



**DWI Planning Council
Meeting Minutes
February 13, 2014
12:30 PM
MAT Facility
5901 Zuni Street SE**

Voting Members:

Billy Baldwin
Sylvia Sarate, Chair
Tom Scharman
Sam Howarth
Dr. Analee Maestas
Henry Mahe, Jr.
Susan Casias

Guest:

Selena Hardy
Ben Lewinger
Jorge Gonzales

Non - Voting Members:

Katrina Hotrum
Yvonne Valencia
Gregg Sanchez

1. CALL TO ORDER

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

2. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Scharmen moved to approve the agenda, Maestas seconded, motion passed.

3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Casias moved that the minutes of January 2014 be approved as presented, Maestas seconded. Motion passed.

4. NEW BUSINESS

a. DSAP Update

Director Katrina Hotrum informed the DWIPC that House Bill 16 is on house floor today and is the third item so they are listening to debate for this to come up so she can help give any answers that she needs to if there are questions on the floor. House Bill 16 is a bill DSAP adamantly supports which allows DSAP additional percentages to dip into the liquor excise tax money. Currently we are at about 47%. This bill puts us up incrementally. The original intent of the bill is that in 4 years we would have all of the liquor excise tax money which was the original intent nearly 20 years ago. The bill that we have now was amended in House Appropriations. The amendment has a sun set on it within three years to measure the effectiveness of the DWI program and/or that the legislature can continue to fund us at a greater level. It basically gives us a 4% increase for three years and then they will have to evaluate the effectiveness, not only the programming piece but the sustainability with the legislature to make sure it can be sustained.

Also not related to DWI funding, Ms. Hotrum informed the DWIPC that at the Round House DSAP has been working with the Heroin Awareness Committee to accept another \$300,000 for adolescent transitional living. This would be a step down program from the medical detox and intense rehab treatment that Turquoise Lodge is providing adolescents. Not all adolescents can go home right after their 28 day treatment. Many of them have generational abuse; some have histories of juvenile detention and certain incarcerations and a step down facility would be beneficial for these individuals much like what we have in the back which is about a three to six month program to get these kids more grounded and get them integrated back into their communities at a little slower rate. Ms. Hotrum stated that it looks like we will get that funding. At the last legislative session we had commitment and we received \$757,000 to purchase a building. We are currently looking in the South Valley because we have more land available to us there and the prices seem to be a little more reasonable. The current building we are looking at is the old Hogares property. We put an offer on that property at \$730,000 and it looks like they will accept the offer. We will be going to the Neighborhood association letting them know that we want to purchase this and see how they feel about having that program in their community.

Ms. Hotrum informed the DWIPC that Tavern Taxi – Pick Me Up Take Me Out - will run on Valentine’s Day. We had a subcommittee meeting which included Billy Baldwin, members from MADD, members from DSAP management and Shawkeet Hindi, who does our Tavern Taxi, due to having a problem over New Years. We served 900 passengers on New Year’s Eve and New Year’s Day. The problem with that is we were only expecting 400 passengers which were what we had in the past. Since we are getting our name out and doing advertisement people now know who we are. The problem was that they were dissatisfied with our service because we couldn’t make our 30 minute timeframe. We are going to pilot some little programs in Billy’s bars so Shawkeet’s staff can text the clients directly to let them know to pay their tab and thank them for saving a life and to be out front in 10 - 20 minutes. Hopefully this will create a smoother process to help with the volume. The other piece is to try during Valentine’s Day to get the people to set reservations for the Pick Me Up Take Me Home so that we can stagger the times and hopefully they will get used to making reservations and phone calls so we don’t have this high volume once the bars close. Our next high volume dates are St. Patrick’s Day and Cinco de Mayo.

Final thing that Ms. Hotrum spoke about was that DSAP has submitted our application to be routed up to Santa Fe for our DWI grants and will get copies of the applications to DWIPC members. Also the Portable unit is almost finished and will be used for the PIIP – Public Inebriate Intervention Program. It will consist of 20 beds. 1st responders evaluate client and either send them to the hospital, jail or to MATS to participate in our PIIP. The following morning PIIP staff will transport clients to a safe location. On average we serve 65 individuals per week. This means that law enforcement doesn’t have to go book people, which mean that we are doing our part in eliminating overcrowding in emergency rooms and we expect that number to grow. Molina Healthcare is interested in offsetting an additional portion of that cost. Currently UNM is giving us \$100,000 for that program. Molina wants to do the same this next year. The total cost of the program between the City of Albuquerque, APD and AFD and our program is about \$370,000. The County splits half and half with the City. The City contracts with DSAP and we give half to the City so they can cover their overtime costs.

b. MADD

The MADD Program had various members of their organization presenting on different activities and programs that MADD conducts. Some of these programs were:

- Power of Youth presentations:
- Youth In Action – Consists of Youth in Action initiating activities that focus on enforcing the 21 minimum drinking age law by disseminating information regarding the harmful effects of alcohol.

- Sticker Shock – Disseminating media campaign about drinking.
- Shoulder Tap – Youths who participate in a program about asking adults to purchase alcohol products for them.

MADD's next big contest is – Party Like MADD – Is for high school students between the ages of 14 and 18. The students will take a picture of why they will wait till 21 to drink. It's a picture statement. They also have to write an essay answering, "Why is it considered a social norm for alcohol to be included at celebrations", "How, as a community, we can change the social norm" and design a celebration without alcohol. From the students entering, MADD will select five winners and they will be given 10 tickets: 2 adults and 8 friends will join them at the Party like MADD in June. The event will have a DJ and food.

A Day in the Life of a DWI Offender – there has been two of these. It's a maze that has been created by the different Counties in New Mexico. The kids start with rolling a dice which gives them a scenario. In that scenario is their blood alcohol content. The kids then put on goggles, have a DWI test, get arrested, put in jail, talk to a real judge and continue through the stations of probation, counseling and so on ending at MADD's station where a real DWI victim tells the students their story.

Power of Parents Presentations: 30 minute workshop that MADD staff does with parents, caregivers or any adult/guardian that the teenager lives with in their home. The presentation helps them have a conversation about alcohol with their teenagers. The evidence MADD provides the adults, is evidence based.

MADD will be holding a Walk event: Walk Like MADD on June 14th. MADD's team will be dressed up as 60's and 70's.

5. PUBLIC COMMENT

Howarth had a question to the DWIPC members: Some colleagues of his at the University – Psychology department are involved in the development of a computer based intervention for addicts. It's called "Drivers Checkup" which was NIH funded with clinical trials. The results showed that it really made a difference in people's behavior. So they've developed another tool that's different, but is based on "Drivers Checkup" but expanded for folks that are just arrested for DUI. The idea is to put this intervention right in front of them at the beginning, have them go through it and for the clinical trial purpose see if it changes their behavior by self-reporting three months later. The goal is if it works they want to make it available to court systems and/or County governments. For example when people are arrested for or convicted of DUI and have to go to DUI School, this can be a component of it. His colleagues said that they would be interested in coming to one of the DWIPC meetings and

doing a brief talk about what they know about this universe they are not asking for any money they just want to share what they know.

Mahe made a motion to approve and Chair Sarate seconded. Motion passed.

Scharmen stated that at a previous meeting he was asked to invite the NMDOH Alcohol Epidemiologist to one of our meetings and he did include that question to her in an email but needs to get back in contact with her. So that is another pending presentation.

Sarate mentioned that we are doing the chairing on a month to month basis right now and according to the members, Billy Baldwin is the only one that can chair for the March meeting which is on March 13, 2014. Billy Baldwin took over George Richmond's position since George resigned. Sarate will chair the April's meeting.

6. Adjournment

Meeting adjourned at 1:43 p.m.



SUBMITTED BY:

Yvonne Valencia

Date

APPROVED BY:

Sylvia Sarate, Chair

Date