



**DWI Planning Council
Meeting Minutes
March 10th, 2016
12:30 PM
MATS Facility
5901 Zuni Street SE**

Voting Members:

Billy Baldwin
Sam Howarth
Harris Silver, MD
Ben Lewinger
Keith Hartnett
Linda Son Stone

Guests:

Ruben Garcia
Linda Atkinson

Non-Voting Members:

Katrina Hotrum
Fran Martinez-Romero
Elena Rodriguez
Beatrice Medina

1. CALL TO ORDER

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

2. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Motion to approve agenda offered by Howarth, seconded by Lewinger and approved.

3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

- **February, 2016**-Motion to approve offered by Hartnett, seconded by Silver and approved.

4. NEW BUSINESS

a. Discussion: Budget Decisions, Function of Council and Goals for 2016

This item was not discussed.

b. Discussion: Update on HB302, Transferring funding from DFA to HSD

Director Hotrum explained that the Health Services Division wanted to move funding currently allocated to DFA to HSD for treatment services. The portions would have affected our ATP Jail Based Program and our CAP Program. This 65% allocation would have been used to leverage the Medicaid budget in order to expand services. We did not know this was coming. In early fall, I had a

conversation with Wayne Lundstrom, talking about how we can leverage our current systems. One of the things we do is provide Intensive Outpatient treatment, currently contracting with Highlands University to do that. Around the state there are other providers that provide IOP services. HSD has recently allowed Bernalillo County inmates who are on the Community Custody Program the ability to apply for Medicaid so some of the discussions we focused on is leveraging those dollars and asking HSD what they needed in terms of us providing the lower level of outpatient services statewide so that we could maximize those dollars. We had several discussions on how we could be part of their service delivery. At that time, they were headed for a budget shortfall so I specifically asked if they had any intentions on seeking this funding, to which they replied "no", we want to partner with you. They even went as far as offering assistance in licensing some of our programs if we wanted to do that. When the Session came up, apparently they changed their mind and they wanted our programs for leveraging, not knowing all the other components we do. It was very problematic for us so the DWI Affiliate sat and spoke with HSD when the bill was dropped and said a) what are you going to do with the other components and b) how do we ensure that we will remain intact at the local government level and that we can still make decisions about our local programming. They couldn't give us a commitment on that. There was no real negotiation so what then makes it possible for them to say that they don't like how local programs are functioning. There was really no input from our end. If the intent is to continue with this bill, we as a body need to either work with them or try to kill the bill. Hartnett stated that he sees it as a money grab only. We would like to know their grand plan, what their logic is. Director Hotrum stated that this really wasn't a thought out plan on HSD's end. They just wanted to balance their budget. They really didn't consider the efficacy of the programs. I can tell you though, when we start looking at programs statewide, it varies from County to County because of funding and provider resources. If we were looking at a way to leverage services across the state, that would be meaningful but not having a plan is bothersome. This bill never got to Committee, but it is expected that we will be looking at this during next year's Session. I will be asking for written notification if they decide to do so. At that point, I will bring this issue to this Council to seek direction. The Association of Counties did oppose this and I think we will need to be more aggressive next year.

c. Discussion: Update on County's 1/8 GRT and Plans for Distribution

Director Hotrum stated that she's been leading the Behavioral Health Initiative. Our goal is to figure out what services are out there, what's being paid for, not paid for, and looking at what population we want to serve. What are we willing to leverage with UNMH. Right now, we are doing a study on recurring clients, which is a collection of data for people who have gone to the psychiatric facility at MDC, then over to DSAP programs, then to UNM emergency and psychiatric facilities, possibly Healthcare for the Homeless, and then Crisis Intervention Teams. We are looking for systems they have frequently used and demographics within that, and then medical profiles. We will have to figure out, based on budget, how many people we can serve. We hope to be done with the

study by July to identify that population. There are four main focus areas for Behavioral Health: Prevention, Intervention and Harm Reduction, Crisis Stabilization, Community Support and Housing. In addition, UNM has come to the table. We've asked: what are you going to do to stabilize this population, will you provide crisis respite, intense case management, can you expand psychiatric urgent care including capacity, outpatient treatment services, develop an assessment center. As we negotiate, these issues will be considered. There is now a communication body between the County and City. The goal is to leverage not only with UNMH, but also with the City to see what they want to do so that we can fill in the pockets on that funding. We are hoping that once the served population is identified, the City will come to the table and help provide services. Howarth asked why this is being considered if UNMH is already providing this service. Why can't we just expand their services? He suggested that maybe we work with existing services rather than start a new program. Director Hotrum stated she thinks we need to provide a variety of systems. UNMH is not interested in the social models, only in the medical/clinical aspect of care. Son Stone stated that she is definitely interested in this from the First Nations perspective.

d. Informational: FY17 DFA Grant Applications Submitted

Fran stated that the FY17 grant applications were submitted on March 29th. They were approved by both this Council and the County Commission.

e. Upcoming:

- **DWI Grant Council in April 2016 to allocated FY16 Grant Applications**

Fran stated all Counties will be going before the DWI Grant Council in April to present their applications. At the end of the day, the Council will let us know if our application is approved and estimate how much funding will be allocated.

- **DFA Site Visit—April 19 -21, 2016**

Fran stated that Michael Baldwin with DFA will be out visiting from April 19th thru 21st. I've sent calendar notices out to the Chairman/Vice-Chair, Michael would like to meet with you if you'd like to discuss any issues, answer any questions you may have.

- **Tavern Taxi/Pick Me Up, Take Me Out, St. Patrick's Day**

Fran stated that Pick Me Up, Take Me Out will operate on St. Patrick's Day. We want to thank the NM Hospitality Retail Association for the donations to fund this.

- Fran also advised the Council that Highlands University, the current IOP provider, has decided not to renew their contract. We will be issuing an RFP to find another vendor to provide Intensive Outpatient, Assessment and Outpatient services. Purchasing is working on the RFP now. It will be advertised in the Journal and website hopefully by end of this month.

5. Old Business

a. Attendance and Quorums

Reports were distributed regarding attendance.

b. Next meeting

Next regular meeting will be held April 14th, 2016.

6. Public Comment

Linda Atkinson with the DWI Resource Center spoke. I'm looking at the statewide DWI data, Bernalillo County is not doing well. I want to review things that do reduce DWI's and those are detect and arrest, full prosecution, meaningful sanctions and follow thru of sanctions. I am offering to present to you and provide accurate data if you'd like.

7. Adjournment

Meeting adjourned at 1:25 p.m.



SUBMITTED BY:

Beatrice Medina

Date

APPROVED BY:

Billy Baldwin, Chair

Date