

## **TORRANCE COUNTY DWI PLANNING COUNCIL MEETING**

**September 4, 2025**

### **1. Call Meeting to Order**

Adrian Ortiz, Teen Court Coordinator/Program Manager for PTMI, called the meeting to order at 1403.

### **2. Determination of Quorum**

Quorum not met

### **3. Introductions and Welcome of Guests**

Adrian Ortiz – Torrance County Teen Court Coordinator and Perpetual Tears Memorial Inc. (Program Manager).

Pete Vallejo – Superintendent at Mountainair Public Schools

Sarah Lucero – Torrance County Misdemeanor Compliance Officer

Tom Carter- Torrance Chief of Police

Debby Maberry- Torrance County Family Consumer Science Program Director/Cooperative Extension Service, 4-H

Myra Luna – DWI Program Coordinator

Luke Fields – Torrance County Grants Administrator

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

### **4. Approval of Agenda**

Quorum not met

### **5. Approval of Minutes of May 29, 2025 Meeting**

Quorum not met

### **6. Coordinator Update**

Myra stated that for Fiscal Year 25, the Grant was \$100,000. There was an additional \$58,000 awarded in a special application because of FY24 reverted money. The Distribution was \$102,285.25. The Grant for FY26 is lower; \$96,000.00 The

Distribution (for FY26) the amount is higher, at \$108,416. Most of the monies for FY25 were spent in the last Quarter. The attempt to utilize monies was made as much as possible, but the program did revert \$69,622.17. Some of that money was for Overtime for the Smart Choice Drivers; however, if they do not work, they do not work. That amount was \$7,570. Also reverted was \$10,000 for out-of-state travel, which was deemed as not necessary to use as the coordinator had just started working as Coordinator. \$26,000 was reverted for Contractual services. This was understandably a concern, and the coordinator has been working with the new Compliance Officer, Sarah Lucero, regarding this money. It was reported that Ms. Lucero has been very busy getting everything (in her program) up to date and she has already made referrals to Waves, so some of that money (Contractual Services) will be paid. This area is a priority for both. \$22,235 was spent (in FY25) on Law Enforcement activities. \$6,489.79 was spent on advertising. A meeting was held with Chaplain Gary from Torrance County Detention Center. He approved the coordinator to go into jail and provide Evidence Based curriculum to Offenders incarcerated for DWI or DWI-related Offenses. The plan is to also have AA/NA meetings at the jail. The Program is needing to find a Grant to purchase a new Smart Choice van as the one the County present has, has over 229,000 miles and is in very poor condition. If any schools want foam fingers from last year, there is still a lot left. The program can also purchase additional items. Everyone who has offered to help the program is greatly appreciated.

#### **7. Misdemeanor Compliance Officer Update:**

Sarah is working on getting certified in the programs she will be using. She completed the IDA (Impaired Driving Assessment) training, she has been reviewing files to ensure Offenders are in compliance with the program. There has been a review of 55 cases and two have warrants. There are files that have not been worked on since March and Sarah is trying to keep in touch with the probationers. Many have completed their programs, and she has had six new Probationers. August 13<sup>th</sup> was the end of Pre-trial oversight. Those files were picked up by Stephanie Dunlap. Sarah is glad to be here and to be part of the team.

#### **8. Teen Court Update:**

Adrian offered a website ([primeforlife.org](http://primeforlife.org)), which is an organization that works with offenders and offers some free programming that is evidence-based for some offenders. Referrals for Teen Court have been slow, but steady. Because school has started up, most of the cases will be for truancy. Teen Court is coming up with programming; trying to help students as truancy is often more of a parental

problem. Teen Court currently has 16 participants and no pending cases. They are anticipating, in speaking to JP, that there will be more cases. Adrian was the treasurer for the New Mexico Teen Court Association for the last six years and he stepped down. At the end of this fiscal year, Adrian will be stepping down from Teen Court as he will be obtaining his master's degree in social work. Adrian suggested that the DWI program reach out to the Athletic Directors as Teen Court will be passing out items at homecoming as the theme is, "neon".

#### **9. PTMI Update:**

Adrian stated that PTMI is busy going out and reminding sites that they are not to sell tobacco to minors as it is a \$1,000 fine if they are caught selling it to minors. They are passing out educational packets so employees can be trained. They have 500 sites and are down to 180 left. They have been across the entire State doing site visits. PTMI also tabled at the Sunflower festival, distributed Narcan and information on not providing alcohol to minors. With dispensaries, PTMI partners with all the dispensaries and PTMI gives them lock boxes so they can encourage people to lock up their marijuana, so kids do not get into it.

#### **10. School Updates:**

Dr. Pete Vallejo stated they have homecoming on September 12<sup>th</sup>.

#### **11. Law Enforcement Updates:**

Tom Carter stated that he had no big updates. He stated that their SRO is underway, and they plan to do some DWI prevention at the high school games. He stated they do not have any statistics yet but are getting ready.

#### **12. Member Comments:**

Sheryl Boerger asked if there are programs across the Country that the DWI program could borrow ideas from. Adrian stated that yearly conferences are held, and ideas and strategies are brought back. He stated that he believes that the Smarch Choice Rides is a great idea, but he wished more people would use it. He stated that data should be examined to see if it is working or what can be done differently as we are in a smaller community. He said we have used, "sticker shock" where information is put on alcohol packages letting them (people) not to contribute to minors. He stated that ultimately, the best case that is evidence-based is working with kids in school more along the lines of life skills, like teaching them life skills and working on

their behaviors and risky behaviors, showing them that encouragement is more of a protective factor instead of a risk factor, that having a trusted adult that they can talk to. In schools, they build relationships with the kids. Adrian stated that the schools have demands of educational hours, so it is difficult to go in and try to do programs in the schools.

Sarah stated she had never heard of the little Smart Car until she started working for the County. She stated she worked for an insurance company and asked if advertisements had been set out at football games. She offered to speak to the Athletic Director Daniel Pierce to see if announcements could be made during the games.

Debby Maberry stated that she is scheduling her diabetic kitchen creation class for next April. It will be on four Saturdays in April. They will have a nutritionist, a dietician there and will be going through the workbook and have hands-on cooking demonstration. She mentioned that a person had told her that their glucose index went down about 20 points from taking the class.

Todd Brogowski stated that it was unfortunate that a Quorum had not been met. He stated that he is happy to advertise any content, in The Dispatch.

### **13. Public Comments**

Adrian stated that Myra sent out the bylaws to everyone and at the next meeting, they would be voted on.

### **14. Next Meeting**

Adrian stated that the next meeting could be November 20<sup>th</sup> at 2 PM.

### **15. Adjourn**

Meeting was adjourned as there was nothing further.

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Myra Luna  
DWI Program Coordinator

