Katrina Fuller, Ideal Option	JoAnn Griego, Presbyterian
Thomas Bizzell, NMSP	Karyn Sullivan, Department of Health
Joann Cordova—Sanchez, VLL VC DWI	Michelle Gonzales, VLL VC DWI
Cheryl Luna, VLL VC DWI	Ricky Dominquez, BFPD
Lori Kurtz, VLL VC DWI	Sindy Sacoman, AHA
Tanya Trombley, NMSP	Stephanie Wood, VSS
Ginny Adame, VLL VC DWI	Angela Ramirez, VLL VC DWI

President Mundy opened the meeting at 12:12pm, with a full quorum.

Self-introductions.

Review of agenda. Motion to approve the agenda was moved by Carol Claus, 2nd by Victoria Flores. No discussion. All in Favor. Approved.

Review and approval of September 13, 2023, minutes. Motion to approve the minutes was moved by Carol Claus, 2nd by Chelsey Meyer. No discussion. All in Favor. Approved.

New Business:

A. Alcohol Harms Alleviation (AHA) Coalition -- By Ms. Sindy Sacoman

- New Mexico has the highest U.S Alcohol related death rates since 1997 and at an all-time high in 2021.
- NM Alcohol related death rates are not just a result of car crashes. They include cirrhosis, violence, poisoning, cancer, suicide, heart disease and weather exposure.
- Alcohol use disorder is not the only problem. Underage and Binge drinking are factors.
- Women between the age of 18-44 report an increase of binge drinking and heavy drinking.
- Men are still dying at a higher rate.
- Economic cost is an estimated \$3.1 Billion.
- NMDOH Recommendations for 2023:
 - Alcohol tax increase of 1% = .77% decrease in consumption

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- It's been 30 years since an increase in sales tax on Alcohol. Below is a breakdown of prior sales tax per drink Vs. new sales tax per drink:
 - Beer--\$0.04-→\$0.29
 - Wine--\$0.07-→\$0.32
 - Distilled Spirits (Liquor) --\$0.07-→\$0.32
- With an increase of revenue, funding can continue for the LDWI program & Drug Courts and would include potential increases in funding for:
 - Prevention
 - Behavioral health Treatment and Recovery
 - Addressing social determinants such as housing and transportation
 - Support for Victims of alcohol related crimes
 - Culturally relevant prevention, treatment and reduction of alcohol-related harms for Indian nations, tribes & pueblos (as recommended by tribes to meet their needs)

B. FY 24 LDWI APPLICATION—By Ginny Adame

- The FY23 Annual Report was presented to the DWI Planning Council.
- Between FY23 and FY24 there was only an increase in Distribution funds of approximately \$2K.
- In FY24 \$28K for Law Enforcement funding had to be included as in-kind in order to keep that component funded and in July, our fiscal agent gave notice of salary and benefits increases requiring an additional \$ 20K
- Our Program successfully applied for a Special Application to cover the Enforcement In Kind and additional salaries and benefits and was awarded \$44,500.00.
- This year our program with support from the planning council will continue to request funds to continue our current components, but we may now need to apply for additional salary/benefits, operations and Enforcement previously covered in the Distribution in the Competitive Grant application for FY25.
- Depending on Grant funding availability, the number of other Counties requesting Grant Funds, along with the level of quality of our application, competitive grant funds are awarded and it is our intention this year to include funding requests for both Teen Court and DV Shelter.
- Ms. Ginny requested input from the DWI Planning Council regarding the Distribution and Grant application plans presented for FY25 allowing for suggestions on any improvements, changes or additions if additional funding is available.
- The DWI Planning Council voiced support for the application plans as presented and requested the continuance of the Enforcement funding or increases for Enforcement funding if available.

C. Elections:

- Four (4) Executive seats open for election and a new Chairperson to be elected:
 - Ryan Gray with Los Lunas Police Department requested to remain seated. Motion made by Pamela Skinner and seconded by Chelsey Meyer. No opposition. All voted in favor;
 - Victoria Flores with YDI requested to remain seated. Motion by Pamela Skinner and seconded by Chelsey Meyer. No opposition. All voted in favor;
 - Very Reverend Robert Mundy has made the decision to step down from the Executive Board to include being Chairperson. Catalina Nunez with Valencia Shelter Services was nominated to replace the Very Reverend Mundy as Chair. Motion by Chelsey Meyer and seconded by Carol Claus. No opposition. All voted in favor. Ms. Nunez accepted the position of Chair.

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- The following general members identified their interest in filling the open seats: Stephanie Wood with Valencia Shelter Services, Karen Sullivan with Department of Health, and Katrina Fuller with Ideal Options. As there was no opposition and no others that wished to be considered for nomination, the members listed above were confirmed via a vote by acclamation—all excepted Executive Board positions.

On-Going Updates:

- **District Attorney's Office** – Absent from meeting.
- **Treatment** Ms. Joann Cordova-Sanchez:
 - 2nd quarter VS. 1st quarter
 - Active: 42 v. 57
 - Referred: 25 (LL-16, Bel-4, NMCD-1, Self -2) v. 37
 - Successful Discharges: 22 v. 16
 - No Treatment Required: 2 v. 0
 - Referred to other Agencies: 4 v. 0
 - Non - Compliance Discharge: 3 v. 1
- **SUCSESSES**
 - The annual Christmas party for clients was planned and will take place on 12/13/2023.
 - Individual sessions continue to diminish either by completion or moved into groups
 - A client that was resistant to treatment upon referral is now very compliant with attendance, has been participating in Acu-Detox and individual sessions and calls when he is going to not have transportation to attend sessions.
- **CHALLENGES**
 - None were identified for this quarter.

Drug Court – by Cheryl Luna proxy for Marisha Maez

- Currently there are 10 participants, with one on bench warrant.
- 3-new clients pending
- 2-clients have graduated since the last meeting.
- The Drug Court program is currently working on putting together an Alumni Program.

Local/State Law Enforcement Update

By Agent Thomas Bizzell with NMSP:

- They are encountering staffing challenges.
- Their joint underage drinking operation with local law enforcement was a success. They had one (1) establishment that sold alcohol to a minor and 1 adult purchase alcohol and provide it to our minor during a shoulder tap.
- Continuous Bi-Weekly inspection of liquor licenses and training.
- Projected next quarter: more training on Liquor Laws, sales to minors and sales to intoxicated person.

By Ricky Dominquez with BFPD:

- 50% of law enforcement calls have been related to alcohol
- Two (2) officers certified in DWI and DRE, but agency is still not fully staffed.

Valenica Shelter Services update -- by Adrianna Gutierrez:

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- Valencia Shelter Service has taken over cases for Torrance County
- They currently have 13 males and two (2) females participating in the Family Peace Initiative (FPI) Program
- They have trained two (2) staff members.

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

- They have not been under contract since June 30, 2023, but their contract just came through.
- They still have youth attorneys, 17 total.
- Judge Sichler offered the use of her courtroom on December 07, 2023, for a mock trial.
- Judge Chavez donated podiums and supplies.
- H2 Academics had a successful Thanksgiving Dinner.
- Still accepting referrals from JPO, parents and Law enforcement.

Prevention/Enforcement – by Ms. Ginny Adame:

Prevention:

- Prevention and Enforcement Reports this quarter took place as part of the annual report provided previously.

Compliance – by Ms. Lori Kurtz

- Compliance total caseload as of today is 171
- Compliance attended the Ad hoc meeting in Taos, NM.
- Compliance is also working on the Risk-Needs-Responsivity (RNR) Framework Pilot Project in conjunction with AOC.
- Lori was present at the most recent COBT training in Santa Fe to assist facilitators.

Open Discussion/Topics for Next Meeting:

- VSS-Adriana Gutierrez would like to present at next meeting.
- YDI-Teen Court-Victoria Flores would like to have a presentation possibly for the June meeting.

Motion moved by Carol Claus to adjourn meeting, 2nd by Pam Skinner; 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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