



**DWI Planning Council  
Meeting Minutes  
February 11th, 2016  
12:30 PM  
MATS Facility  
5901 Zuni Street SE**

**Voting Members:**

Billy Baldwin  
Sam Howarth  
Harris Silver, MD  
Ben Lewinger  
Keith Hartnett  
Thomas Scharmen  
Rose Sena  
Sylvia Sarate

**Guests:**

Ruben Garcia  
Phil Baca

**Non-Voting Members:**

Elena Rodriguez  
Beatrice Medina

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**1. CALL TO ORDER**

The meeting was called to order at 12:30 pm by Chair Baldwin.

**2. APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

Motion to approve agenda offered by Hartnett, seconded by Sarate and approved.

**3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

- **January 14, 2016**-Motion to approve offered by Lewinger, seconded by Sena and approved.
- **January 21, 2016**-Motion to approve offered by Lewinger, seconded by Sena and approved.

**4. NEW BUSINESS**

**a. Discussion: HB302, Transferring funding from DFA to Health Services Division**

Chair Baldwin presented HB302, which would transfer funding from DFA to the State's Health Services Division. Council members asked what the reasoning was behind this request. After brief discussion, there really wasn't a definitive answer on why. It was later determined that the bill had died in committee and would not be passed this year.

Hartnett requested that Director Hotrum or Fran please try to get more background information to pass on to the Council. Scharmen expressed that maybe since HSD handles behavioral health issues, they feel it would be beneficial for them to be the funding agency. Dr. Silver also agreed to try to get more information. Hartnett asked if was possible for Michael Baldwin from DFA to attend a meeting to discuss the funding elements and possibly give some background on this bill. Elena agreed to pass the request to Director Hotrum and Fran for consideration. Hartnett again stated that the Council just wants clarification on what they control funding wise. Scharmen also requested an overview of the mil levy—how/when/where funding goes. Dr. Silver stated there is also a 1/8 cent GRT that funds these programs, but there is a task force that is making decisions on how the funding will be spent.

**b. Discussion: Safe Teen NM, Hikers, Bikers and Automobiles Pedestrian and Cyclist Safety Documentary**

Elena distributed a flyer regarding release of the Safe Teen NM, Hikers, Bikers and Automobiles Pedestrian and Cyclist Safety Documentary on March 4<sup>th</sup> at Kimo Theatre. She stated that the County is requesting RSVP's from those that plan on attending. They will be presenting an award for all sponsors so any representation will be appreciated. We need to determine who will accept the award as well. Council members agreed to RSVP as soon as possible.

**5. Old Business**

**a. Attendance and Quorums**

Reports were distributed regarding attendance.

**b. Next meeting**

Next regular meeting will be held March 10th, 2016.

**6. Public Comment**

Chair Baldwin asked for suggestions for the next meeting. Lewinger stated that he'd like to see structure for formation of subcommittees within the Council. Hartnett stated it was important because it would help members to better understand different facets of the Program and also would decrease the need for monthly meetings. We may be more effective if the work is already done and then we meet, he stated. Scharmen suggested that ad hoc committees may work better than standing committees. Howarth also asked that Director Hotrum be present at the next meeting to discuss budget issues, give an update on HB302 and update on the planned distribution of revenue from the County's 1/8 of a cent GRT. Chair Baldwin agreed that those items would be on March agenda.

Hartnett asked Phil Baca with Designated Driver on Demand how business was going. Do you see a change in public utilization of your services? Phil stated that their membership is growing but the number of calls has recently been decreasing, a lot of that in part to use of Uber. It's cheaper to use if it's occasional and they are flooding the city with drivers. Chair Baldwin stated that he likes the idea that individuals are being picked up...it's definitely safer for our community regardless of who does it. Phil

stated that majority of his clients come from restaurants, not bars. We are working on an app that will allow us to provide services to non-members as well, he said. Statistics and the need for DWI enforcement was also briefly discussed.

**7. Adjournment**

Meeting adjourned at 1:20 p.m.



**SUBMITTED BY:**

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**Elena Rodriguez**

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**Date**

**APPROVED BY:**

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**Billy Baldwin, Chair**

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**Date**