



**DWI PLANNING COUNCIL MEETING**  
**Wellness Center**  
**March 23, 2016**  
**12:05 pm**

EXECUTIVE MEMBERS PRESENT:

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| Robert Mundy   | John Chavez           | Ragon Espinoza |
| Stephen Chavez | Violeta Lopez-Unzueta | Ryan Gray      |
| Jesus Garay    | Lisa Valenzuela       | Carol Claus    |

EXECUTIVE MEMBERS ABSENT:

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| John Paul Gallegos | Dan Robb |
| Bart Regelbrugge   |          |

GENERAL MEMBERSHIP:

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| Stefanie Baca     | Miles Tafoya        | Diana Good        |
| Jeff Gordon       | Jesse Graham        | Valerie Henderson |
| Esther Padilla    | Alexandria Taylor   | Ginny Adame       |
| Andrew Magida     | Angela Ramirez      | Ellyn Thompson    |
| Rachel Martinez   | Jennifer Sandoval   | Cynthia Ferrari   |
| Andrea Grossetete | Tina Garcia         |                   |
| Lori Kurtz        | Adrian Spotted Bird |                   |

President, Robert Mundy, opened meeting at 12:05pm; Self-introductions.

Review and approval December 16<sup>th</sup>, 2015 minutes. Ms. Lori advised that newly elected executive board member Stephen Chavez was not added to minutes. Motion to approve minutes as amended by John Chavez; 2<sup>nd</sup> by Andrew Magida; All in favor. Approved.

Review and approval of agenda. Motion to approve agenda by John Chavez. 2<sup>nd</sup> by Carol Claus; All in favor. Approved.

**New Business:**

**Presentation by CWC on Health Priorities (CWC Board):**

- Ginny Adame opened presentation with background on The Community Wellness Council (CWC). Ms. Ginny reported that the community voted on top issues to be addressed, from that came three top priority areas:
  - Prevention/Enforcement of substance abuse and the problems/harms associated with substance abuse;
    - CWC can work with community partners in city/county govt. along with mental health care agencies, to develop create community mental health services.
    - Increase such care for children, youth, and adults.
  - Increasing access to health care and effective mental health care;
    - CWC can work with community partners in city, county, and school board govt., along with health care agencies to provide school based health/wellness centers in all county schools.
  - Reduce adverse childhood experiences, and other resources that positively impact the health, wellness, safety, and lives of those who live, work, and visit Valencia county;
    - Increase local mentor programs.

Ms. Ginny gave background information on “Kids at Hope” and how it first began:

- First used in 1993 for at risk youth
- Focus on Adverse Childhood Experiences (ACEs)
  1. Abuse – Emotional, Physical, and Sexual
  2. Neglect – Emotional and Physical
  3. Family Dysfunction – Substance abuse, mental illness, household violence, separation/divorce, and incarceration.

**FY 2017 Legislative Session Outcomes** – Ms. Ginny Adame advised:

- Ms. Ginny started with thanking community leaders Judge John R. Chavez and Judge Tina R. Garcia for support, she continued with legislative updates:
  - HB 302 – proposed to switch county run DWI programs to state run programs. This would change the entire structure of local programs. HSD has suffered from funding cuts so the switch would create more funding for them. For the time this bill did not pass, but possible to come back next session;
  - SB 118 – increased penalties for DWI related death, offender will now receive highest punishment;
  - Uber – Governor Martinez supports use of ride service. This services has helped reduce drinking and driving;

**On-Going Business:**

**YDI/Teen Court/Alcohol Density Youth Coalition Update** – Mr. Stephen Chavez reported:

- Teen Court is now working with the local high schools. There is still a need for participation from D.A's office. Judge Tina R. Garcia also encouraged participation from community.
- The Youth Coalition at School of Dreams Academy (SODA) has been working on writing by laws;
- Youth volunteers asking for ink cartridge donations to raise money for trip to The Law Institute in Washington.

**Drug Court** – Mr. Ragon Espinoza reported:

- 17 clients of 30 possible participants (Matrix of 30);
- Community attention gained from article featured on front page of VC News Bulletin;
- Court to Schools will be held next at Los Lunas High School April 14<sup>th</sup>, 2016.

**District Attorney's Office** – Mr. Andrew Magida and Mr. Jeff Gordon reported:

- Continued work on gathering detailed facts/statistics, all information gathered will need to be reviewed and approved by Ron Lopez before released.
- New A.D.A Ms. Mary McCrery will be working in Belen Magistrate on misdemeanor DWI cases.

**Valencia Shelter Services (VSS)** – Ms. Alexandria Taylor reported:

- Information about BIP groups available at Wellness Center, informative video played for better understanding of what is learned in class;
- Teen Dating Violence was recently presented at Rio Grande High school, students given Q&A;
- VSS awarded contract to manage the Children's Advocacy Center (CAC) for the next 4 years. This provides stability in program as they work towards accreditation.

**Prevention/Enforcement** – Ms. Ginny Adame reported:

- Prevention:
  - Limited resources available;
  - NMSP saturation patrol;
    - 2 hours patrol
    - 1 felony arrest
    - 0 DWI arrest (Toby LaFave was not on patrol)
- Enforcement:
  - There has been 4 operations since December;
    - 1 Felony arrest
    - 2 BW arrest
    - 9 speeding citations
    - 4 no seat belt citations
  - Lisa Valenzuela added, DWI enforcement unit will be formed in LLPD soon. There will be one Sergeant and one patrol officer.
  - Jesus Garay added; IPD has moved around officers for DWI patrols in different areas of the pueblo. Since the change they have had a 3:00pm arrest for DWI offense.
  - Underage drinking party;
    - 4 minors tested with BAC levels

- No open containers visible to make arrests
- Prom – there will be five (5) high schools and participation from local movie theater to give prom goers a place to go after dance. Entry will be free for the night.

**Compliance – Ms. Lori Kurtz reported:**

- Quarterly Compliance meeting was held with the Judges, court staff, DAs office, Valencia Shelter Services and Compliance Staff. Judge John R. Chavez provided explanation of new Legislation State v. Begay HB 296 on reversed appeal which allows courts to toll time. Only district courts had this power prior to reversal;
- Ms. Lori advised that APPO will no longer supervise misdemeanors that do not meet qualifications for program.
  - It has been suggested that VC DWI program supervise these cases with the possibility that new CM officer be hired. DWI cases would have to be top number of cases for funding purposes.
  - Judge John R. Chavez added that the majority, if not all misdemeanor cases, have a underlying substance abuse issue.
- Ms. Lori advised that Valencia Shelter Services (VSS) will be added as a referral source for misdemeanor cases that require an assessment for the root cause of the defendant’s offense. Additionally, VSS currently uses the HEEL method for their 52-week Batterer’s Intervention Program (BIP).
- Ms. Lori provided information for Advocacy in Action conference attended by CM staff. Conference had a lot of focus on self-awareness and maintaining good health to continue work.

**Alternative Sentencing/RMOMS – RMOMS staff was not present**

- Ms. Lori provided a brief introduction of RMOMS for those who are present for meeting, but not familiar with the services they provide.
- Judge John R. Chavez added; \$1.3 million has been over spent at VCDC for housing inmates. Since the MOU between VCDC and RMOMS has been in effect they are now able to release defendants to be supervised by RMOMS (UAs and electronic/alcohol monitoring.)

**Treatment – Ms. Ellyn Thompson reported:**

- Ms. Ginny announced Ms. Ellyn’s retirement on April 1<sup>st</sup> and thanked Ms. Ellyn for her time spent with the DWI Program. Her absence will be missed;
- Ms. Ellyn introduced newly hired LADAC Jennifer Sandoval to the group;
- Treatment participant numbers have decreased:
  - 30 clients;
  - 10 graduated successfully;
  - 6 unsuccessful;
- Ms. Ellyn added: Meth abusers and women have been coming through the program more frequently as of late;
- Ms. Angela Ramirez thanked Ms. Ellyn for all her hard work and guidance throughout the years.

**Open Discussion/Topics for Next Agenda:**

- Father Robert Mundy wanted to acknowledge that offender numbers are decreasing.

President Robert Mundy called for motion to adjourn. Motion by John R. Chavez. No opposition, meeting adjourned.

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Reviewed and Approved By DWI Planning Council:

Dated: \_\_\_\_\_

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