



Village of Los Lunas, Valencia County DWI PROGRAM

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DWI PLANNING COUNCIL MEETING

September 10, 2025

12:05 pm

EXECUTIVE MEMBERS' PRESENT:

Catalina Nunez, Valencia Shelter Services	Carol Claus, Community Wellness Council (CWC)
Pamela Skinner, Community Wellness Council (CWC)	Victoria Flores, YDI, Teen Court
Esther Padilla, NMSP	
Mike Milam, Valencia County Clerk	
Ryan Gray, Los Lunas Police Department	

EXECUTIVE MEMBERS ABSENT:

Chelsey Meyer, MADD New Mexico	Karyn Sullivan, Community Member
Katrina Fuller, Ideal Option	Marisha Maez, DWI Drug Court Coordinator (Excused)
Stephanie Wood, Valencia Shelter Services	

GENERAL MEMBERSHIP:

Ginny Adame- VLL VC DWI	Andrea Mansfield-La Vida Felicidad
Michelle Gonzales- VLL VC DWI	Sgt. Fred Duran, Bosque Farms PD
Tanya Trembley, NM State Police Advocate	Angela Ramirez- VLL VC DWI
Lori Kurtz- VLL VC DWI	David Adame, TNT
Natalie Duran, District Attorney's Office	Jesus Heredia, VCDC
Cheryl Luna, VLL VC DWI	Warden Randy Gutierrez, VCDC
Porfie Baca, VCSO	Christopher Lafave, VCSO
Lt. Ricky Dominguez- Bosque Farms PD	Trinity Carrillo, Valencia Shelter Service
Curtis Espinosa, VCSO	Sarah Flores, VCDC
Manuel Monte, Belen PD	Pamela Saiz, District Attorney's Office

Catalina Nunez DWI Planning Council Chair opened the meeting at 12:02pm, with a full quorum. Self-introductions.

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

Review and approval of June 11, 2025, minutes. Motion to approve the minutes was moved by Carol Claus, 2nd by Ryan Gray. No discussion. All in Favor. Approved.

New Business:

A. Valencia County Detention Center: MAT Program

- What is MAT? It is a Medication Assisted Treatment (MAT) to treat substance use disorders. MAT is evidence-based treatment for substance use disorders. It Combines FDA-approved medications that include: Methadone (full opioid agonist), Buprenorphine (partial agonist), and Naltrexone (opioid antagonist) with counseling & behavioral therapies. Each has benefits, considerations, and eligibility criteria.
- Why MAT in Detention? Withdrawal risks in custody, high rates of opioid use disorder (OUD) among incarcerated populations, increased overdose risk after release and supports rehabilitation & reentry success.
- Benefits of MAT in Detention? Reduces cravings & withdrawal symptoms, lowers relapses and overdose deaths post-release, improves treatment retention and supports public health goals.
- Challenges & Barriers: Stigma around MAT, limited resources & staff training, regulatory restrictions,





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Security & diversion concerns and Continuity of care after release.

- Best Practices: Screening & assessment at intake, offering all three FDA-approved medications, Integrating counseling & support services, training correctional & healthcare staff and, strong linkage to community-based care Training.
- VCDC also offers Reach intervene support Engage (RISE): Specific to clients with Mental Health conditions and offers Individual Counseling, Peer Support Sessions, Group Sessions, and clients receive a backpack upon and clothes through Dress for Success upon release.
- Ideas for cooking and Nutrition (ICAN): Nutrition Education, Community Resource Education, Smart Shopping Education and Recipes and Cooking.
- Life Skills: Cooking Class, Resume building, Interviewing Skills, Shopping on a Budget, Application skills, Advocating skills.

B. Board Elections :

- 6 open seats and the following are willing to remain seated:
 - Mike Milliam-Agreed to another term if no oppositions/challenges
 - Stephie Wood-Open seat
 - Chelsey Meyer-Open seat
 - Katrina Fuller-Open seat
 - Esther Padilla- Agreed to another term if no oppositions/challenges
 - Pamela Skinner - Agreed to another term if no oppositions/challenges
 - Carol Claus-(Resigned due to moving out of area, her seat is open)
 - Carol Claus nominated Sgt. F. Duran, 2nd by Lt. Ricky Dominguez
 - Sarah Flores-Self nomination, 2nd by Ryan Gray
 - Manuel Monte-Nominated Assistant Chief M. Vallejos (who was not present), 2nd by Ryan Gray
 - Catalina Nunez-Nominated Trinity Carillo, 2nd by Ryan Gray
- None of the nominations were challenged and a vote to approve by acclamation took place and passed without opposition.

Ongoing Updates

- **District Attorney's Office- Natalie Duran**
 - Their dismissal rate is high, over 50%.
 - The biggest contributor to the high dismissal rate is insufficient evidence.
 - When an Officer fails to appear in court, a letter is sent out immediately to their respective supervisors.
 - When it comes to a case where there is a reporting party via calling and reporting the DWI through Dispatch, it is better that the caller remains anonymous, or it becomes a foundational issue for prosecuting the case when the caller doesn't appear in court.
 - It's difficult to prove a DUI (driving while under the influence).
 - There is a new law that allows for a bench warrant to request a blood draw.
 - Intoxilyzer 9000-No issues except the instrument certificates. (Sgt. Duran is coming across the same issue.)
- **Treatment- Angela Ramirez**
 - July 1-September 30, 2025
 - 7 New clients, 1 from Los Lunas, 6 from Belen
 - 9 Successful completions, 2 unsuccessful discharges
 - Current case load is 21
 - 2 clients did not need treatment; 0 clients are in other programs.
 - Successes
 - Several clients have successfully completed treatment this quarter





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- License renewal season and I have one license renewed and hopefully the 2nd will be renewed next week once I complete another ethics class.
- Challenges
 - Compliance having to refer Client's out for treatment rather than keeping them in house.
 - Several clients are unable to attend the group due to work hours. Increasing the number of clients in group sessions continues to be a challenge.
- Ms. Joann, you will be greatly missed.
- **Drug Court- Cheryl Luna (Marisha was not present)**
 - Drug Court currently has 12 or 13 active clients.
- **Los Lunas Police Department-Officer Ryan Gray**
 - Their Traffic Safety Grant will be issued, Sept/Oct. It will be used for check points and saturation patrols.
 - The Husband and Wife Law Firm reached out and offered to provide drinks and food when the department is out for check points.
 - They are also partnering with Car Seat Safety and will possibly raffle off 10 car seats.
- **Bosque Farms Police Department-Sgt. Fred Duran**
 - Their DWI Checkpoints have produced good marks. There will be a DWI check point this coming Saturday.
 - There will be saturation patrol on September 23, direct patrol.
 - They are currently working on new contracts with NMDOT.
 - A new grant for distracted driving was offered.
 - New Patrol cars equipped with P.I.T bars and boosters are in the talks.
- **Belen Police Department-Officer Manuel Monte**
 - They are conducted a "Sat-Pat" next Friday.
 - He has had a few stops that required a D. R.E
- **Valencia County Sheriff's Office-Officer Porfie Baca**
 - They are actively patrolling the county.
 - Lt. Hall takes care of all the Grants.
 - The Human Bean is giving out FREE coffee for all Law Enforcement and First Responders tomorrow on 09/11/2025.
- **Valencia Shelter Services- Catalina Nunez**
 - Last fiscal year there were over 400 new clients, for a total of 1,908 clients.
 - 1,475 the previous year.
 - Since the start of VSS, they have served over 5,491 clients.
 - They are the #1 referral for NM SANE location.
 - As of 07/01/2025, they have completed 11 SANE exams.
 - Last October, they completed 25 SANE exams.
 - There have been 228 Forensic interviews and have served over 4,500 advocacy services
 - Their fundraiser, "Fem Fetal" is on September 20, 2025.
 - Their open house and Fall Fundraiser are scheduled for 10/25/2025.
 - They have several open positions.
- **Valencia Shelter Service -FPI: Trinity Carrillo**
 - 18 total active clients, 12 Males and 6 Females. 12 open slots for males and 6 open slots for females.





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- She has 2 graduations and 1 in progress.
- There have been 101 FPI groups, 106 Case management sessions and a total of 234 services.

➤ **Teen Court- Victoria Flores**

- They will receive a new Grant on September 17, 2025 and a Grant from the DWI Program.
- 10 teen attorneys took oath in June.
- The H2 Academics Gala is on September 19, 2025. Teen Court will serve food for the gala.
- There is a raffle benefiting H2 Academics currently going on.
- On October 4, 2025, there is a "Get Up and Get Moving event" from 9-1 at Daniel Fernandez Park.
- No new referrals
- Waiting to get funded for the new year.

➤ **Prevention and Enforcement- Ms. Ginny Adame**

○ **Enforcement**

- Working Together on Issues around DWI in Valencia County next Bi-Annual meeting will be held Friday, October 31st, 2025, from 11:00am-1:00pm.
- Previously identified objectives: open communication between DA's Office and Enforcement to ensure proper amount of notice for subpoenas, when DA's office is considering taking a plea or dismissing a case involving enforcement prior for feedback/input, Deputies/Officers providing DA's Office with as much notice as possible for upcoming training/time off, and DA's Office providing court non-attendance to Supervisors to assure accountability.
- Goals for Training: DWI Report writing and the Do's and Don'ts from the DA's Perspective for successful DWI Prosecution, Pre Trial Interview preparation training, DRE/ARIDE training for DA's office (Sgt. Gray has provided some of these trainings already), and SFST's cross department training and now IR9000 training for operators and for the DA's office is a new goal.
- Since the last DWI PC meeting in June 2025, the following operations have taken place with participation from Bosque Farms PD, Belen PD, Los Lunas PD and Valencia County SD: 8/15-8/16 in support of the Belen Fiestas. Officers/Deputies mostly patrolled the parking lots outside the Belen Fiestas on the lookout for any alcohol consumption adults and minors. There were some stats resulting from the joint operations which included : (2) Speeding, (1) No/Expired Registrations, (2) Driving without a Driver's License/Suspended Driver's License, (5) No Seatbelt and (2) Other citations.

○ **Prevention**

- Our program continues to offer the Youth Success Core (YSC). YSC is a Substance Misuse Prevention/Mentoring programming that serves our local youth. The YSC continues to work with: Juvenile Probation, Restorative Justice, Reception and Assessment Center (RAC), and Teen Court for referrals of youth 6th grade-10th grade. The program provides an 8-week curriculum called: Envision Your Future (EYF) + 2 weeks on Alcohol/Media Literacy (10-week total program).

➤ **Compliance- Ms. Lori Kurtz**

- There are currently 205 active clients with 31 under warrant, plus 14 pending intakes.
- Michelle and Lori attended the quarterly Compliance Ad-Hoc Committee meeting in Farmington (San Juan County):
 - 36 CCOs (14 in person, 22 virtually) representing 21 counties
 - 2 guests (MVD and Ignition Interlock Program)
 - Discussed MVD/Interlock issues and working with Tribal courts
 - Attended a suicide prevention training the following day





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- RNR Pilot Project
 - Ongoing with a new AOC project manager
 - Working to finetune each of the quadrants (HR/HN, HR/LN, LR/HN, LR, LN) and hoping to see if the RNR model being used by a court in Missouri will be useful with our program
- Reaccreditation Assessment
 - Three-year term – FY23, FY24, and FY25
 - Assessors were scheduled to be on site September 4th and 5th but were able to complete their assessment in one day. They are submitting their recommendation for reaccreditation to the Professional Standards Council for final approval
 - If approved, we will be awarded our reaccreditation certificate at the 2026 Legislative Conference
- We continue to have challenges with accurate reports from DIMS (client management database); however, we do meet with DIMS twice a month to discuss issues.

Open Discussion

- Possibly have VRECC (Dispatch) attend our next meeting.
- Walk with MADD on October 4 at Johnson's Field at UNM.

There was no motion to adjourn the meeting. The meeting was adjourned at 1:26pm.

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: _____

