

**Do the RIGHT
Thing- Don't
Drink and Drive.**

Hidalgo County DWI Program

DWI Planning Council Meeting Minutes November 28, 2018

Members Present: David Whitmore, Jason Hawley (school representative), Esther Steward (for Patricia Hernandez), Joni Kerr

Guests Present: Patricia Saucedo, Joseph Hill, Jessica Rodriguez, Irma Saenz, John Plowman, Emily Mendoza, Jacqueline Saenz, Irma Geaney, Julie Montenegro

1. Approval of minutes will take place via email.

2. Reports:

Progress of activities:

Prevention BYA: Project Venture activities:

Prevention with DWI in schools; etc.: RVT- Too Good for Violence all finished except for 4th grade. Have begun Too Good for Drugs: Animas is almost finished with Too Good for Drugs, For high school we finished too good for violence and drugs. Emily shared a "t-shirt" activity she did with Animas students. Jacqueline reported it is getting easier with DTMS, she is almost finished. Patricia reported she worked with Animas this year. She handed out observation and hopefully will receive feedback about how they did this year. Patricia did a few sessions with the Preventionist shadowing her. Had some feedback last year about some changes that needed to be made. Freshman scores were down this year. It was a tough class- in the 70's last year and it went down to in the 40's this year. There engagement wasn't good. Patricia is looking forward to that class maturing a little.

DARE; update: Maria wasn't present to give an update on the DARE program.

DWI Reports from enforcement:

DWIs and Saturation patrols: No law enforcement present to report
No Underage Drinking Patrols and arrests: No law enforcement present to report, Esther from JPO reported they haven't had any referrals. The last referral the JPO office had was in July.

3. Old Business:

- a. Reversion money update: Patricia applied for the reversion money, but there was a address confusion, but it was received a day late and was not awarded Patricia is hopeful that the reversion money may

be available in the future. With the reversion money, she was hoping to start the Friday activities.

b.

4. **New Business:**

- a. Site visit update: Patricia reported that there was a site visit from the head of DWI (this is the 4th boss since she has been coordinator). The site visit was successful. She seems positive about the direction of the program. Patricia was glad she took some time to decorate the office because it made an impression. Since the Hidalgo County DWI coordinator is a contractor, she expected the facility to be less functional. Patricia made the point to her that Catron county and Hidalgo receive the same funds from the state, but yet the program is more intense in Hidalgo with 60 something clients and 4-5 schools to work in. Patricia shared that she is struggling getting the prevention specialist certified. The trainings are expensive and usually a distance, so it is hard to get those hours. Patricia has two years to get certified. She also reported the test is hard to pass.
- b. DFC update: Just entered out 4th year in October for a 5 year grant. Joe reported that in February there will be a meeting with OSAP to see if there are any options for future funding in our county. DWI does the radio ads with the DFC money. Broadcasted on three radio stations.
- c. Next year grant update: Patricia will begin working on the 2020 grant next year. Usually the distribution is set at \$62,000. The grant may be a little more competitive.

6. **Any other business:**

- a. Esther expressed her appreciation for everyone's part in the assessment, she reported the folks that did the assessment were impressed with Hidalgo County. They will get a report with recommendations and suggestions. Maybe towards the end of January. Esther is looking forward to that. There has been some great collaboration in our community. There was some excitement about some upcoming trainings. Joe was selected to attend a great training in Florida.
- b. 2. Teen maze – Patricia reported they changed the activity for the Teen Maze to use the basketball shooting and the electronic darts with the goggles.

7. **Next meeting – February 20, 2019 at 12 pm**

Chairman

Date