

TORRANCE COUNTY DWI PLANNING COUNCIL MEETING

MARCH 20, 2025

1. Call Meeting to Order

Adrian Ortiz, Teen Court Coordinator/Program Manager for PTMI, called the March 20, 2025, meeting to order at 1:02.

2. Determination of Quorum

Quorum met

3. Introductions and Welcome of Guests

Reecie Eckard – Executive Assistant and Representative for Torrance County Sheriff's Office

Pete Vallejo – Superintendent at Mountainair Public Schools

Luke Fields – Torrance County Grants Administrator

Debbie Maberry – Accounting Program Director for Cooperative Extension Service and 4-H Agent

Angela Zamora – Community Health Worker at PTMI

Cheryl Borger – Instructor for Silver Sneakers

Myra Luna – DWI Program Coordinator

4. Approval of Agenda

Dr. Pete Vallejo – Motion to approve

Luke Fields – Second the motion

Motion carried to approve agenda as proposed

5. Approval of Minutes of November 11, 2024 Meeting

Dr. Pete Vallejo – Motion to approve

Reecie Eckard – Second the motion

Motion carried to approve the Minutes, no one opposed

6. Coordinator Update

Myra said she started as Program Coordinator on February 10, 2025. She stated that the three local High schools participated in the Arrive Alive Tour. Mountainair's was held on February 11th, and they had 92 Participants. Estancia's was held on February 12th and had 80 Participants. Moriarty's tour was held on February 13th, and they had 52 Participants. Myra reported she has been attending training (Risk, Needs, and Responsivity Assessment and Nobel Training). She attended Commissioner Meetings, an Ad-Hoc meeting via Zoom, a Teen Court Association meeting via Zoom, a Partnership for a Healthy Community meeting in person, and the DWI Day in Santa Fe on February 28th. Myra has been visiting local businesses to speak about the DWI Prevention Programs including the Smart Choice Van. She attended the Mountainair Marken on March 8th. 50 contacts were made. Myra reported that the Moriarty Police have been very active in prevention activities. Since January they have had at least 8 activities. No arrests or warnings were reported to have occurred. The Town of Estancia and New Mexico Department of Public Safety has not reported any activities during this period. Rebecca Sonnenberg with Waves had nothing to report. A new Facebook page has started and since March 10th, there have been 1,473 views, 31 interactions and 95 followers. Myra reported she obtained the ORAS certification on March 12th. The Compliance Officer remains under the County Manager, but Myra and Daniel will do some cross-training.

The Johnny's Ambassadors presentations will be at four locations on April 3rd and 4th. On th 5th, Myra will be back at the Mountainair Market. On April 18th, Myra will attend the Estancia Library as they prepare for the Easter Egg Hunt the following day. The DWI Program will set up a table at Hunt. Also on the 18th, Myra will attend the Mountainair Dance and will have the Smart Choice Van on standby for anyone needing a ride. Myra will continue to visit business in the community and will request donations for prizes for Bingo games. Myra reported she is working on renting a billboard on I-40 which can promote the Smart Choice Van. At the next Commissioner's meeting Myra will present two MOUs for funding for PTMI for prevention activities, and another Teens Need Teens program for prevention programs at Estancia Middle School. Myra and Adrian have been discussing upcoming activities such as Proms. Myra will contact the local Independent News and the local Radio station to promote the DWI Program.

Debbie suggested Myra contact the FFA teachers as they showed movies in the park last summer. Adrian stated that the Pool (in Estancia) is closed for repairs

Luke Fields stated that he wanted to address the Fiscal Year and Quarter Two Report. He stated that he is working on those at this time, and is also working on the FY26 application. He stated that he and Myra will be working on the 3rd Quarter report, next.

7. Misdemeanor Compliance Officer Update:

Adrian tabled this update at the time as Daniel Boone was not able to attend the meeting.

8. Teen Court Update:

Adrian stated that he currently has four pending referrals for truancy, all from Edgewood Middle School. He stated that he is working with Rebecca Sonnenberg with these students to address other issues which might be causing the students to be truant. They are hoping that there will be a better approach. Adrian said that some students are referred to Restorative Justice, which is another program that the County Offers. He said that he has five kids still in the program, but they are pretty much done, other than needing to complete their community service. Once they complete that, they will be done with their sentences. Adrian advised they had the New Mexico Teen Court Association meeting here (at PTMI), and during that meeting, they provided PACS training which is a trauma-informed care training for adults working with youth. This program teaches how to respond to youth in a way that will not cause more trauma or harm. Adrian stated that the training will be offered to all the schools and can be given during in-service training. He stated that it would be free. Pete said that he would look at the training for the next school year.

Cheryl asked if the Teen Court participants were mostly male, or females and Adrian stated that it is a combination. He stated he only works with teenagers and that truancy is a big issue. He stated that the issues with younger students are parent issues. He stated that many parents are not making sure their children are getting to school.

9. Evaluator Update:

Adrian stated that Deanna (Deanna Lopez, former DWI Program Coordinator) was doing her own Program evaluation and that prior to that, there was an evaluator that was contracted. He stated that he believes that a contracted evaluator would be good. Myra agreed and stated that she would be looking into that.

10. PTMI Update:

Angela stated that they are working on getting the community survey out to the community. She said that participants need to be a New Mexico resident at least 18 years of age or older to take the survey. She said the survey will end at the end of April. Up until then, there are \$100 drawings every week and there will be a \$500 drawing at the end of April. Angela encouraged everyone to take the survey using the online link or the paper surveys available at the office. She said they are also working with the dispensaries to distribute Lock Boxes, trying to encourage parents or guardians to lock up their cannabis. She said they are working on getting information out to youth and parents about vaping. She said they did a focus group and a questionnaire at the school on the arms associated with vaping and would be able to share the data later. She has taken a few trainings to get more information on what is in the vapes and how smoke can affect people. Adrian interjected that there are problems with first, second, and third hand smoke.

Angela stated that she has tabled events at local sporting events, and she distributed the annoying thunder sticks that have a message saying that responsible parent's don't give alcohol to minors. Those were given out in Mountainair and Estancia and Moriarty. She said that they also have frisbees that they are now going to give out. She stated she can give Naloxone training free of charge.

11. School Updates:

Dr. Pete Vallejo stated that they are close to the end of the school year. He said that spring break is next week for the students in Mountainair. He said that they are hoping that things will remain business as usual for now.

Adrian added that he would be at all four schools for Johnny's ambassadors' presentations. He thanked the schools for allowing them there, as the presentation will be impactful for the students. He stated that on the first day, the presentation will be in Mountainair, then in Estancia. The next day, they will be in Moriarty and then in Edgewood. He also thanked the schools for allowing him to be at the Proms. He said the programs would be at Mountainair, Estancia, and Moriarty for their Proms. Dr. Vallejo said that he is thankful as enough cannot be said to the kids about drinking and driving or being impaired while driving.

12. Law Enforcement Updates:

Reecie stated that she was there at the last minute as Sergeant Young was out on a DWI crash with injuries. She stated she was not prepared and would like to be included by email as Sergeant Young's backup.

13. Member Comments:

Luke stated that he wanted to say that on May 3rd, Torrance will be hosting the first of what is being called Torrance County Cares Days. He stated that the impetus for this is that they are getting 300 free vaccines from Petco that will be available to do Distemper and Parvo vaccines as a drive-thru clinic at the Fairgrounds in Estancia. He stated that they wanted to make it more than just about the vaccines, so they are going to have tables and tabling areas for distribution and awareness. He made a formal request for DWI Program to have a table at that event. Adrian asked if Luke wanted to share that with the Health Council as well and Luke affirmed. Luke stated that he will be posting the information at the school so that the kids can have their parents bring their dogs in for vaccinations. He said that the Roswell Animal Shelter was shut down for December, and it is really important to have all of the animals vaccinated. He stated it was completely free. The Teen Court stated they would be there. DWI Program stated they would be there. The Sheriff's Department stated they would be there as well as other Departments. Luke stated that they cannot offer Rabies Vaccinations but will be offering microchipping for \$10. He reiterated that they would have a drive-thru set up, and an area where they can have tables set up and it should be a good even for the entire community and no fee for the vaccines.

14. Public Comments

Adrian asked if there were any public comments. He stated that seeing none, he would move to number 15.

15. Next Meeting

Adrian stated that the date and location of the next meeting would be determined.

16. Adjourn

Mateo Page – Motion to adjourn

Dr. Pete Vallejo – Second the motion

No one opposed.

Meeting adjourned at 1:29.