



**DWI Planning Council
Meeting Minutes
January 14th, 2016
12:30 PM
MATS Facility
5901 Zuni Street SE**

Voting Members:

Sam Howarth
Michelle Peacock
Harris Silver, MD
Ben Lewinger
Keith Hartnett
Thomas Scharmen
Rose Sena

Guests:

Ruben Garcia
Frank Magourilos

Non - Voting Members:

Katrina Hotrum(arrived later)
Fran Martinez-Romero
Elena Rodriguez
Beatrice Medina

1. CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 12:30 pm by Vice-Chair Howarth.

2. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Motion to approve agenda offered by Peacock, seconded by Scharmen and approved.

3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

- **December, 2015**-Motion to approve offered by Hartnett, seconded by Peacock and approved.

4. NEW BUSINESS

a. FY17 Budget Proposals (Action Item)

- 1. Distribution**
- 2. Detox**

Fran presented the budget proposals for the FY17 Distribution and Detox Grants. For the Distribution Grant, at this time, we feel it is not feasible to allocate funding for the Right Turns Project for various reasons. The timeline is the main issue...between DFA and County Commission deadlines, we feel now is not the right time to incorporate it into the budget. Please don't be discouraged, Fran stated. We appreciate the hard work you've put into this and we ask you continue to do so as there may be an opportunity

later in the year to retain funding. We have a few options that may allow for that. In addition to the timeline concern, we also are concerned about meeting grant application requirements. We must be specific on our goals and if we don't meet those goals, it will impact our next fiscal year funding. We have to make sure we are able to meet the goals. There is still a lot of work that needs to be done first, such as working with the Courts. Howarth stated that he really wants to then understand what the role of the Council is as far as budget approval. I feel we are given a piece of paper for approval with no input on how the funding is allocated. We presented this Right Turns Project as an experiment, what we do if we wanted to try something different? To hear that it gets vetoed means that we really don't have any power. I'll be blunt, he stated. I am uninterested in being part of a Council in which I feel I have no say. Fran again apologized and explained that it was a timing and budget issue. It's not that we don't want to try a new program, but we need to be fiscally responsible about it. We have to consider the sunset of HB16 in 2018 for example and the possibility of losing that funding. We don't want to start a program that we may not be able to sustain. Lewinger asked, had we done this six months ago, would it have made a difference. Fran stated absolutely. We want to postpone this essentially. Right now, there is no buy in from the judges. How can we set goals if we don't have any commitment from the Courts, she asked? Peacock stated that she also didn't like that the budget was sent to members a few days before the meeting. I think we need to forward plan better. I think that if the Right Turns Project can be possibly be funded, let's continue to work with the Judges so that we can move forward at some point. I do also believe though that my input should be heard she said. I'm here to help my community. I completely understand but again, we must work closely with DFA, sometimes at the last minute and our hands are tied. Hartnett stated that they maybe needed to understand timelines better, we need to get better educated. We want to be a very proactive Council. Howarth stated we have two issues: one is timing obviously, but secondly, fiscal decisions are made on this budget. We are essentially asked to bless those decisions with two days notice. How does that give us any say in how funding is allocated? We should be empowered to make those decisions, he stated. We need to have a voice. Scharmen stated that the timelines just don't give much flexibility. Fran also stated that Purchasing regulations needed to be considered. This also affects our timelines because the dollar amount of the contract determines how we proceed purchasing wise. We may need to submit RFP's or RFB's, for example. There may be other vendors who can provide the same service. We simply cannot submit an application for a specific provider if we have not determined whether they are sole source. Scharmen stated that maybe we should've moved faster on this issue. Peacock stated that yes, they understand budgets can change, but we need to know ahead of time to accommodate questions. Fran encouraged them to look at their binders. All this information is there for your review. I know there are not any changes from last year on this proposed budget but please don't let discourage you. Howarth stated yes, we are rubber stamping a budget again. We spend time with these vendors for no reason. Frank stated that with the prevention programs, I keep you fully informed of what they consist of. Everything we do is based on best practices and sound evidence. I don't believe that we are giving you soft answers on our programs. Lewinger stated that he truly believes that Director Hotrum and Fran want a proactive Council. I'm not really sure that the Right Turns Project is the best example of what our roles are as a Council. I feel we should meet with Director Hotrum separately and figure out how to get what we want, to not feel like

we rubberstamp things. After further discussion about timelines, purchasing rules, grant application requirements, the roles of the Council, etc., Council members requested to meet with Director Hotrum. Fran agreed to accommodate that request and also suggested that if they were not comfortable in approving the budget, they could table it until after their meeting. Fran then briefly summarized the budget in more detail as requested and answered any questions. Director Hotrum, at a later time, briefly spoke with the Council about the budget process, Right Turns and agreed to discuss further.

Motion to table budgets, pending a Special Meeting with Director Hotrum, offered by Howarth, seconded by Lewinger, approved by Sena, Silver, Scharmen and Peacock. Hartnett abstained.

b. Discussion: Right Turns

Peacock stated that the idea was to initially fund a \$200K program, make it a mandatory court ordered program. Since this is a pilot program, we are suggesting that we take the first 200 individuals with a DWI and with the blessing of the judges, make them utilize Right Turns, ideally leading to a long term program. As a subcommittee, we've negotiated with Right Turns to accommodate use for 200 individuals for \$20K. Director Hotrum responded that she was uncomfortable with the Council negotiating with vendors and it would need to be discussed further at a later date. Scharmen stated that they are seeking approval of a recommendation to pursue this with Right Turns. Frank asked how they decided to pursue this program versus others. Scharmen responded that they've spoken to Lupe Sanchez with Santa Fe County, who is utilizing Right Turns, for input and that the subcommittee members also tested the Right Turns program and decided it was worth trying out. Howarth responded that it was developed locally, have had three federally funded randomized control trials on two of their components that demonstrated that it worked. Motion to recommend pursuance of this program offered by Scharmen, seconded by Sena and approved by all.

5. Old Business

a. Attendance and Quorums

Reports were distributed regarding attendance.

b. Next meeting

Special meeting will be scheduled with date TBD.

Next regular meeting will be held February 11th, 2016.

6. Public Comment

No public comments offered.

7. Adjournment

Meeting adjourned at 1:55 p.m.



SUBMITTED BY:

Elena Rodriguez

Date

APPROVED BY:

Billy Baldwin, Chair

Date