



**DWI Planning Council
Meeting Minutes
June 11th, 2015
12:30 PM
MATS Facility
5901 Zuni Street SE**

Voting Members:

Sylvia Sarate
Billy Baldwin
Harris Silver, MD
Keith Hartnett
Thomas Scharmen
Linda Son Stone
Sam Howarth
Rose Sena

Guests:

Ruben Garcia

Non - Voting Members:

Katrina Hotrum
Fran Martinez-Romero
Elena Rodriguez

1. CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 12:35 pm by Chair Sarate.

2. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

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

3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

- **March, 2015**-Motion to approve offered by Hartnett, seconded by Howarth and approved.
- **April, 2015**- Motion to approve offered by Hartnett, seconded by Howarth and approved.
- **May 2015**- Motion to approve offered by Hartnett, seconded by Dr. Silver and approved.

4. NEW BUSINESS

a. Approval of FY16 Meeting Schedule

Motion to approve FY16 meeting schedule offered by Dr. Silver, seconded by Scharmen and approved. Meetings will continue to be held on 2nd Thursday of each month.

b. Officer Elections---Chair and Vice Chair

Chair Sarate quickly introduced and welcomed new member Rosé Sena. She asked that all in attendance briefly introduce themselves to Rose.

Chair Sarate stated that they needed to hold Officer Elections. Keep in mind that you do have to be a Commission Representative to be Chair/Vice Chair. I've been Chair for 6 years total so I'm ready to pass that title on to another member, she stated.

Chair Sarate then nominated Baldwin for Chair, seconded by Howarth and approved. Dr. Silver nominated Howarth for Vice-Chair, seconded by Scharmen and approved.

The question arose that what happens if both Chair/Vice-Chair are out? How is that handled? Fran stated she was not sure but would check into it.

c. Roster Update

Chair Sarate briefly reviewed the roster. Right now we have one member for Commissioner Art De La Cruz to appoint. Hartnett stated he had made a recommendation to the Commissioner.

5. Public Comment

Hartnett explained to Sena that their basic role was to evaluate certain groups and their programs that are in place to determine their effectiveness. Our hope is that the funding received is making a difference in DWI, whether its prevention or treatment. He encouraged her to ask questions and engage in discussions. Chair Sarate stated that we do bring the providers before us to update us on their programs as well. We are dealing with a \$6.8M dollar budget...we need to make sure that funding is being spent well, Hartnett stated.

Ruben thanked everyone for possibly utilizing his media services. Fran stated that an application was submitted for TSB funding for this advertising, however, we won't know if we're awarded anything until July sometime. Last year we weren't able to start until November. The emphasis will be Tavern Taxi and Be Above the Influence advertising.

Hartnett asked how approval of the budget was going. Fran stated that she had attended the DWI Grant Council meeting last month and we were approved. We are working now to get all the grants entered into the system so payroll can transition over, we are getting our contracts executed and then in July, I'm hoping to provide you with final numbers on our grants. I will also provide FY16 Budget sheets for replacements in your manuals.

Howarth asked some of the members if they remembered a presentation awhile back on an application from an organization called "Right Turns". It was an NIH Clinical Trial, he stated. The Professor that did that presentation has asked if he could give us another presentation on a new application. This application is web based and targeted at first time DWI offenders. The theory behind the testing is that people whom just got caught DWI are in an interesting place psychologically. Now, will they or will they not change their behavior when it involves drinking? Howarth stated that he really did not know a lot details about the program but wanted to see if the Council was interested in a presentation. Fran stated that although the budgets are set for FY16, the County can look at programs that may be of value to residents. After discussion, the Council agreed to the presentation.

Howarth asked if we ever considered using Uber. Wouldn't it be cheaper to use Uber versus Tavern Taxi? Maybe we should have Uber present and see what type of discounts they would offer stated Baldwin. Uber is a web based ride service that picks up riders at their request. They send the nearest driver to pick you up. The identification of the person, the car they drive, all that information is sent to the patron for safety purposes. Just from an economic standpoint, I think we should consider it stated Howarth.

Scharmen again requested information on the Council member attendance issue. According to policy, if a member misses 3 or more consecutive meetings, they should be considered resigned. Who is monitoring this? Can you make us aware of those members that are not attending regularly? Fran stated that the County Manager's Office requires us to report attendance monthly. We send a spreadsheet after each meeting, she stated. The Manager's office then reports attendance issues to the County Commissioners. From that point, it is determined if they will send them a letter thanking them for their service (which I've never seen happen) or they'll contact them to inquire on their interest. Director Hotrum stated that she hasn't seen them invoke the right to remove someone from the Council. She asked if they would like to put on the agenda a section on Quorums/Attendance and the Council agreed that would be a good idea. Director Hotrum agreed to check on the process and report back to them.

Hartnett asked if Michael Baldwin from DFA had done site visits and what were the results? Fran stated that did occur, he did not give any feedback on issues or concerns. Director Hotrum stated that he did say we were a model program in the state but we were having some issues with the adolescent piece over at YSC. We are looking at ways to expand the scope of service that they could use. Overall, he is very pleased with the programs.

Chair Sarate again asked what happens if both the Chair and Vice-Chair are out for a meeting. She suggested that the outgoing Chair take over. Son Stone asked if proxy could be used, to which Fran replied yes. Fran stated that they could always use conference call when necessary as well.

Director Hotrum that there was a Liquor Tax Summit going on and some of the prevention providers and United Way are working on eventually putting legislation together to instill a liquor excise tax of between .05 and up to .25 cents per drink, which

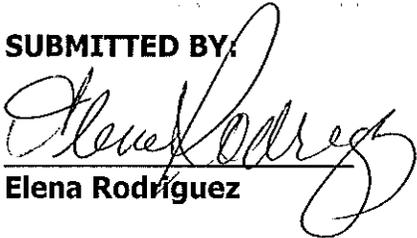
would generate millions of dollars that would go back to serving different types of programs focusing on prevention mainly. Our position at this point is to listen. We are not making any statements at this time. My thoughts are that yes I would love to have additional money, however, some of the pushback I was giving was please don't allocate where/how we can spend the money. We should be allowed to use the money for heroin addiction as an example, not just for prevention. We should be able to decide where best the funding would be spent, not just earmarked for certain things. The group has asked for our vote but we have abstained so far. The more information we know, the more I can give you. Director Hotrum agreed to forward the Council any information she has.

6. Adjournment

Meeting adjourned at 1:30 p.m.



SUBMITTED BY:


Elena Rodriguez

7/9/15
Date

APPROVED BY:


Billy Baldwin, Chair

7/9/15
Date