

**San Miguel County DWI Planning Council Meeting Minutes**  
**For**  
**May 26, 2016**

**Present:** Ray Collins, Chairperson; Tim Gallegos, Somos Familia; Commander Chris Lopez, Las Vegas Police Dept.; Desiree Martinez, OSAP-NMHU Cares; Rosalie San Miguel Health Council; Bernadine Medina, Amistad y Resolana; Sarah Parson, San Miguel County Detention Center; Twila Quintana, ADA, District Attorney’s Vice Chair; Clarence Romero, NMHU Police Department; Antonio Salazar, SMC Sheriff’s Dept.; Kimberly Valdez-Blea, Dean of Students; Moses Marquez; Tim Gallegos, Somos Familia;

**Guests:** Pete Campos, Senator; Joseph Cruz, Chamber of Commerce; Dana Curtis, OSAP-NMHU Cares; Julian Duran, Blue Cross BlueShield; Norma Vasquez, DFA; Darren Wheat, Luna Community College;

**Absent:** James Esquibel, WLV Truancy Coordinator; Phil Leger, NM State Police; Captain Javier Moncada, NM State Police; Les Montoya, County Manager; Marcellino Ortiz, Commissioner; Commander Eric Padilla, Las Vegas Police Dept; Zabrina Sandoval, Sobriety Court Coordinator

**Staff Present:** Yolanda Cruz, DWI Program Coordinator; Veronica Dimas, Administrative Assistant; Stephanie Leger, Compliance Monitor; Ebeny Mondragon, Prevention Specialist; Monica Padilla, Prevention Specialist;

Agenda Item	Discussion	Follow-Up
	Introductions were made by all Planning Council members and guests.	
<b>1. Call to Order:</b>	Chairperson, Ray Collins called the Planning Council Meeting to order at 11:07 a.m.	
<b>2. Approval of Agenda:</b>	Twila Quintana moved to approve agenda, Second by Kimberly Valdez-Blea, motion passed	
<b>3. Approval of Minutes:</b>	Twila Quintana moved to approve minutes, Second by Kimberly Valdez-Blea, motion passed	
<b>Approval of the Minutes by Chairperson:</b>	Name: _____  Date: _____	
<b>4. Announcements:</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Yolanda introduced Norma Vazquez de Houdek who was attending the meeting for a DFA Site Visit.</li> <li>• Zabrina Sandoval’s last day was May, 20<sup>th</sup> 2016, she is now the Sobriety Court Coordinator. We wish her all the best and send her congratulations.</li> </ul>	

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The County Commission voted to not allow liquor sales at County Fair Grounds. They will move to adopt an ordinance that bans alcohol on-site. Thank you to the planning council for their input and comments, and to Mr. Collins for attending the Commission meeting and speaking on the issue.</li> </ul>
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<p><b>5. Discussion and Input:</b></p>	<p>Senator Campos thanked and appreciated the time to visit with all planning council members and guests. He mentioned at the state level its becoming more difficult to fund programs such as the DWI program because the resources aren't available. He is available and willing to meet individually or in a group setting on this ongoing issue. Mr. Collins stated that punitive laws are hurting families and the economy. It's a local norm to see alcohol consumption at baptism's, graduation's, and first communions. We need to work on changing the mindset of our local youth. Too often we see in our local Las Vegas Optic of the same individuals being convicted of numerous DWI's. Prevention needs to spend more time in the classrooms. Education of seat belt safety worked, also education on smoking is helping because they focus on the kids. The legislation needs to look at additional funding for prevention education, this will help this epidemic. The problem is too big.</p> <p>Senator Campos mentioned many years ago he met with top executives from providers such as Pepsi to discuss how they would remove carbonated beverages from schools and what would replace them. Change will only occur if it is brought to the attention of top executives. In his early twenties, he helped organize an AA program in Santa Rosa for any individuals with alcohol abuse, as well as provided housing for them, if needed. Health care and education are the two main components that need to be strengthened. If everyone is on the same page, Senator Campos will advocate for us on this issue. With change there also comes criticism. As change occurs we need to stand together.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Prevention – Ebony reported on April activities, April 4<sup>th</sup> was the last day of PY/PM at Sapello school with a total of 54 kids. DWI staff attended the Annual Health Fair at Highlands University, a total of 49 individuals trying the go-karts with and without the fatal vision goggles. On April 8<sup>th</sup> the prevention staff participated in a public health fair with 31 individuals visiting the booth. April 9<sup>th</sup> was Pecos prom with a total of 56 students being breathalized. West Las Vegas High School had prom on April 16<sup>th</sup> with</li> </ul>
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a total of 162 students being breathalyzed as they entered and left the prom. The prevention staff also attended the WLW head start resource fair with 90 people attending. Ebony explained how the intoxiclock works. Next school year, prevention will be in almost every local elementary including all WLW, all but one LVCS, Sapello, Villanueva, and Rio Gallinas schools. We are still working on getting Pecos and Paul D. Henry. They will also be in WLW middle school (all grades/all students) and Villanueva middle school. HU Cares will provide the same curriculum at RHS.

- Stephanie gave an update on Compliance numbers: In the month of April a total of 13 new referrals from Magistrate Court. There were 12 new intakes and screenings, 1 case is on appeal. Zabrina filed 5 non-compliances in April, Stephanie had -0- for the month of April. For the month of April we had 228 total clients. Now that we have two compliance monitors, it has been much easier to track clients. Every new client entering the program has been convicted of 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup>, or 3<sup>rd</sup> DWI's here in San Miguel County. The initial intake takes place and all new clients, as well as those who have violated probation, must take a risk assessment to determine if they are high, medium, or low risk. High risk meets with the compliance monitor weekly, medium risk every two weeks, and low risk once a month. By implementing the risk assessment tool, the compliance officers are able to build a rapport with the clients. Consistent support helps clients to want to comply and come in to discuss successes and barriers with their compliance monitor. Two young client's came in to the office seeking rehab.
- Arrests/Convictions – Stephanie gave update of 12 DWI arrests for April, New Mexico State Police II-5, New Mexico State Police I (Pecos)-2, Las Vegas Police Department-5, and San Miguel Sheriff's Department-0. There were a total of 13 misdemeanor convictions reported to us: 12 magistrate, and 1 from district court. NMHU Police had 3 DWI's since December of 2015 one Christmas day, one in January, and one in February.
- Screening/Ancillary – Veronica reported that \$715 was collected in screening fees in February and applied toward screener salary. There was -0- in contributions and -0- donations for the month.
- Evaluation – Yolanda reported that she was able to negotiate with Concha Montano's

contract, we will evaluate the prevention component. Prior to this Concha was evaluating both the prevention and compliance components. The compliance component is utilizing ADE system for reports and information. Most other DWI Programs are only evaluating one component. This will keep us within the amount allocated by the Legislature for evaluation.

- Discussion Question: **Is the process for decision making clear and inclusive of all members?**

The stronger the council and more unique individuals here, for that reason decision making is clear and sometimes voting can be put off until the following meeting. Round Robin gives everyone perspectives and the more voices the stronger we are. Any discussion and input are always welcomed at meeting or by phone/email.

Tim: Interested in learning about modalities being used by providers, interested in possible treatment committee;

Clarence: Suggestion to find opportunities to educate and increase awareness; NMHU alcohol policy will allow tailgates and beer gardens at sporting events;

Sara – Invite prevention and compliance to talk to reintegration center once a month;

Vincent – Invite prevention and compliance to speak to students;

Rosalie – Talk to City departments/employees about DWI; use games at booths;

Joseph – Presentations to tax committee;

Moses – Presentations to youth camps, information at 3 on 3 tournament – June 5<sup>th</sup>;

Bernadine- Would be interested in Sub Committee for treatment.

- Administrative/Coordination - DWI Affiliate & DWI Affiliate & Ad Hoc Committees– Yolanda reported since Zabrina left she has taken on her clients, with help from Stephanie. They recently attended the Compliance Ad Hoc meeting. Programs are working together to standardize data fields and entry into the ADE database. During the month of September, Stephanie will attend the basic compliance monitor training in Santa Fe. Discussion about the legislative fix that stops the clock when a warrant is issued. We have to show due diligence to notify/serve them.
- Safe Ride– Veronica reported that 83 rides were provided in April. 50 males and 33 females utilized the service. Yolanda described the different ways we advertise for

FOLLOW UP ON ALL THESE IDEAS

Legislative outreach and strategy

Safe Ride – radio ads, newspaper insert ads, signage around town and in liquor establishments, pull tabs, cards distributed by drivers.

- Media – Yolanda reported no media at this time, an ad coming out soon in Destinations. Yolanda goes on the radio stations to talk about DWI awareness.
- Budget & Reversion funds – Yolanda provided a budget update 83% of the year passed, 82% of the budget expended.
- Enforcement – NMHU Police reported they were having problems getting DWI citation books, which are specifically issued to law enforcement agencies. They have finally been able to get some. All but one officer has gone through SFSTS and intoxilyzer trainings. NMHU needs assistance with the Memorandum of Understanding between law enforcement agencies. LVPD would like assistance in purchasing mobile intoxilyzers. These mobile intoxilyzer would be used for underage drinking. If purchased this would be used for larger parties, with so many individuals coming in and out it's challenging to do any kind of testing. This time of year is busy for LVPD with all upcoming graduations and proms. Conducting underage drinking operations and Saturation patrols and tomorrow there will be a roadblock. Also LVPD has been partnering with the Sheriff's Department. The Sheriff's department is concentrating on saturation patrols because of the amount of staff. They recently conducted five saturation patrols between the different shifts.
- OSAP – Desiree reported OSAP is prevention coalition. They are working on some focus groups and surveys. Their focus is binge drinking (social host laws) and prescription drug abuse. Numerous environmental strategies are being used there is no direct service assistance. Many youth are obtaining prescription drugs from an elderly family member. A way to restrict access to prescription drugs is providing an individual with the lock box. They recently ordered more lock boxes and have received several calls requesting a lock box. OSAP has received numerous referrals from a doctor about the lock boxes. The perception of safety has gone up among users of the lock boxes. A draft of the parent handbook was passed around. Listed in the tri-fold is the definition of drug abuse, statistics, some of the commonly abused drugs, how to talk to your kids, proper disposal, and a resource page. Desiree introduced Dana who will be working with them. OSAP will be working on more media

Assist with MOU between law enforcement agencies

Purchase mobile Intoxilizers

posters. Bernadine is putting together a community event to help the community learn to not be fearful of law enforcement. Also, looking at doing some type of other community event no date has been set. Invitations will be sent to local agencies. Each agency would be responsible for brainstorming their own activity. Will be collaborating with Luna's AHEC, they may bring or help fund a presenter. OSAP's next meeting on June 15, 2016.

- Sobriety Court – Sobriety court was not able to attend.

**6. New Business**

Kimberly Valdez-Blea moved to approve new members Moses Martinez - LCC, Clarence Romero – NMHU, Tim Gallegos – Somos Familia, Sara Parson – Detention Center; Second by Twila Quintana, motion passed.

The FY16 Grant Amendment tabled for next meeting.

Yolanda reported that the Grant Council asked all programs whether they are collecting all fees allowed by law (screening fees and compliance fees), they are strongly encouraging all programs to implement/collect these. State statute allows compliance fee between \$15-\$50. Discussion was held about finding out how many programs had compliance fees, how much they charge, whether they have sliding scale fees. Judges and the County Commission would also have to be on board, as a County ordinance needs to be adopted and judges are the only ones who can order such a fee.

Kimberly Valdez-Blea made a motion to consider the compliance fees be with a sliding scale after all consultation with all groups mentioned, Second by Bernadine Medina, motion passed.

HSD will be making another attempt to legislatively move DWI under them. Yolanda would like everyone's input whether supporting or not supporting this change. Twila Quintana moved to oppose moving DWI Planning Council under HSD, seconded by Bernadine Medina, motion passed.

Twila Quintana moved to approve meeting schedule with November meeting changed to

November 17, 2016, Second by Kimberly Valdez-Blea, motion passed.

**7. Round Robin**

Ray – Thank you, amazed to see more people here and new people  
Clarence –Thanks for the invite, I was told to be here. Looking forward to working with you and using your resources.  
Twila- Great to see everyone, thank you Norma for being here, any input from you would be greatly appreciated.  
Desiree- Thanks everyone for their support for our coalition and I like the collaboration  
Chris-I did hear a lot today for the push for awareness, I would like to invite all of you to the San Miguel Substance abuse meetings. That goes hand in hand with the prevention part.  
Antonio- I’m new I appreciate everyone’s ideas and listening to my ideas, and I will relay them to Undersheriff Madrid  
Darren-Thank you for the invite, and I will see you next month. Invitation to work with Luna  
Joseph- Thank you guys for the invite, Chambers has a new team now going to move forward with awareness and mobilization.  
Stephanie- Thank you all for coming appreciate all the new faces  
Bernadine- Thank you  
Julian– The input was great.  
Moses- Thank you for inviting me and allowing me to be part of this committee I look forward to working with all of you  
Sarah- Thank you all for your work. Yolanda thank you for including the jail  
Dana- Thank you. Developing a youth council where they would bring up issues bothering them for discussion.  
Kimberly-Thank you everybody for all the work you do your all helping to make our community a better place  
Norma-Thanks for the invite, this is such an impressive team and thank you all for what you do for your community  
Yolanda- Thank you for your time and participation  
Veronica- Thank you everyone for coming

	Ebeny- Haven't attended a meeting in a while good to see new faces and everyone Monica-Thank you everyone for taking time out of your schedule to be here.	
<b>8. Adjournment</b>	Motion to Adjourn meeting was made by Kimberly Valdez-Blea, second by Twila Quintana, adjournment at 1:28. Next meeting June 30, 2016.	