



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

Voting Members:

Sylvia Sarate, Chair
Billy Baldwin
Henry "Eddie" Mahe, Jr.
Sam Howarth
Harris Silver, MD
Keith Hartnett
Linda Son Stone
Thomas Scharmen
Devon Day

Non - Voting Members:

Carl Broach
Fran Martinez-Romero
J. Gregg Sanchez
Elena Rodriguez

1. CALL TO ORDER

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

2. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Hartnett moved to approve the agenda, Silver seconded, motion passed.

3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Hartnett moved that the minutes for October 2014 be approved as presented, Silver seconded. Motion passed.

4. NEW BUSINESS

a. DSAP Update-Katrina Hotrum, DSAP Director

The update was not given as Director Hotrum was unable to attend the meeting.

b. Treatment Component Review by Carl Broach, DSAP Assistant Director

- Carl Broach presented the Council with several handouts regarding standards for client treatment. He briefly explained that many of the agencies that help with treatment now did not exist in the past. It wasn't until medical professionals became involved that guidelines were established and treatment was more readily available. This was a long process that took from 1951 to 1996 to accomplish. Unfortunately he stated, those guidelines are no longer being followed mainly due to a lack of funding for a continuum of care. When asked why it took until 1951 to address this issue, Carl stated because of increased awareness in the medical and social areas. In creating these guidelines, it was determined that many levels of treatment were necessary mainly because not all clients needed the same amount or type of treatment. Too much or too little treatment was found to have the same type of effect on individuals. He stated that determining whether an individual should be in an outpatient/inpatient program should be at the discretion of the treatment provider. As an example, Medicare pays for Intensive Outpatient care. They bring individuals into a very structured program for a bit, then send them back into the community. What happens is that many fail and once again, end up in the same program. There are many support groups to help those individuals he stated, but it's the lack of continued care that is needed. What is offered through our organization is a "step down" program for those that are leaving a very structured program and putting them in a less structured program that we hope will eventually lead them to their communities. By having a hospital in our facility, we are essentially offering them a "one stop shop" he said. Our services range from detox to continued care. This gives individuals the opportunity to go from one step to another without having to look elsewhere. Carl stated that the definition of success has historically been completing evaluations or not getting subsequent DUI's for example, but is that really success he asked. There could be many factors that are deterring an individual from using again rather than them not wanting to. Unfortunately he said, there really is no clear cut measure for success. We define it by what benefits our funding. Keith asked if there was a way to know if the treatment offered at the facility was truly effective. Carl stated that it's hard to determine and that it is really a matter of interpretation. What one considers successful may not apply to the next. Through assessment, our attempt is to put an individual in the appropriate level of care by utilizing all the resources they may need. We've become "fail safes" for individuals to step down in the most economical, efficacious way. We actively promote and offer the programs to those that really want to get clean. We are also working with insurance companies to provide funding for continued care of their patients. Our services benefit them as well, he said. The bottom line is that even though we are trying to provide a much needed service, funding still runs these programs. Chair Sarate asked that Carl return in a few months to give another update and maybe give some benchmarks or statistics on the effectiveness of the programs and what areas need improvement. Council members briefly discussed amongst themselves, some ideas on issues they'd like clarified or reporting they'd like to see.

5. Public Comment

Ruben Garcia from Johnny Boards introduced Phil Baca with Designated Driver on Demand. They provided information to the Council and requested to make a presentation to the Council within the next few months.

Staff supplied copies of the newest Resolution to Council members for replacement in their handbooks.

6. Adjournment

Meeting adjourned at 1:35 p.m.



SUBMITTED BY:

Elena Rodriguez

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1-8-15

Date

APPROVED BY:

Sylvia Sarate

Sylvia Sarate, Chair

1-8-15

Date