



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

Voting Members:

Sylvia Sarate, Chair
Billy Baldwin
Sam Howarth
Eddie Mahe
Devon Day
Keith Hartnett
Harris Silver, MD
Thomas Scharmen

Non-Voting Members

Katrina Hotrum
Fran Martinez--Romero
J. Gregg Sanchez
Elena Rodriguez

Guests:

Frank Magourilos
Ruben Garcia
Phil Baca
Julia Knight
Veronica Hernandez

1. CALL TO ORDER

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

2. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

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

3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

a. Motion to approve January 8, 2015 minutes was offered by Hartnett, seconded by Baldwin and approved.

4. NEW BUSINESS

a. FY16 LDWI Grant Application Approval

Hartnett asked Fran if there were any changes or key elements to the application that needed to be noted. Fran explained that there were no budgetary changes made. The only difference is that we incorporated the PIIP program into the Detox Grant, she stated. We had previously been collaborating with a partner on this program, however, the guidelines allow us to use this option since we provide a safe place, meals and beds for clients who need it. We also give these clients the option to go into Detox.

1. Distribution –

Fran stated that this application included a breakdown of each component, for which the Council approved the budgets for these components last month. Application sheets that require additional county data were also included. This data determined what we applied for, she stated. For example, we evaluated where gaps were in the county, that we are not duplicating services provided by others, etc. This information came from specific data sources, mainly UNM Division of Governmental Research and the Youth Risk & Resiliency Survey. It is used by all counties assuring that the data is accurate and consistent statewide. Mahe asked for clarification on the \$190K budget for the media campaign. Fran explained again that this was budgeted high in case of a shortfall or lack of funding elsewhere but is also inclusive of funding necessary for social media. Our budget is based on estimates so we may receive less than what's expected elsewhere. This will provide an additional resource if necessary. Mahe also stated that he wasn't sure social media was effective. Frank agreed to send him a copy of the plan for the social marketing campaign. Fran also suggested that maybe we give Council members a presentation in June/July on all that occurred in FY15. This will give you an idea of what will happen in FY16. Because of HB16, we are anticipating an additional \$600K in funding of which 49% will be used for prevention and 17% each for treatment, enforcement and evaluation. We are hoping to receive all of this estimated funding, however, we've heard that drug court and other counties are seeking additional funding. This could impact us if they get it, Fran stated. Director Hotrum stated that she will campaign strongly that all funding be allocated equitably. Fran then briefly reviewed the remainder of the application and opened up for questions. None were offered. Hartnett asked if members should attend the County Commission meeting. Director Hotrum replied that they are more than welcome to attend if they'd like. Hartnett then motioned to approve, seconded by Baldwin and approved by all.

2. Detox –

Fran stated that the budget of \$1.7 M remained the same. Until we seek further funding, this amount will not change. These funds are state statute funds but we are still required to submit an application for them. Howarth asked where the \$300K in-kind funds came from. Fran replied that it was from health gross receipts taxes used to assist indigent clients, specifically First Choice. Motion to approve was offered by Hartnett, seconded by Silver and approved by all.

5. PUBLIC COMMENT

- Chair Sarate welcomed guest Julia Knight, who was attending a community meeting for a school project. She is in the RN program at NM Highlands.
- Hartnett commented again on the idea of meeting with principals from the schools, asking them what works, what doesn't. He asked us to pursue getting on an agenda, meeting with them, etc. Frank agreed to get some information for them. Council member Dr. Annalee Maestas is a good source to go to as well, Scharmen replied. Chair Sarate commented that we also need to use the resources we already have working with the schools. Maybe we should have them report some of this information to us, she said. Frank suggested that the Council compile questions they'd like to see answered as a starting point.
- Hartnett asked if we could find out what other programs statewide have been successful in fighting DWI. In addition to doing what we are already doing, we need to look at what else works, he said. Director Hotrum suggested that we start with DFA for nationwide statistics, however, that kind of information is difficult to get, she stated. Let's look outside of DFA, Hartnett recommended. Maybe using MADD as a resource for example would work. Scharmen stated there are many resources out there. It just takes a lot of time to research. Maybe we as Council members, can attend the meetings for other nearby counties. Fran suggested that if they can, attend DWI Day at the Legislature on Feb. 17th. Many of the counties are there to present their programs. It would be a good opportunity for you to see what they are doing. Chair Sarate recommended that we get MADD on an agenda in the near future.
- Howarth stated that looking at CDC material, there are list of things that have been demonstrated as effective. How in comparison does that list hold up to the programs we are currently funding, he asked. We can't answer that. Maybe we should change our process and look at CDC recommended evidence-based programs that we know are effective. I think we as a Council, need to do some work. I've never been able to get a provider to answer just how effective their program really is. I realize that statistics are hard, but we should know what our needs are. Rather than just accepting who our providers are and listening to their presentations, we need to start thinking now about what we'd like to see in the subsequent fiscal year. This is going to require some coordination, all of us doing some homework in reviewing the CDC list, really thinking about the needs of the County. Frank asked the Council if they felt that the current programs were not working. We do use evidence based programs, he stated. The Council stated that they are not suggesting that the current programs are not working, they are just trying to be an informed, educated council. Chair Sarate recommended that maybe in the future, the Council puts together a list of questions for the providers. All Council members agreed that they just want to make sure that funding is being utilized to the fullest.
- Fran suggested that the Council input what they'd like to see on their agenda. We'd like to discuss what you want, present the things you're interested in, etc., she said. Send your suggestions to Sylvia then she can forward to Elena for the agenda. Also, please schedule a tour with us so you can see what we do here, she said.

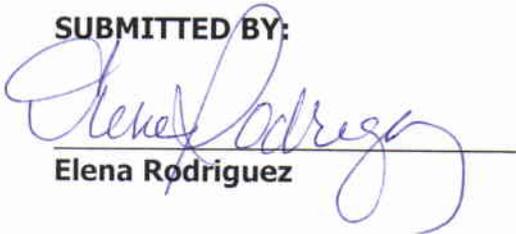
- Howarth asked if it was agreed that discussion would take place at the next meeting on effective prevention programs they've found. Council members agreed.

6. ADJOURNMENT

Meeting adjourned at 1:29 p.m.

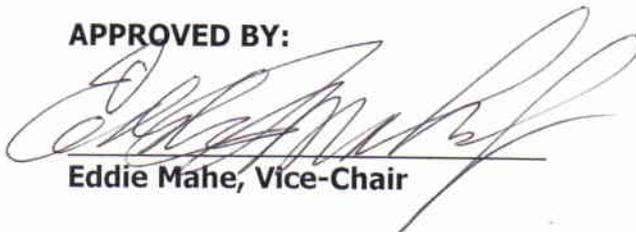


SUBMITTED BY:


Elena Rodriguez

3/12/15
Date

APPROVED BY:


Eddie Mahe, Vice-Chair

3/12/15
Date