



**DWI PLANNING COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES
WEDNESDAY, JULY 31, 2024
3:00 PM
205 S. Ninth Street, Estancia, NM 87016**

The meeting will be available via Zoom and the link may be found on the Torrance County DWI Prevention Program website <https://www.torrancecountynm.org/services/torrance-county-dwi-prevention-program> Click on the event to access Zoom Meeting information.

1. Call to Order

Debbie Ortiz, Chairwoman, called the July 31, 2024, DWI Planning Council Meeting called to order at 3:08pm.

2. Determination of Quorum

Quorum Met – Debbie, Melissa, Amanda, Rebecca. 4 out of 7 voting members.

3. Welcome and Introduction

- Debbie Ortiz – Chairwoman
- Deanna Lopez – Torrance County DWI Program Coordinator
- Adrian Ortiz – Torrance County Teen Court
- Amanda Lujan – Torrance County Grant Administrator
- Jordan Duran – Torrance County Sheriff's Office Sergeant
- Todd Brod – Mountainair Dispatch
- Mateo Page – District Attorney's Office
- Sheryl Boerger – Silver Sneakers does a lot with seniors in the county
- Rebecca Armstrong – Coordinator, Juvenile Justice Board
- Pete Vallejo – Superintendent, Mountainair Public Schools
- Melissa Nandino – Take-Action Counseling

4. Approval of Agenda

Melissa Nandino motioned to approve the agenda. Rebecca Armstrong seconded the motion. Approval of agenda passed.

5. Approval of Minutes from May 15, 2024, Meeting

Minutes look accurate. No questions or concerns. Melissa Nandino motioned to approve the 5/15/24 meeting minutes. Amanda Lujan seconded. Motion carried.

6. Approval of Fiscal Year 2025 DWI Planning Council Bylaws

Every year, DFA requires us to review our bylaws. Our previous bylaws were about 10 pages long. Deanna Lopez reached out to other counties that have DWI programs, who sent Deanna their bylaws. Deanna was able to consolidate the new bylaws into two pages and make them more accurate and pinpoint them down more. Debbie Ortiz let everyone

know that the Council can approve, but the Commissioners have final approval. The Commissioners must ratify the Council's approval of the bylaws. Debbie thanked Deanna for condensing them since the previous ones were quite wordy. Deanna Lopez stated that DFA and Torrance County Legal had reviewed them and approved them. The lawyer will sign off at the County Commission meeting. Amanda Lujan asked if the bylaws will be approved at the next commission meeting. Deanna Lopez stated that they're approved at the Council meeting and signed by the Chairwoman and go in front of the Commissioners at the next meeting. Amanda then stated that District 3 is still Commissioner Schropp until January. Deanna will make the change to the bylaws to reflect Commissioner Schropp. Adrian Ortiz then asked if the bylaws could reflect just District 3, instead of District 3 so and so. Deanna stated she could do that. Adrian then stated, sometimes they get tied in with the bylaws sometimes where like with Cheryl leaving, we could just put another person in that position, like with their title and remove the name like Ryan Schwebach. Instead put District 1, 2 and 3. And then we don't have to redo anything in January. Amanda stated it would be worth asking the lawyer about it. Deanna stated she would ask the lawyer about that. Amanda stated she didn't see it being a problem, but double check. Amanda and Debbie also stated that Linda's title had to be changed as well. Deanna will make the changes. Deanna asked if someone wanted to move for approval with the amendments. Amanda Lujan stated that she knows that we must prove that they approved the bylaws when we submit the grant application, so will they count for next fiscal year's application if approved now if they approve this early or will they have to be approved again in January. Deanna Lopez responded no; they can just be approved now. Just now at the beginning of the fiscal year and then we're done. Debbie stated she would entertain a motion to approve the bylaws as presented with an amendment to District 1, 2, and 3, to take the names out and just put County Commissioner District 1, Torrance County Commissioner District 2, and County Commissioner District 3, as well as the Torrance County Clerk that way they can be ratified with the correct names as approved by the attorney and Commission. Amanda motioned to approve. Rebecca Armstrong seconded. No opposing or abstentions. Bylaws approved and will move on to Torrance County Commission and Legal for ratification.

7. Approval of FY25 Protocols – Treatment, Compliance, and Screening

Deanna stated that item 7 is approval of the FY25 protocols for treatment, compliance and screening. Like the bylaws, every fiscal year, we must review these protocols for each component. Again, I reached out to other counties to get their protocols to help me create new protocols because the previous ones were not as wordy. They were only a page long. Adrian stated that the MRT had to be removed. For instance, with compliance, the Misdemeanor Compliance Officer is with Torrance County, where I guess before it looked like they were their own entity on their own. Deanna had to make those kinds of updates for screening, treatment, and compliance. The protocols were emailed to the members a few weeks ago, but Deanna stood for any questions. Debbie stated that they looked really good. Deanna stated the protocols were also sent to DFA for their review and approval, and that they approved. No questions. Seeing none, Debbie entertained a motion to approve the Torrance County DWI Program Protocols for FY25 and them to go to the Commission and lawyer for approval. Amanda motioned. Melissa seconded. No opposing or abstentions. Motion passes.

8. Nominations of DWI Planning Council Members and Approval

Deanna stated that the current list of members includes a couple of voting members that do not attend the meetings, so per the new and previous bylaws, they can be removed from Council. They would be Gail Faulkner for Estancia at Large and Terry Morgan for Moriarty at Large. Dawn Apodaca is no longer with Mountainair Public Schools so we would be nominating Pete Vallejo to take her place. Cheryl Allen with the Sheriff's Office is no longer with the Sheriff's Office, so we would be nominating Jordan Duran to take her place. Todd Brogowski is also being nominated from Mountainair Dispatch. He has a wealth of information. When Deanna was doing the Alcohol Awareness proclamations, he was at every meeting, so I know he knows what's going on in the community. Deanna thinks he would be an asset to the Council. As well as Sheryl Boerger. Deanna told Sheryl she could listen in on this meeting and decide since this would be the busiest meeting of the year. Deanna stated that Sheryl is involved in everything including Silver Sneakers. Deanna used to work with Sheryl when Deanna was at the Extension Office. She also knows a lot about the community, so Deanna thinks Sheryl would be a great asset to the Council as well. For Estancia at Large, Deanna is nominating Chris or Zumathy Reyes. He's very involved in the community as well. He endorses the Smart Choice Ride Program and utilizes it, so Deanna thinks someone who is involved with the community and uses our programs, would also be a great member. Debbie asked Sheryl if she wanted to commit or if she wanted to wait until the next meeting. Amanda stated that our Finance Director's husband is a Parole Officer in Moriarty, Jason May, and that there may be some interest in joining the Council. Amanda hadn't reached out to him. Deanna asked Melissa if she had talked to Mr. May about joining the Council. Melissa stated that she had talked to him about attending some meetings, coming and checking it out. She wasn't sure if on short notice he could because she didn't talk to him until late yesterday, but he was interested. She stated if he'll reach out. Deanna stated if he's interested, we can add him as a nomination. Debbie stated if he isn't we can just remove him. Sheryl dropped off the meeting. Debbie said to put her down and if she wants to remove herself, we can remove her. Debbie called on Matt Page and asked if he'd be interested in being a voting member. He stated he didn't mind. If it's in his official capacity, he would just want an ok from his boss, the elected DA. He doesn't think it'll be an issue, but he wants to attend the meetings either way, so if we want to add him to the list, he's okay. He just wants to check with the boss. Debbie told him we'd put his name down and let him check with his boss. If not, we could keep Matt as a non-voting member. Matt agreed. Debbie added Matt's name. Sheryl got back to the Zoom meeting. Deanna asked Sheryl how she felt about being added to the list of voting members. Sheryl said yes, please. Debbie stated we have a slate of nominations to join the DWI Council as a voting member. Debbie stated we have Zumathy Reyes, Todd Brogowski, Jordan Duran, Pete Vallejo, Jason May, Matt Page, and Sheryl Boerger. Debbie stated we have seven members. Debbie entertained a motion to nominate the seven people listed to present before the Torrance County Commission as voting members for the DWI Planning Council. Melissa nominated all of them. Rebecca Armstrong seconded. All were in favor. None opposed or abstentions. Debbie thanks everyone for being a part of the Council.

9. Fiscal Year 2025 LDWI Distribution and Grant Application Update

a. Special Application

Deanna stated that we previously discussed at the previous meeting that the funding had been cut by about \$80,000 to \$90,000. The Grant Council and DFA put out a special

application, which would allow Deanna to apply for more funds. Deanna is going in front of the commission at the next meeting on 8/14/24 to ask permission to apply for extra funding for the program. The application will be written for the funding for the entire program, but especially for treatment, prevention activities and enforcement. The application is due the first week of September and we must revert funds by September 30th, and then at the October meeting the Grant Council will decide if we receive extra funding. Debbie asked how much was reverted. Deanna stated she'd get to that in her Quarter 4 report coming up on the agenda. Adrian asked Deanna if she received information about the JAF funding from Julie. Deanna stated she hadn't. Adrian stated it the Juvenile Adjudication Fund that's going away but there might be some funding left in it. Adrian stated a special project is needed but the funding is very limited, but it is open for projects geared around Teen Court. Deanna stated that the JAF came up in another meeting she attended, but that the application wasn't ready yet. Adrian stated JAF is for tickets given in court, \$1 goes to that fund, but the last session they cut that out. He stated there's some money there, but not much and it's just for this year.

10. Coordinator Update

a. Fiscal Year 2024 Quarter 4 Report

At the end of FY24, we will be reverting for Distribution, we will be reverting \$16,416.78. And for Grant, we will be reverting \$1,073.58. Deanna stated at the last meeting, she had disclosed that at the end of Quarter 3, she had approximately \$94,501 and needed to spend it in the 4th Quarter. Deanna stated she wished she could've spent it all, but she didn't have quite two months to spend the \$94,000. It will get reverted back, but with the Special Application, Deanna can apply for more funding. Deanna stated she won't necessarily get back what was reverted because it could be less or more, but an application will be submitted. Amanda stated that part of the grant and distribution pay for the salary of the DWI Coordinator and the County was without one for about three months, as well as a Misdemeanor Compliance Officer. There were some vacancy savings, which is why money was reverted. Amanda stated that they give us our budget at the beginning of the year, and at the end of the year, when Deanna started, there's a whole process to move money from line-item at the County, as well with the State, and making that all happen in a short amount of time can be a challenge. Amanda stated Deanna did a great job, but it's a rough go especially at that point of the fiscal year. Debbie stated she hates to see any money reverted. Amanda and Deanna agreed. Debbie stated especially when they cut the budget and when they think we're not using it, then they cut our budget even more. Debbie stated filling out the Special Application, Deanna can justify that in the application. Amanda stated something that will help with both the Special Application and next year with the Grant application, is that Deanna has a very concrete annual plan, and she can say this is why we need more funding and that will help.

b. Smart Choice Ride

Another report that was due was the Annual Report for the program. As a program success, Deanna listed the Smart Choice Ride Program and how a lot of the money spent in Quarter 4 was to promote the program because people don't know about the program. Deanna stated, to anyone that's new, Torrance County DWI Program offers a Smart Choice Ride Program, where anywhere in the County, someone can call on Friday and Saturday evenings and for \$5 per person per ride, we will give them a ride so that people aren't driving around intoxicated. We have one dedicated rider every week, and as written in the report, even that

one person saves not only their life, but also numerous people on the road because they're not driving. Deanna is happy that even that one person commits to using it every week. Deanna stated foam hands were ordered, and Amanda stated they're in school colors. Deanna stated they were ordered for each school, for the Bears, Pintos, and Mustangs. Deanna is working with Stewart Burnett to get Estancia's athletic schedule. Deanna asked Dr. Vallejo who to contact at Mountainair schools to get the athletic schedule. Deanna stated they're trying to boost attendance at games so that maybe the first 50 or 100 people get a foam hand at different events. Dr. Vallejo told Deanna to contact Consuelo Brazil and that he'd email Deanna her contact information. She's the Athletic Coordinator. Deanna stated we'll be getting them distributed. Deanna read the message on the foam hands; the finger on the hand has each school's mascot and, on the hand, they state, "Plan ahead for a safe ride. Don't drink and drive. Call for a Smart Choice Ride. (505) 705-0332. Torrance County DWI Program." Hopefully that will get our message out about that.

c. Other

Deanna stated that we are accepting applications for a Misdemeanor Compliance Officer, which closed last Tuesday. Interviews will be conducted on Monday. There will be three interviews and hopefully one of those people will be selected. Deanna stated that one of the applicants had a DWI background and another had Suicide Prevention background. Deanna is excited to hopefully hire one of those three applicants. Deanna attended the Mountainair Jubilee Dance with the Smart Choice Ride van. Deanna placed signs around the dance. She didn't have any riders but was there in case anyone needed to use it. Deanna, Adrian, and Debbie attended the Edgewood 25 Celebration with a booth. There were about 200-300 people and interacted with 150 people. Adrian stated that that was in the first couple of hours because it rained out. Deanna attended the American Legion's Youth Corp summer camp on 7/19/24. There were 22 kids there. Deanna took the golf cart and impaired goggles and put up an obstacle course for them. Deanna also took the Oculus headsets, that were purchased in FY24. Deanna stated the Oculus's have 4 scenarios uploaded. One is Impaired Driving, one about cannabis and one is about texting and driving. Deanna stated they get to learn and make choices along the way, and based on their answers, there are different outcomes. Deanna stated the scenarios are heartbreaking and at the end of one of them, if they choose for him to drink and drive, his girlfriend dies. Deanna stated the scenario then went to the courtroom where her parents talk about how that was their only daughter, and her dog is laying there. Deanna stated that when she was trained on the Oculus's, the ladies that showed her stated that emotional learning is very helpful in teaching. Deanna stated that when she went through the scenarios and they told her what to choose so that the girlfriend passed away, she was crying. Deanna stated the kids really liked the headsets. Deanna stated that while she was doing the obstacle course with the golf cart, the kids were using the headsets. Deanna also took coloring books and activity books, so the kids constantly had something to do, and it worked out very well. Deanna is excited to use the headsets in the schools this year. Deanna stated they also attended Old Timers Day and that there were at least 500 people there. Deanna stated they interacted with 155 people at the Old Timers Day and really got messaging out that day. On 7/12/24, Deanna went to Santa Fe to observe Santa Fe County DWI Program offer a class on resilience at the Santa Fe Boys and Girls Club. She watched to see how they offer their programming. Deanna is halfway through her

NM EDGE DWI Coordinator Certification. Deanna also completed her ORAS certification. ORAS is the Ohio Risk Assessment System. Ron Sturchio with DWI Court also received the certification. Deanna stated the Torrance County Fair is next week and we will be there with a booth. Torrance County DWI is also sponsoring two bingos on 8/7/24 and 8/8/24 at the East Soil and Water Building. Deanna has been picking up donations from our awesome community. Thriving Roots donated soaps, sage and a bath bomb. The Old Mill donated two \$25 gift cards. NAPA in Moriarty and Estancia donated two knives. Harts Hardware donated a 128-piece crescent wrench set. Sierra Blanca Brewing donated one \$15 gift card, one case of root beer and one case of ginger ale. Turquoise Trail Brewing donated 4 glasses with 4 shirts. Sendero Environmental donated one \$20 gift card to Sierra Blanca Brewing, two \$10 gift cards to Opel's Ice Cream, two \$20 gift cards to Pizza Barn, and two \$15 gift cards to Mickey's. Opel's Ice Cream donated two \$10 gift cards. Pizza Barn donated five \$20 gift cards. The Independent News donated four gift certificates for four subscriptions to The Independent. Local radio station 102.1 donated four \$25 Nacho gift cards. Moriarty Foods donated two \$25 gift cards. Mickey's in Moriarty donated hats, tablet covers and a few other items. Valley Express in Estancia donated three \$10 gift cards, four 12-packs of sodas, one case of Core water and a Styrofoam cooler. Ness Farms donated five 5-pound bags of beans and one 50-pound sack of beans. Thomas Farms donated \$50 in gift cards to Valley Express. CoreCivic purchased \$500 in prizes. Deanna will also be picking up donations from Blackies, Alpine Alley, Mountainair Meds & More, B Street Market and Gustin Hardware. Deanna stated the community is really helping and came up with a flyer with donators and we will be announcing the donators at the bingo. Deanna stated the Sunflower Festival is coming up on 8/24/24 and Pinto Bean Fiesta on 9/28/24 and we will be attending that. Punkin Chunkin date has not been announced. Adrian asked Deanna if she had talked to Kaycee about setting up in front of their store for the Sunflower Festival. Deanna had not. Adrian stated he understood that Kaycee from Meds and More would allow us to and if not, talk to Sunflower Festival people. Deanna stated we could possibly set up in front of Gustin's. Debbie stated we always get a lot of traffic there. Debbie stated she had a comment. She appreciates the partnership between the Torrance County Health Council and PTMI Memorial with Deanna. Debbie stated Deanna is a perfect fit and we really do have a great working relationship. And if any of the Council members want to join us, we really do have a lot of fun. Debbie stated we get to interact with our community and at a lot of these festivals we have visitors from other areas and other States, and they're always impressed that we're there and that we're getting this information out to our community. Debbie appreciates the partnership and continued partnership. Deanna stated she'll be contacting the Estancia Pool about having a Teen and Family Night at the pool in August. Deanna stated at the last commission meeting, the student interns that worked here this summer are interested in movies. They're going to start petitioning around the County trying to get a movie theater back in this area. Adrian confirmed that we have a big screen and a sound system, so Deanna needs to contact the towns or schools to figure out places to show movies. Adrian said we could even set up at the football fields and people could sit in the bleachers. Adrian told Deanna to talk to Stewart about that. Adrian said the park is another place where they can set-up on whatever it is. Adrian said it would be hard to do a drive in here because the sound is what's hard with a drive in. Deanna talked to Nathan, the mayor, about

the park. Deanna also talked to Nathan about the Community Center, but he stated they have issues with the sewer there. Adrian said we could do things on Friday and Saturday evenings. Debbie asked Dr. Vallejo if Mountainair was having their Back to School Bash. Debbie stated they did a movie night and activities there. Debbie stated that might be a way to start something in the community of Mountainair and see what interest is there. Dr. Vallejo stated he'd check in with the middle school/high school principal, Jennifer Vigil, to see what day that was going on. Debbie stated we'd check back in with him on that.

11. Court Compliance Officer Update

Deanna stated it's now called Misdemeanor Compliance Officer. Deanna stated that Deborah Romero from the Manager's Office has been helping with clients reporting to her. As of yesterday, she had 50 clients reporting to her. Deanna wanted to go on the record appreciating her hard work because she didn't know what she'd do without her. Deanna stated she wouldn't be able to do what she does and do what Deborah does, so she appreciates her help.

12. Teen Court Update

Adrian stated he was awarded the Teen Court contract, so he'll be with Teen Court this year and possibly the next three years. Teen Court has 26 active cases, and a majority are for traffic and a few for substance use. One upcoming case is for traffic and was referred by Moriarty Magistrate and we'll be seeing them on the second Monday of the month. Adrian spoke with Stewart from Estancia High School, and they will be starting a Teen Court in the High School during advisory period on Fridays. We'll be working with them on any school violation that's level three on their behavioral matrix. Adrian informed them that if it's a violation of any law of any sort like with cannabis or any misdemeanor law that they must go through JPO or through law enforcement and law enforcement will refer it to JPO. Their main concern was the amount of time it takes from when you get a referral from the school if it goes to law enforcement. Then law enforcement has their procedures that they must follow, then it goes to JPO and JPO has their procedures that they must follow and then it goes to Teen Court and by the time it gets to Teen Court it like three to five weeks later, so that kids already forgot what they did. So, we're trying to streamline that, so they get their consequences as soon as it happens. But to be able to maintain their discipline matrix, then the administrators will still have the final say on the consequences for the kids. So, excited for that because it gets our foot in the door, and we want to be able to address these issues as soon as they come up. Additionally, we'll be providing vaping education in Estancia Schools for the 7th graders and that'll start this year. Teen Court will start on 8/23/24 in Estancia Schools and the vaping education will start in September. Adrian stated the Teen Court Association meeting is tomorrow in Gallup, so he'll be out there for a couple of days. He attended CADCA and got a lot of good information there like different programs to implement out here. One of the major things we'd like to see in the State of New Mexico is alcohol excise tax. It's proven if you raise the taxes on alcohol, then you reduce the amount of DWIs you have. It's a proven fact, so even if you increase it a little bit, it's going to make a huge difference. The other thing it'll do is give the DWI Program more funding and then we can do more in the community. If you hear about the excise tax, vote that you want it increased. Deanna stated that at NMAC, there were two different law makers there that were presenting their ideas on it, so there will be at least two bills that will be presented at the

legislature or more. Adrian stated that the Alcohol Coalition hired a professor from Boston, and they have a lot of good programs in Boston. He stated that pennies more for the tax and that the numbers are staggering about how much that reduces. Deanna stated that there hasn't been an increase in the alcohol tax in 31 years. Adrian stated that alcohol is cheaper to buy than groceries sometimes. Adrian also stated the social host law, if there's a family that's throwing a party for kids, and it's supposed to be a 4th degree felony for that parent that's hosting that party, but it's hard to prove it. So, what can we do instead? What we can do is fine them. It's a little easier to do a civil fine than to do a felony. Adrian stated those are things the Health Council is working on through the Teen Court and DWI Program, trying to push in the community is creation of these social host ordinances. Adrian will also be attending the National Prevention Network Conference in Phoenix August 12-16. That conference will be going over a lot of stuff like opioids, and things like underage drinking and substance abuse.

13. Evaluator Update

Deanna stated that we sent out for RFPs for an evaluator and upon reviewing those RFPs, we decided that she would be going to try to do the evaluation in house for now. There are other counties that do that, and Deanna has contacted them and will be meeting with them next week. Deanna spoke with DFA and because she's new to the program, Deanna is doing a lot of the evaluating as it is and so for right now, let Deanna do that. Maybe we'll change our minds if we receive additional money through the Special Application. Also due to lack of funding, we don't have the money to spend on that right now. Deanna stated that she agreed with DFA that she'd rather spend the money on prevention activities instead of hiring an evaluator. Debbie said she didn't have any doubt that Deanna could do that if and they can help, to let them know. Deanna stated that Adrian said he had surveys that can help because it sounds like pre and post tests and surveys. Adrian stated that when we have events, we can create, this is what you didn't know and now you know. Debbie stated they're used to doing that. Deanna thanked them.

14. PTMI Update

Debbie stated the PTMI update is the same as Teen Court update. They're going to work hard to get the excise tax looked at. Debbie stated the legislature will also be working on it and would like our support on. A few years ago, at the River of Lights, they had a UTV that, and when we talk about DWI, it covers more than just alcohol. It covers substances. Debbie wasn't sure if the person at the River of Lights was intoxicated and using cannabis, but he ran over a little boy in a crosswalk and killed him. That person is going to be released because of New Mexico laws. It's sad that a family must lose a family member to see that our laws are not what they should be to keep somebody incarcerated. It's so sad that we lost this little boy and that this person, because of a technicality in the law, is going to be released so look forward to seeing some legislation on penalties. Debbie stated she hopes, as the DWI Council, we can join other councils, as well as PTMI and so like Adrian, said, we really want to work on the social host law and see what we can do to hold people accountable in some way. And make them aware that if they get a civil penalty, or fine, it's a whole lot better than a 4th degree felony and send a message to these that are providing alcohol to minors. Adrian stated that a major part is them having a consequence for it because like Debbie explained, there's this law and this guy is getting away with murder basically on the highway. If you give a parent a \$500 fine for hosting a party, they're going to think twice about hosting a party next time and

providing alcohol for the youth. Adrian stated that we've always been on the wrong side of that battle and if we can continue working to reduce those challenges and problems, that'll be great. Adrian stated another thing they learned at the conference was how influential our coaches are with the kids and how athletes can be pillars in our communities and pillars in our schools and they can be ambassadors to decrease substance use in our schools. We must get buy in from the coaches and buy in from the community and buy in from the kids that are participating in these athletic events. We've been looking into that. One thing we found out today is that NMAA does not have a policy for substance use when it comes to youth. They rely on the schools and some schools believe that a kid should not have a harsh consequence, give them another chance, some believe they should cut the cord right away. There is no consistency. Adrian stated over the past few years, he's had a significant number of athletes in the Teen Court program that got hooked on vaping tobacco or marijuana and they continued in on their sports. Adrian thinks if they had a stricter consequence with that then maybe that would've changed their outcome or made a different decision. Adrian stated he had a personal story himself. In high school, he got caught chewing tobacco in the gym. The principal called him out on it. We went to the office. His coach went with him up there. He got kicked off the team. Adrian got kicked off his whole junior year. He was still able to be the water boy, attend all the practices and watch everything, but it was painful. His senior year, he didn't mess around. Adrian got a scholarship to play football, but he probably could have done better and got a bigger scholarship because he would've had more people looking at him. Adrian had a kid in Moriarty who didn't get in trouble his whole time at school and then one day Edgewood PD caught him with cannabis, and he lost his scholarship. He lost everything, so Adrian would like to reduce those occurrences in the County as much as we can. Debbie stated they contacted the New Mexico Activities Association to ask them to please get back with us as far as a consistent policy and if they have one and if they don't, then why they don't. They emailed them and asked them to give us information because their handbook talks about sportsmanship and if you're caught yelling at the ref, you get kicked out. They have all these things, if you have equality, if you want to play on a girls' team you get to play on a girls' team. They have all these things, but if the kids are caught using enhancement drugs for building muscle and there's no policy or nothing in their policy that would standardize it across the state. These kids would know they're on a level playing field with every student in the state whether they're in FFA or choir or in BPA or an athlete, it's across the board and every student should have to follow those guidelines. Debbie thinks it would make them better people and better students if they were all following those guidelines. Just like you can't yell at the ref, you can't smoke cannabis and still be on this team. There must be some consistency, and we must be the ones to get that message to our kids. Debbie stated that PTMI is working on that.

15. School Update

Dr. Vallejo stated he didn't have much of an update because they're just starting off the school year. He's the new guy on the block and still learning people's names and programs they have in place. Hopefully, next time we meet, he'll have more to go over, but right now they're getting things ready to get these students to their classes and get the kids registered this week because the following week is when school starts. Deanna applauded Mountainair Schools because Mountainair is the only school in the county that has mandatory breathalyzers to attend prom and graduation. Dr. Vallejo stated they're going to look at that as well because as much he would love to continue that, they also

must be mindful about the legal side of things. They must make sure that whoever is testing is certified, that whatever test they're using, they're calibrated, etc. So, they're happy to review everything including eligibility to play any sport, drug testing on the regular. They're having to put a pause on that for right now because if anywhere along the line, parents say no you're not being consistent or there's no calibration or certification with the equipment or the person administering the test, privacy issues, etc. We end up on the wrong side of that. He thinks that a number of districts kind of pulled away from that. Dr. Vallejo stated they are looking into it because if they can hold onto it, they will.

16. Enforcement Update

Jordan Duran stated that for the month of July, they had four crashes with injuries with one being a fatality. They had three DWI related arrests. He stated they still have some funds to use for LDWI, but they're struggling with staffing right now, so they're trying to get as many patrols in as they can. Deanna asked if they got funding from another agency besides the DWI program. Sgt. Duran stated sure. Deanna informed Sgt. Duran that she must create an MOU because we started FY25. Deanna stated she'll get that created and sent over. Amanda stated they get funding from DOT and from LDWI. Deanna told Sgt. Duran that the Sheriff has brought up at commission meeting that the Sheriff's Office is interested in doing prevention in the schools. Deanna asked Sgt. Duran if he had heard anything about that, but Sgt. Duran hadn't. Sgt. Duran stated they just lost another person. Amanda stated the previous Executive Assistant was spearheading that and they just got a new one. Since she's still a newbie, so once she gets a little more. Debbie asked if any of the four crashes were DWI related. Sgt. Duran answered possibly the fatality, but no confirmation yet, as it's being investigated.

17. Member Comments

Amanda stated that regarding prevention activities, she's been talking about this for six months, but we do have some opioid funding from the state from some of the settlements in the past few years. We may be getting more and we're looking at what can be used for prevention and treatment. Amanda stated it's open ended so their exploring. As we all know we have a lack of counseling and mental health services in the county, so they're looking at possibly a partnership there, like Esparanza. They are also looking into prevention activities, so like she said, between DWI, Juvenile Justice, and the Sheriff's Office, we can put something together that we can start spending those funds on. Because it's opioid funding and the Attorney General's Office, there's just a process, so they're working on that. Adrian stated that one thing Amanda can argue about is that any prevention is opioid prevention. So, if she finds a curriculum she wants to use in schools or different things like that because some of the evidence-based curriculums are pricey, but she might be able to get one. She has a Prevention Specialist here that can teach it. Amanda stated she believes she has \$100,000, which isn't a huge amount of money, but we can use some of our other funding to make it. Adrian said when it comes to NARCAN and NARCAN training, we already have funding and all the stuff to do it, so he wouldn't suggest doing any of that because we're basically the hub for the southeast quadrant of the state, so that includes all of Torrance County with the Health Council. If she can put it elsewhere and not into buying NARCAN and stuff because we have free NARCAN from the state. Adrian can order boxes and crates and supply law enforcement with them. Debbie stated that some of that money can be used on a presentation that we can bring to

the area. It's called One Pill Can Kill and they have contacts for two different organizations that advocate. Adrian stated they train people to go out and do it. Basically, you go on their website to get trained, and then go do it. They don't do it anymore, where they come out anymore. The only one that still comes out is Laura Stack with Johnny's Ambassador. Amanda also mentioned that Janice Barela, our County Manager, has accepted a position at the State Treasurer's Office, so she will be leaving 8/15/24. Amanda wanted to let everyone know because that could halt some of our momentum as we deal with the transition.

18. Public Comments

None

19. Next Meeting

Deanna was thinking about having the meeting on Wednesday 11/6/24 or 11/20/24. She wants to make sure there are no conflicts. Debbie stated the 20th would probably be better. Debbie prefers 1pm over 3pm. So, the next meeting will be 11/20/24 at 1pm in the Commission Room and via Zoom.

20. Adjourn

Debbie thanked everyone for their time and encouraged attendance in person. Deanna promised to have fresh baked goods at the next meeting. Amanda inquired about moving the meeting around to Moriarty to Estancia to Mountainair if we found a host. Debbie said they can have it at the memorial. The 11/20/24 at 1pm meeting was moved to the DWI Memorial of Perpetual Tears. Amanda motioned to adjourn, and Rebecca seconded.



Debbie Ortiz - Chairwoman



Date

The Video of this meeting can be viewed in its entirety on the Torrance County NM website. (torrancecountynm.org)