



LUNA COUNTY DWI PROGRAM

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Meeting Minutes

Date	March 20, 2024	Time	12:14pm. - 1:19pm.
Facilitator	Jennifer Tone	Scribe	Charmaine Sias
Subject	Luna County DWI Planning Council Monthly Meeting		
Location	La Fonda Restaurant and Virtual Attendance.		
Attendees	In person attendance: Angelica Rodriguez, Ami Evans, Bayne Anderson, Brenda Aude, Christine Milo, Chelo Guerrero, Cynthia Miller, Edith Vazquez, Jennifer Tone, Jose Montoya, Justina Corral, Luis Ortega, Mary Anderson, Melissa Mata, Michael Brown, Michael Renteria, and Sergio Lara. Virtual attendance: Mary Mackey, Tina Ruiz and Yolanda Camacho.		

Key Points Discussed

No.	Topic	Highlights
1	Call to Order	12:14pm
2	Introductions	Introductions - Completed.
3	Approve March 2024 Agenda. Motion to vote.	Michael Brown motioned to approve March 2024 Agenda, Bayne Anderson second; motion unanimously carried over.
4	Approve of minutes February Meeting Minutes Motion to vote.	Jose Montoya motioned to approve February 2024 Minutes, Michael Brown second; motion unanimously carried over.
5.	La Casa, Inc. Presentation Justina Corral, Healing House Program Manager Melissa Mata, Director of Support Services Chelo Guerrero, Doña Ana County Misdemeanor Compliance Program Manager	Melissa Mata commented there was a PowerPoint presentation planned; however, due to the electric power going out, was not possible. Melissa Mata is the Director of Support Services in Las Cruces, NM. She did oversee Deming, NM and now she assists La Casa Inc. in Deming, NM. Justina Corral is La Casa Healing House Program Manager for Deming NM, she has been facilitating the in-person men's class and has filled in for any classes for the last two years. Melissa Mata commented Chelo Guerrero from Doña Ana County is here to bring the same services provided in Doña Ana County to Deming, NM. The Behavior Intervention Program (BIP) is designed for anyone convicted of battery against a household member or anyone who wants to be self-referred is able to attend this program. The Children and Youth Department in Las Cruces, NM, the DWI Program and any other agency may refer to the (BIP). The mission of the program is to eliminate domestic violence by providing services to individuals who are perpetrating while promoting safety for victims. The program takes self-referrals and agency referrals which they provide agency reports that include the number of days attending, case management and crisis intervention. The program is 52 weeks long depending on the risk assessment it may be less time. The first step is the person is seen by a clinician for an assessment, consent forms are signed and there is a \$75.00 fee. Then there is a Zoom meeting with the clinician and agency to go over the assessment results. Then referring agency knows if the person falls under the category of a victim or if they are eligible for the program. The clinician will determine if the person is eligible for the program based on the assessment results. Edith Vazquez asked how does the program determines the recommendation if someone is referred to the program. Melisa Mata responded the person has to do the initial intake assessment, the clinician sends a summary of the outcome, and then the referring agency presents the outcome to the court to see if they are appropriate for the Behavior Intervention Program or not. The Judge makes the final decision. With the DWI Program referrals, it is a different process due to the case being court-ordered. The Behavior Intervention Program provides case management and refers to anger management and



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6.	Program Updates a. Screening, Treatment and Compliance Report By: Luis Ortega	<p>Screening, Treatment and Compliance Report for February 2024.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Screening- Luis Ortega reported for the month of February fourteen (14) alcohol screenings. Seven (7) alcohol screenings with (ADE) Abuse substance Use Screening. Seven (7) with the Impaired Driving Assessment (IDA). Seven (7) clients were referred by Magistrate Court.• DWI School- Mesilla DWI School provided classes on February 12th, 19th, and the 26th. Three (3) clients completed.



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6.	<p>Program Updates</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">b. Screening, Treatment and Compliance Report By: Luis Ortegac. Prevention and Teen Court Report By: Cynthia Millerd. Other program updates by: Edith Vazquez	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Outpatient Treatment- For the month of February ten (10) clients attended outpatient treatment. Seven (7) people attended The Recovery Management Center. Three (3) people attended Border Area Mental Health. No completions for the month of February.• DWI Arrests- four (4) DWI Arrests were reported.• Probation Violations There were no probation violations for the month of February. <p>Prevention/Teen Court Report February 2024</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• There were Fourteen (14) youth participants in the Teen Court Program.• There were two (2) Teen Court Hearings. The offenses were: alcohol consumption, assault and vaping in class. The Teen Court Judge called each youth to the stand and addressed the importance of community service compliance.• Three (3) youths participated in the KLBC (Keep Luna County Beautiful) trash clean up. Ten (10) trash bags were collected due to the inclement weather. The participants were given double credited community services hours.• One (1) Teen Court participant successfully completed the program.• There were two (2) Teen Court classes. The topics were:<ul style="list-style-type: none">➢ Service Learning: You Can Make a Difference (part 2). Where the group came up with a project to better the community. The project was about drugs. They filled out a short questionnaire (Know Thyself) which consisted of five questions.➢ Service Learning: You Can Make a Difference (part3). Youth answered seven questions for "What needs will your project help meet", Do you feel you will make a difference through your participations in this project", What particular skills, talents and personality traits do you possess that you think will be most beneficial to this project", "What are you looking forward to", "What concerns do you have", "What do you hope to gain from this experience".• A billboard was placed by Circle K on Cody Road. To inform people about the cost of a first DWI as a prevention strategy.• BAC calculators and "Just the Facts About Vaping Marijuana" cards were distributed at the Community Coalition meeting.• Facebook posts regarding the Super Bowl were posted to find a designated driver and don't drink and drive. A newspaper ad was placed to inform the community regarding serving a minor alcohol is a fourth-degree felony.• The New Mexico Court Association Meeting was held in Luna County for the first time. Other County representatives were in attendance for this meeting.• Cynthia Miller attended the Class Act meeting with the Deming High School on creating an alternative plan for after the High School graduation.• Cynthia Miller attached pictures with her report. <p>Someone asked how long has it been since there was a Class Act event. Edith Vazquez commented it has been a while. A question was asked if the DWI Program helps the school fund the event. Edith Vazquez commented that the DWI Program is going to pay</p>
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8	Announcements a. Open for Comments	Sergio Lara announced that the Deming Police Department will be attending trainings for DWI checkpoints. They also collaborate with the New Mexico State Police on DWI checkpoints. The Deming Police Department is working on a trailer to have it painted or wrapped if possible. Edith Vazquez responded the purchase for the traffic cones and other safety equipment will be finalized for this budget and if the state opens a special application there will be an opportunity to purchase more items needed for DWI checkpoints. She said that she would definitely like to assist in building the unit. There was a discussion regarding more Drug Recognition Experts (DREs) needed to prove DWIs. Michael Renteria commented on proposed bills that did not pass such as: allowing blood draws on misdemeanors, blood draws are only allowed on felony cases. Michael Renteria commented there is a need to have a threshold number for DUI's like the state of Colorado has and the law passed to allow blood draws to prosecute cases since marijuana is legal in New Mexico. Edith Vazquez commented she attended some of the hearings and was surprised to find out some of the people passing bills were uninformed that the DWI Program covers treatment and what the DWI Program does in the community. Edith Vazquez has informed Senator Jennifer Jones of what services, resources and the work provided in the community that the DWI Program offers. Michael Renteria commented it good to inform our representatives and show our appreciation. Angelica Rodriguez announced the NM Community Survey there is a \$100.00 giveaway every week and a \$500.00 giveaway at the end of the survey for participants. She is especially seeking males ages 18-25 years of age to participate in the survey.
9	Adjournment Next meeting April 17, 2024	Meeting was adjourned at 1:19 p.m.

Action Plan

No.	Action Item	Owner	Target Date
1	Next Planning Council Meeting	All	04/17/24