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MUNICIPAL DRUG STRATEGY TASK FORCE MEETING
MARKET STATION CONFERENCE ROOM
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THURSDAY, OCTOBER 24, 2019, 11:00 AM**

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1. CALL TO ORDER

The meeting of the Municipal Drug Strategy Task Force was called to order by Emily Kaltenbach, Chair, on Thursday, October 24, 2019, at 11:00 am, at the Market Station Conference Room, 500 Market Station, Santa Fe, New Mexico

ROLL CALL

MEMBERS PRESENT

Emily Kaltenbach, Chair
Laurie Knight
Alex Dominguez
Bernie Lieving
Sylvia Barela
Larry Martinez

Sophie Andar
Andres Mercado
Kathy Armijo-Etre
Jesse Cirolia, Advisory Member
Dr. Wendy Johnson
Dr. Tim Condon

MEMBERS ABSENT

Dr. Laura Brown, Excused
Denise Herrera, Excused
Dr. Laura Dwyer
Marcela Diaz, Excused
Dr. Bret Smoker, Excused
Chris Wendel, Excused
Denise Herrera
Tony Dixon, Excused

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Veronica Garcia
Sue O'Brien
John Osborne, Excused
Dr. Michael DeBernardi, Excused
Bennett Baur
Karen Wells

OTHERS PRESENT

Julie Sanchez, Community Services, Liaison
Captain Anthony Tapia
Michelle Lis
George Carrasco
Elizabeth Martin, Stenographer

2. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

MOTION A motion was made by Mr. Martinez, seconded by Mr. Lieving, to approve

the agenda as presented.

VOTE The motion passed unanimously by voice vote.

3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

JULY 25, 2019

Mr. Martinez said he thought the capture of the conversation about language really was consistent with what happened and captured the essence of what we were trying to say.

Ms. Andar said she had a couple of corrections and will give them to Ms. Martin.

MOTION A motion was made by Mr. Martinez, seconded by Ms. Andar, to approve the minutes as amended.

VOTE The motion passed by a voice vote of 10 yes and 1 abstention. The abstention was Ms. Knight.

SEPTEMBER 5, 2019

Ms. Knight said on page 2, 4 B it should say overdose; on page 3 and on page 7 she does not think she made those comments.

Mr. Lieving said he did not remember making the comment attributed to him.

Ms. Cirolia said her name is misspelled throughout the minutes and Dr. Dwyer was excused.

MOTION A motion was made by Mr. Martinez, seconded by Mr. Lieving, to approve the minutes as amended.

VOTE The motion passed unanimously by voice vote.

SEPTEMBER 26, 2019

Chair Kaltenbach said Mr. Joye's name is misspelled, Dr. Knight was not in attendance, the spelling of Cirolia needs to be corrected, Dr. Brown was not in attendance.

MOTION A motion was made by Mr. Martinez, seconded by Mr. Lieving, to approve the minutes as amended.

VOTE The motion passed unanimously by voice vote.

5. NEW BUSINESS

A. WELCOME

Chair Kaltenbach said she wanted to give an introduction to the task today. On the wall is our second set of recommendations. We went through 41 recommendations last month. You have information in your packet that includes all 62 recommendations. We are discussing today recommendation number 30 to 62. There were a few from last meeting that we did not have time to discuss last time and we will do that at the end. The Chairs of our subgroups met since the last meeting and talked about where there were significant overlap and issues. What is on the wall reflects that work.

B. REVISED RECOMMENDATIONS

Ms. Lis said what we want to do is identify areas where there is not consensus. You will vote in the negative with a dot if you have an issue with the recommendation. Then we will address the recommendations that have dots on them. We will give everyone time to review and consider the criteria.

Mr. Knight said numbers 46 and 50 are duplicates.

Chair Kaltenbach said she met with Rachel on all of these regarding the ones the County is involved in or wants to be involved in and this language includes that as well. We heard from Kyra and Julie that there are not funding streams to support a lot of our recommendations.

Ms. Armijo-Etre asked is there anything, where there is a funding stream, that could say all the major funding streams should align.

Chair Kaltenbach said these recommendations are only for the City. Number 62 creates a funding stream for the City budget.

Ms. Armijo-Etre asked what stage in the process do these become a budget item. Some are no cost. It would be nice to have budget items clearly defined. She is concerned about stuff like maternal health and early child stuff. That does not feel to her like that is within the scope of the City.

Chair Kaltenbach said this is an example of where you would make your voting comment with a dot. To the first point that is what we are going to do. We are creating an implementation plan and that includes what needs new funding sources and which ones we need to advocate to the State for, etc.

Ms. Armijo-Etre said she is concerned about the number of recommendations.

Chair Kaltenbach said they will not be listed 1 through 62.

Mr. Lieving asked where did number 59 come from.

Chair Kaltenbach said put your dot on that one.

Mr. Lieving said we got the grant to do that.

Ms. Knight said she and Andres spoke about it so it is in our recommendations to build on your program.

Ms. Lis said take a minute to go through the recommendations and start dotting now.

Mr. Lieving said there is a lot of focus on law enforcement diversion. More than he wants to see. He would rather see community based treatment apart from being deferred by a law enforcement agency.

Chair Kaltenbach said we are talking about what the City has control over.

Mr. Lieving said thank you.

Ms. Knight said it might be something to consider. We could add a narrative to be presented in the final report outlining that concern.

Mr. Martinez said he agreed. We need an overarching statement.

Ms. Lis said we will start our discussion with number 45, which has the most dots.

Ms. Barela said there are mobile crisis response teams that exist and some have Medicaid funding and are State initiatives. It can be problematic if we don't align those initiatives. The idea is important and we should have it, but align it to the State and County level.

Mr. Martinez said that is exactly his comment as well.

Ms. Knight said that came from the public safety subcommittee. The alignment

needs to be within the integration of the idea of a social worker or beyond on those teams to avoid the siloed approach. There needs to be a mental health support person available to line officers.

Mr. Lieving said take it out of the Police and Fire Departments.

Mr. Mercado said we have a ton of money invested in these programs in Police and Fire. We are not doing a good job with it. We work great with the PMS Mobile Response Team. We have a very limited crisis response. The State is not doing anything. We could use ten times what we have. The goal is to set up a pilot program with a team focused on small groups of people with intense training. Bring the expertise into one small unit and focus on it and over time change the way the Police and Fire Departments respond to it. We are going to be called anyway on these calls every time. We need to look at a better workflow and ability. Look at what happens when we actually train folks. It should be done in collaboration with other entities. Everyone shoots everything back to the 911 system. It is not about having a different mobile crisis team.

Captain Tapia said he understood that the public safety subcommittee did not have a police presence.

Ms. Knight said Lt. Joye attended several times. She and Andres also met with them.

Captain Tapia said our entire agency went through intense crisis training. Officers are now trained if it is a behavioral health issue to notify the PMS Mobile Crisis Team. He doesn't want it out there that the Police do not know how to deal with these situations. As part of their training they had to go out and actually deal with folks in crisis.

Mr. Mercado said that training is very good. The Police Department is better trained in dealing with behavioral health issues than Fire is. This is not just about being more effective, but also about system efficiencies.

Ms. Lis asked is there anything we can do to adapt this language and add alignment. Would that be more acceptable to people.

Everyone said yes.

Ms. Lis and Chair Kaltenbach will work on that.

Ms. Lis said on number 57, Community Services does do this already.

Ms. Armijo-Etre said her thoughts are the same as on number 57 as they are on numbers 52, 58, 60 and 62. The bigger umbrella statement needs to be we are look at

our contracting process and our requirements cut across the board for everybody. We need to coordinate the requirements for everyone so the need for reporting in different ways stops. Also we need to strengthen the service delivery system.

Ms. Cirolia said this came from our subcommittee and it was exactly about that. Standards of care and reporting.

Ms. Barela said the way the recommendations are phrased is very vague. She is concerned that more regulations and requirements will be put on that are not in alignment with what other funding organizations are requiring. She supports Kathy's phrasing of that.

Ms. Armijo-Etre said the funders need to get together and agree on what is needed and necessary from service providers.

Mr. Mercado asked would it be realistic to have the City or funders get together to develop two levels of training. One for clinicians and one for non-clinicians and say if you want this funding you have to come to this training.

Ms. Sanchez said we could make that as a subpoint on number 62. That education could be considered not only for City staff, but external training as well. Trainings are not cheap. We fund a lot of agencies and we would need to do a multiple series of trainings.

Ms. Lis said we have to tweak the language.

Captain Tapia said he looks at the bad of everything. Number 61 is very vague regarding how that housing would be set up. It could be a City liability.

Chair Kaltenbach said this was pulled out of a larger recommendation. The question is what is the City's role with this. Do they facilitate the planning of it or fund it.

Ms. Cirolia said the ones she has seen were City managed by Ordinances where they did not do them themselves. This would be the City partnering to provide permits.

Mr. Martinez said he thinks we can never get away from having City liability in this. Even if the do just funding. What we need to do is figure out how they do it in other cities. The intent is a good intent. Having people in a safe place that is heavily regulated. The liability is a big flag. We should not recommend that the City take on more liability.

Mr. Dominguez said Haven of Home does that in San Antonio. He will send him that information.

Chair Kaltenbach said we just want to make sure it happens. We want to

encourage the City to take an active leadership role in researching liability issues and planning.

Ms. Armijo-Etre said she agreed. This is driven by the needs of a population that will continue to fall through the cracks.

Ms. Knight said she is not sure what we are going to do with this. Maybe replace planning and implementation with research and reduction of barriers.

Ms. Lis said we will do that.

Chair Kaltenbach said the continuum of care issues are in numbers 52 and 53. Some of those items are already happening, but there is not medical detox and that is why that was pulled out. It was a recommendation of Rachel's.

Ms. Barela said replace advocate with help fund and for the City to take an active role.

Chair Kaltenbach said advocate and help fund.

Ms. Lis said she will do that.

Dr. Condon said he is concerned about follow up on that. There needs to be a linkage there.

Chair Kaltenbach said we can change the language to say it has to be part of the continuum of care in number 53.

Ms. Andar suggested adding "and fund" to number 52.

Chair Kaltenbach said if you look at number 62 you can see that as a higher level recommendation.

Ms. Andar said add in the breadth of modalities

Ms. Armijo-Etre said if we have a preamble in the report of "this is what we believe" would that work.

Ms. Andar said it could fit there.

Chair Kaltenbach said we are going to put these back into context and send them out over email so you can all tell us if we hit what we should have.

Ms. Armijo-Etre said on number 52 we want our providers to be able to be supported in focusing on the service delivery and having high level services and a level

of accountability. When someone takes someone on as a client they take the responsibility and that client is theirs. The buck has to stop with the entity funded for the service and that takes that client in.

Ms. Barela said we need to add what services don't exist in the community and that the entity holding that responsibility has the ability to handle that client. Increase the capacity of our service providers.

Mr. Dominguez said we are working on Santa Fe Connect and that is a warm hand off. The issue is not enough of the speciality providers are signing up for that.

Ms. Armijo-Etre said we as a community need to own our issues. Own our community needs and address them together.

Ms. Barela asked how do we increase the resources we have so we don't have to send them to the hospital.

Mr. Martinez said the hospital should not be the dumping ground. Another element is the issue of patient choice and freedom to chose of who their provider is. If we are going to have a staffing model, if a patient wants someone else we have to have a process. The County hospital and jail are not dumping grounds.

Ms. Cirolia said Pete's is the dumping ground. There has to be some other mechanism, otherwise warm handouts can turn into hot potatoes.

Ms. Cirrola said on number 55 she has a lot of questions. In her role on the Human Services Committee she sees a lot of organizations who are contracted and funded. She does not think this is specific enough for the City to be able to implement it. It is not realistic.

Chair Kaltenbach said she agreed. It came from the prevention group so if the prevention folks want to cut it we will.

The prevention group said yes they agreed.

Chair Kaltenbach said we will cut that one out.

Ms. Lis said number 44 is for discussion.

Chair Kaltenbach said there is going to be some legislation at the Legislature on this. There are some technical issues. It is the wave of where other states are going. This is just to advocate for it.

Ms. Andar said she is in support of this, but would suggest another layer of investigation. For instance for human traffickers who have a litany of offences and

could be given automatic expungement. She thinks it would be helpful to say advocate for the investigation of expungement of records.

Chair Kaltenbach said currently there is an expungement process so people have to petition for that and that becomes live in January.

Mr. Martinez said is it the word automatic. That triggered him too.

Captain Tapia said him too.

Mr. Martinez said that is telling the community that nothing every happened. Evaluate and look at it, but not automatic.

Ms. Knight said she just went to training on the expungement statute that becomes live in January. It is not automatic and there are real problems with it. It encourages expungement by law. There would be more opportunities for employment. Courts are overburdened and she does not have confidence that the petitions filed are even going to be scheduled for a hearing so she supports automatic expungement. Under this current law those previous convictions can be used for habitual offenders.

Chair Kaltenbach said one of the issues of the drug cycle is people don't have an opportunity for employment with a felony on their record. We have to remember where these recommendations came from.

Ms. Knight said we need final action on this one.

Mr. Dominguez said keep it. Let the professionals look at it and take out automatic if they want to.

Ms. Cirolia said she thinks some of these could be reworked.

Chair Kaltenbach said no, this is it. If you have heartburn with it, it may not be on the list.

Mr. Martinez said there is alternative wording we could use without saying automatic.

Ms. Armijo-Etre said we can resolve this one. Maybe legislative advocacy.

Chair Kaltenbach said we are going to put these in buckets and one is legislative advocacy. We will vote and take the majority vote if it is to be included or not.

Chair Kaltenbach said all who are in favor of including this recommendation raise your hand.

There were six yes votes.

Chair Kaltenbach said all who are against raise your hand.

There were three no votes and three who abstained from voting.

Chair Kaltenbach said the recommendation will be included. We can add that it is for nonviolent offences.

Mr. Cirolia said add in for those who qualify.

Ms. Knight asked qualify for what.

Captain Tapia said he still has an issue with automatic.

Chair Kaltenbach asked how about advocate for the concept.

There was a unanimous vote to accept the revision of the language to “advocate for the concept.”

6. COMMENTS FROM CHAIR AND COMMITTEE MEMBERS

None

7. REPORT FROM STAFF

None

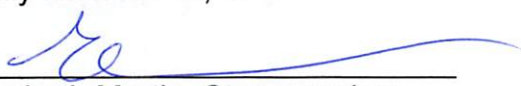
8. MATTERS FROM THE FLOOR

None

9. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business before the Task Force the meeting adjourned at 1:06 pm.

Emily Kaltenbach, Chair



Elizabeth Martin, Stenographer