



**DWI Planning Council
Meeting Minutes
September 10th, 2015
12:30 PM
MATS Facility
5901 Zuni Street SE**

Voting Members:

Billy Baldwin
Sam Howarth
Sylvia Sarate
Analee Maestas
Linda Son Stone
Rose Sena

Guests:

Ruben Garcia
Phil Baca
Frank Magourilos

Non - Voting Members:

Carl Broach
Fran Martinez-Romero
Elena Rodriguez

1. CALL TO ORDER

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

2. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Fran requested amendment to agenda to include approval of FY15 Distribution Reversal Funding application. Motion to approve amended agenda offered by Howarth, seconded by Sarate and approved.

3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

- **August, 2015**-Motion to approve offered by Sarate, seconded by Maestas and approved.

4. NEW BUSINESS

a. FY15 Distribution Reversal Funding Application

Fran stated that they would be presenting the budget and application in an effort to recoup an FY15 reversion to the state in the amount of \$381,999. Attributing to this reversion amount were things such as savings on salaries and overages on the grant distribution amount. This also included the money reimbursed to us by MADD as discussed last month. We are now reapplying for this funding under the DWI Grant, and as required, 65% of the grant allocation must be utilized for treatment. That being said,

the application will be submitted with \$330K to be used for treatment and \$51,999 to be used for prevention.

Frank presented use of the prevention component of the application. One of the things that we are consistently asked for when speaking on "Be Above the Influence" is if we have curriculum available. Patricia Rael and I have developed the curriculum. It is a 3 session curriculum mainly for high school students but can be used in mid school. The first session will talk to youth about what alcohol does to the young body/brain. It will have small videos, exercises, social media, etc. The second session will be tying in the effects of alcohol on the body to the "Be Above the Influence" campaign. What does it mean? In the third session, students will put together a bucket list of things they would like to experience. What would be fun to do? Some examples are kayaking, learning how to fly planes, hot air ballooning. What could they learn without being under the influence of drugs and alcohol. There is a fourth component to this curriculum. We are already engaging the business community with some ideas on how to teach and involve youth—the goal is to have this youth population actually go out and do/learn some of what these businesses do. Our proposal is for 500 youth to go through this program at a cost of \$50K. Baldwin asked if this was the cost of just the curriculum, to which Frank responded yes. Howarth expressed concern about the follow through with the fourth component....how are we going to know if these students actually did some of the things on their bucket list? Frank stated that those are issues that still needed to be worked out. We don't want to take ownership of going with the students to do these things strictly because of the liability. What we are doing is developing a list of partners that will do this and after completion of the curriculum, we will direct the students to those facilities. We will then follow up to see if they actually went. The Council asked many questions to which Frank thanked them and responded that they were in the very early stages of this project and these things will need to be considered.

Fran then stated that we also intend to fund \$1,999 to the Bernalillo County Environmental Health Dept. for co-sponsorship of the 2015 Youth Jam. Frank stated that we would purchase "Be Above the Influence" backpacks for the youth involved. With this funding included, that would be the \$51,999 proposed in the grant application for prevention.

Carl then presented use of the treatment component of the application. The face of our industry has changed, he stated. When the Affordable Healthcare Act started paying for services for clients, services which we already provided, we decided that we needed to address those things. Question was: why we should be paying for these services when there was already an existing funding source. It made us realize that we needed to change as the business changed. One thing it has done is that MCO's are now doing health risk assessments for individuals. The current trend is that most of the counseling staff is leaving to work for these MCO's, which pay much higher than most government agencies. Because of this, we are having trouble filling Counselor positions. We at one time had 16 counselors, we now have 6. This is causing us to have to change how we do things. Howarth asked why we couldn't use the reverted amount discussed earlier to pay better. Carl stated that the change would have to be made county-wide and that's not easy to do. Fran stated there would need to be justification for increases in pay, such as addition of duties assigned. Carl said we just can't commit to higher wages

because who knows what will happen with future funding. Howarth replied that funding will more than likely increase, not decrease. There is a big push to pump up Medicaid rates and if that happens, you will see increase. Carl said we use primarily LADAC's and we have problems keeping them. We can't afford Master's level counselors. It is going to be an ongoing issue. One of the options we are looking at is how we can already engage the Counselors we already have at NMHU and utilize them for some of the things we use our Counselors for. We are looking at it from this perspective: if the MCO's are paying for Intensive Outpatient services and we are currently paying NMHU for those same services, then we aren't doing due diligence with this funding. In reality, we now need to rescope NMHU, take them out of the IOP realm and utilize them for counseling services. It helps us and gets us out of duplicating services. That being said, our current system does have some flaws that need to be fixed before that happens. We are currently looking at our Community Addiction Program. We do fidelity studies there, making sure we are offering what we say we offer. We do this by group observation, primarily done by a Counselor through one way glass. The problem is, we don't have audio capabilities. What we are attempting to do with updated software is have video/audio capability that divides into several screens. We will be able to provide observation for multiple courses, freeing up other staff members to expand our services. Baldwin asked what specifically was being looked at. Carl responded that adherence to the structure that is in place. We developed 24 concepts that represent the 24 weeks of treatment. We need to maintain and adhere to the fidelity of our treatment modality. We feel this software will help us do that. Baldwin stated that \$200K is quite high for software but understands that this is what most counseling services use. Carl reiterated that we need to be able to monitor our services. Of the \$330K proposed for treatment, \$130K will be used to revamp our counseling services with NMHU, the balance of \$200K will be used for the software. Fran stated that the NMHU funding will be in lieu of the funding they already receive. We will no longer continue funding the continuing care pilot project. Sarate asked if we were still having issues with NMHU as in the past. Fran stated they have corrected what we requested and are still being monitored. Son Stone asked if the software would go out for competitive bid, which the response was yes. We are hoping to have everything complete by year end with a start date at beginning of 2016. Motion was made to approve grant application offered by Sarate, seconded by Maestas and approved by all.

b. Presentation: Designated Driver on Demand, Phil Baca

Phil Baca with Designated Driver on Demand submitted a proposal to provide ride services on Thanksgiving Eve. He briefly explained what his service consisted of, cost, etc. The problem I have with submitting a proposal is that I have never offered this service to non-members and it sounds like you want this to be available to the public. It's difficult to propose an amount when the ridership is unknown. I reviewed last year's numbers as a reference only. What you need to remember is that some of the riders will be from Rio Rancho or Los Lunas for example. We obviously charge more for them. How do I factor that in to my number? Fran responded that that is a non-issue. DFA will only pay to provide services in Bernalillo County. We cannot pay for any rider outside of the County. The reason for this is because all 33 counties get their own funding to provide services to their residents. Phil then stated that he had two options on how to price this: estimate how many calls we might get and bill that amount or provide our service

and bill afterwards. Sena asked why it should be the responsibility of the County to make sure patrons cars are returned to their home. Baldwin said mainly because there is such an issue with vandalism. Please realize he stated, the wholesalers are contributing funding for this service. We are also trying to give Albuquerque Cab some competition. On a busy night, patrons can wait 2-3 hours for a cab. Patrons do not want to wait that long and will end up driving home. If there are other services available, it may encourage the cab company to increase the numbers of cabs available for a better price. The goal is obviously to curtail drunk driving and hopefully make patrons aware that they should pre-plan their nights out. We are just trying to provide one more layer of protection. Howarth asked how many people could be accommodated on a busy night. Phil stated that he has a waiting list of about 800 people to drive for them. We would like to have notice in advance if the ridership could potentially be high but we can handle it. Fran agreed to communicate with Phil, get him numbers from last year and go forward from there.

5. Old Business

a. Attendance and Quorums

Reports were distributed regarding attendance.

b. Next meeting

Next meeting will be held October 8th, 2015.

6. Public Comment

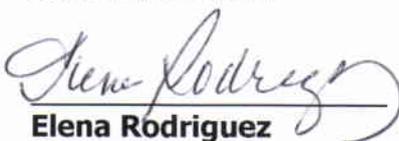
Frank Magourilos stated that the Director of MADD will be attending October meeting.

7. Adjournment

Meeting adjourned at 1:37 p.m.

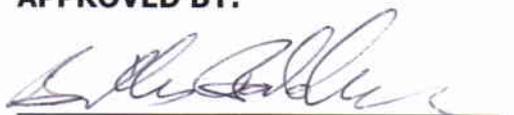


SUBMITTED BY:


Elena Rodriguez

10/21/15
Date

APPROVED BY:


Billy Baldwin, Chair

10/8/15
Date