

San Miguel County DWI Planning Council Meeting Minutes
For
July 21, 2016

Present: Ray Collins, Chairperson; Commander Chris Lopez, Las Vegas Police Dept.; Desiree Martinez, OSAP-NMHU Cares; Rosalie Martinez, San Miguel County Community Health Council; Bernadine Medina, Amistad y Resolana; Captain Javier Moncada, NM State Police; Commander Eric Padilla, Las Vegas Police Dept; Twila Quintana, ADA, District Attorney’s, Vice Chair; Zabrina Sandoval, Sobriety Court Coordinator;

Guests: Victoria Baca, Rio Grande; Latasha Burbank, OSAP-NMHU Cares; Pete Campos, Senator; Dana Curtis, OSAP-NMHU Cares; Mike Hays, Rio Grande; Cheif Pete Kassetas NM State Police; Rodney Perea, SMC Sheriff’s Dept.; Valentina White, NMBOH;

Absent: James Esquibel, WLV Truancy Coordinator; Tim Gallegos, Somos Familia; Phil Leger, NM State Police; Les Montoya, County Manager; Marcellino Ortiz, Commissioner; Clarence Romero, NMHU Police Department; Kimberly Valdez-Blea, Dean of Students;

Staff Present: Yolanda Cruz, DWI Program Coordinator; Michelle Cordova, Compliance Monitor; Veronica Dimas, Administrative Assistant; Ebeny Mondragon, Prevention Specialist;

Agenda Item	Discussion	Follow-Up
1. Call to Order:	Chairperson, Ray Collins called the Planning Council Meeting to order at 11:10 a.m.	
2. Approval of Agenda:	Twila Quintana moved to approve agenda with the changes stated, Second by Bernadine Medina, motion passed	
3. Approval of Minutes:	No formal motion passed unofficial notes for the month of June no quorum and corrections needed, also needing approval for the month of May minutes.	
Approval of the Minutes by Chairperson:	Name: _____ Date: _____	

<p>4. Announcements:</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Yolanda introduced Amber Valencia who is student youth worker. She will be working with our office for the next four weeks. • Yolanda thanked Chief Kassetas for presenting; Domino’s and Paige Medina for donating Pizza; Kirra S., Kaidyn M., Kassie M., Kendall M., for participating on the radio ad.
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<p>5. Presentation:</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Introductions were made by all Planning Council members and guests. • Pete Campos thanked Mr. Collins for being part of the DWI planning council and for advocating on behalf of the state of New Mexico his voice and passion for awareness has made a difference. The work everyone here does including Yolanda, Chief Kassetas, and the Planning Council is serious and does save lives. Keep the basics at the forefront such as one drink can set you over the legal limit. The educational aspect is important, share knowledge amongst each other whether it be through training or just personal experience. As we all mature through the various stages of our lives, some people indicate that they have the answers, energy, and that they are able to make a difference. To those individuals who have the training and experience, combine this maturity to continue to prevent DWI incidents. Some individuals may have heard that there is a request and concern for a special session. The books for the last fiscal year will be closed in the middle of the month of August. We are experiencing a \$150 million-\$200 million dollars, of un-paid vouchers. The issue being we don’t have the authority to make sure those vouchers are honored. So we go into special session and take some of our existing reserves from the tobacco settlement fund. Available in this fund is about \$230 million. We are now exhausting resources that we have in other existing funds. As we move forward it’s crucial to get the message out there to the community. We want to ensure for funding purposes this is one of our priority’s not only for NMSP or the Public Safety Department but a priority for our region. We want to ensure that our families and community are safe. From here on reach out and tie in the outreach and have your voices heard. Voice this issue on local radio stations, local newspapers, and through Facebook but do it in a positive way because alcoholism is an illness. As we move forward the things that can happen are devastating not only to families but to our community. I applaud Chief Kassetas
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and Captain Moncada, these individuals could have choose different careers, they could have stayed in their communities to raise their families. These individuals sacrifice so much by leaving their home communities around the state to spend numerous time dealing with the travesties that are out there. We should continue to thank law enforcement for their hard work, honesty, and integrity. It's important to have private public partnerships, the relationship that we have with law enforcement is essential. All the work every one of you do is helping New Mexico to be a safer state.

- Chief Pete Kassetas those of us in uniform stepped up to a higher calling, this is a passion for you as it for us to combat this issue head on. I started with NMSP in 1992 in Grants which was then a sub district of Gallup. In the early 90's the crash rates for alcohol related crashes were through the roof. At that time I was a young naïve police men thinking we need all the money and resources because I thought arrests are what matters. I've come to the realization that we cannot arrest our way out of this problem. Groups or Council's such as these are important. There's no way for law enforcement to do this on their own. I looked at some of your numbers, on the handout and noticed a total of intakes for 1st offenders with a total 67. I'm not sure over what time frame this quarter consists of but this should be the first point of intervention. I often tell the legislative body I drive by treatment facilities and I don't see a line out the door. There aren't many people who enter treatment centers without being admitted. My daughter works in Ruidoso I often worry about someone who is intoxicated hitting her. I know many of you who have children can relate to my worries. It takes that intervention front level with law enforcement and prosecution to get these individuals into programs that you all administer, hopefully then after they don't re-offend. I find irony in the laws that have recently been passed. We often encourage the legislation to stiffen the penalties but in most cases are efforts are attacked or countered. There thinking is skewed, I want to take them to a crash scene and let them see a DWI accident. This year alone NMSP has arrested about 1200 DWI offenders, crash rates are down. I was asked to testify against uber, which I didn't do, I've used the service before it's a good service and one approach to not drinking and driving. A recent law passed that states after 8 or more DWI's it becomes a second

degree felony. Any individual who has been convicted of DWI this many times clearly being arrested is not working, your beyond the point of treatment, so the only way to protect the community would be to incarcerate this person. When I came on in the early 90's law enforcement was very territorial. It's great to see the County Sheriff's Department here and LVPD , we don't always get along or agree on everything but we are all here for the same reason to be peace keepers. That's has been forgotten in this time right now with everything going on with law enforcement on the national front and here in New Mexico. With that said it's not a competition this is a group effort between other law enforcement entities. I have 650 officers right now, and I often sit awake at night I have that feeling that the next morning I'm going to wake up and they are all going to quit. Groups like this support law enforcement, give us any type of guidance because we don't know everything. An eye-opener for me was when I was a Major at the time, and one of my officer's was struggling with alcoholism. It was a struggle to find him a treatment facility because of certain requirements. I had no idea if not done correctly alcohol withdrawal a person could die. This individual landed up losing his job and last year lost his life to alcohol. We couldn't get him the help he needed, and we had to move on as an agency. Yes all these individuals drinking and driving need to be arrested but there's more to it. How do we stop this ongoing issue? I thank you for letting me come and address the group.

- How do we strengthen the work to reduce DWI's?

Print pamphlets about treatment providers and a better understanding of alcoholism. Give this information to local and state law enforcement whenever there happens to be checkpoints maybe handout information about treatment provider's, statistics about DWI, or the cost of a DWI. The driver who is given this information may not be drinking but possibly have a family member or friend who is unaware of services for alcoholism in the area. Individuals are unaware of all the consequences when being convicted of DWI from losing a job to trying to find a job, and the cost for a first offender. We will be more proactive as to letting Planning Council members know when we will be in the local schools. Look at implementing every time an individual renews their license they also take a DWI course. Desiree reported that she saw in the community survey there is a low

perception of consequences. It's a cultural norm in this community to drink for any occasion. A card with information for outreach would be a good idea, time is limited at a check point there's no real way to hold up these individuals. More information for DUI's geared towards marijuana. Different ways for prevention of another DWI is the scam unit. Individuals with the interlocks in their vehicle's still consume alcohol there are gaps in the system. Educate families about alcohol and children about interlocks.

Yolanda discussed the upcoming Strategic Planning meeting that will be held on Thursday, August 25th, 2016 from 8:30am-1:00pm at the NMHU Student Union Building Room 321.

Desiree gave an update from OSAP the end of the year report was recently turned in and will be adding three new strategies one for alcohol and minors, the other two will be on prescription drugs. Also discussing a take back that would be held on October 22,2016.

LVPD reported four or five DWI's for the 4th of July weekend. NMSP had two DWI arrests the same weekend. The upcoming weekend is the Mora Fiestas and there will be Saturation Patrols out. The weekend of the Biker Rally NMSP will be assisting LVPD.

Twila Quintana made a motion to approve new member Joseph Cruz-Chamber of Commerce, and table Vincent Chavez-NMHU Athletics until status on Planning Council is determined; Second by Desiree Martinez, motion passed.

Yolanda reported on FY17 Grant Agreement we got budgeted on the same level for this fiscal year so the new grant went into place on the 21st.

6. New Business

No new business.

7. Round Robin

Captain Moncada- Thank you for coming up I appreciate it, our facility is open for meetings like this, and I like forward to continue to work with you

Veronica-Thank you everyone for attending

Valentina-Thank you again for allowing us to attend, a lot of great information today and I think that I can keep my eyes and ears out open for additional resources.

Latasha- Brainstorming and shooting ideas off of each other is good.

Desiree-I like the layout, and thank you for all you've done for us.

Bernadine-Thank you for having us here, and information you need from Amistad and will more than happy to share that.

Dana-Thank you again a lot of good information, maybe for repeat offenders you could have an in home interlock. One of my relatives had an in home interlock and it helped a lot.

Zabrina- Thank you for having me it's me first meeting since I've been the Sobriety Court Coordinator.

Ebeny- Thanks everyone for coming, and thank you for hosting us, and I can't wait to tour the building.

Amber-Nice to meet everyone and thank you for having me.

Rosalie- Thank you for including me in everything and allowing my granddaughters to be on the radio. It was really nice and they finished with ten to fifteen minutes. They did a great job.

Michelle- A suggestion to get someone from the CYFD office here.

Mike-Thanks again this has been very informative, really interest in the cultural standards in this community, sounds like a lot of good work happening with law enforcement. What are some positive things we can? I don't have an answer I'm just starting to think about it. Thanks

Victoria- Thank you for having me here, I will be at the next meeting.

Rodney- Thank you for allowing me to be on your planning council. I have a lot of knowledge just from attending this meeting, thank you.

Commander Chris Lopez- It's a group effort to fix the problem, but I think with the collaboration we have , we are able to share ideas. Every community has its own set of specific circumstances I think it's important that we have these types of groups around the state to help fix this problem.

Twila- Coming from a position of multiple views and multiple perspectives makes us much

stronger. Dr. Campos thank you for being here. I think that it's important that there is a tie and connection with a person in the legislature. Great to have the Chief here.

Yolanda-

Pete Campos-As we go forward as a group and a community. The number one issue where we can make a big difference, is outreach that we provide. Work on outreach with the media and each other and within the community. I have taken several of the suggestions to the state level and trying to implement those ideas. As we move forward are hopes are that in a short period of time your work pays off in this area. We need to get the magistrate judges to the meetings.

Yolanda-Thank everyone for their attendance. Thank you Mr. Campos and Chief Kassetas

Mr. Collins- Thank you Yolanda and Mr. Campos for putting this meeting together. This group is getting bigger. Thanks again

8. Adjournment

Motion to Adjourn meeting was made by, second by, adjournment at 12:58. Next meeting August 25, 2016.