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**BERNALILLO COUNTY METROPOLITAN DWI/DRUG COURT
SECOND OFFENDER PROGRAM**

**TRAFFIC SAFETY BUREAU SUPPLEMENTAL FOLLOW-UP REPORT
PERIOD ENDING 09-30-04**

Background Information

In May 2002 the Bernalillo County Metropolitan DWI/Drug Court undertook a pilot project funded in part by the New Mexico State Highway and Transportation Department, Traffic Safety Bureau. The scope of the pilot project is to provide DWI/Drug Court services to "true second" DWI offenders. Prior to this project the primary target population of the program was offenders convicted of third through fifth D.W.I.s. The purpose of the project is to determine if earlier intervention, i.e., "true second" offenders, is an effective alternative or addition to the current target population.

The TSB project period ended for enrollments on September 30, 2003. Enrolled project participants continued in the program until their graduation or termination from the program. During the project eighty-six (86) "true second" D.W.I. offenders were enrolled. These participants constitute the study group.

This supplemental report is the one year follow-up evaluation of project results as of 09/30/04.

Scope of Work Evaluation

A. Performance Goal – Reduce the DWI re-arrest rate for program graduates by 50%, to below 15%, for two years following graduation.

Forty-eight (48) program participants graduated from the program as of 09/30/04. Of the program graduates one (1) has been re-arrested for D.W.I. – a re-arrest rate of two percent (2%).

B. Objectives –

1. Provide DWI Drug Court program services ... for a minimum of thirty (30) offenders ...

The program enrolled and served a total of eighty-six (86) offenders during the period. Two hundred and eighty-seven percent (287%) of the pilot project

objective.

2. Conduct post completion monitoring ... for a period of 24 months to determine re-arrest rate.

Post completion monitoring continues at this time. The post completion period has not ended at this time. *This is the first follow-up report on the project.*

C. Activities – All activities have been completed during the period.

D. Measures –

1. Continued Treatment of Thirty (30) enrollments by September 30, 2003.

During the project period of May 1, 2002 through September 30, 2003 eighty-six (86) participants were enrolled. This is 287% of the enrollment measure agreed to in the scope of services. A list of participants with identifying information removed is available if requested but has not been submitted with this report for confidentiality purposes. Fifty-seven (57) of the enrollees remained active participants at the end of the project period (09/30/03).

As of the follow-up report (09/30/04) forty-eight participants graduated and five (5) remained active in the program. This combines for a retention rate of 61.3%.

2. Report on the number of graduates within the twelve-month period.

Ten (10) participants graduated as of the conclusion of the project period (09/30/03). This was a preliminary result as the program takes the average participant twelve months to complete and the majority of participants (57) remained in the program and had not participated long enough to graduate as of 09/30/03.

As of 09/30/04 forty-eight (48) project participants graduated from the program.

3. Report on the percentage of graduates re-arrested for DWI within 24 months of graduation.

As previously reported forty-eight (48) participants graduated as of 09/30/04.

Forty-seven (47) of the forty-eight (48) graduates have remained re-arrest free for D.W.I. – a ninety-eight percent (98%) success rate. One (1) graduate has been re-arrested for DWI as of 09/30/04. This yields a DWI re-arrest rate of two percent (2%) for project graduates.

E. Resources –

The Court utilized funds as designated in the project agreement budget.

The Court supplemented funds to not only complete the project agreement, but also exceeded the scope of the project utilizing its own resources as demonstrated by the two-hundred and eighty-seven percent (287%) participant target achievement.

F. Training – N/A

G. Self-Sufficiency –

The agency has continued to seek Local, State and other funds for continuation and expansion of the program. For FY04 the program successfully sought and received from the New Mexico Legislature significant expansion funds for the DWI/Drug Court program. This additional funding has continued into FY05.

The agency has not supplanted other funds with project funds.

Summary and Discussion

1. The program significantly exceeded the objective of thirty (30) participants by serving eighty-six (86) “true second” D.W.I. offenders - 287% of the objective – during the project period.

Discussion – A preliminary concern was if “true second” offenders, most often pled as first offenses, would accept such a rigorous program considering less demanding alternatives.

While a large number of potential participants chose not to participate, significantly exceeding the target objective of thirty (30) participants clearly demonstrates this concern was unfounded.

Acceptance of the program alternative by the Court’s Judges, offenders, prosecution and defense attorneys was demonstrated by the significant number of enrollees.

2. Forty-eight (48) project participants graduated and five (5) remain in the program as of this report (09/30/04) for a retention rate of sixty-one percent (61%).

Discussion – The retention rate for project participants, sixty-one percent (61%), is less than the overall program rate since its inception – seventy-one percent (71%). This may be the result of screening deficiencies associated with the new population, lack of acceptance by the participants who have experienced less severe consequences from their addiction and behavior, or other reasons.

3. Of those graduating during or subsequent to the project period forty-seven (47) have remained free of re-arrest for D.W.I. – a ninety-eight percent (98%) success rate. Only one (1) has been re-arrested for D.W.I. – a re-arrest rate of two percent (2%).

Discussion – While preliminary, as most graduates have exited the program in the past year, the initial success rate is quite encouraging. The historical success rate for graduates since the program's inception for one (1) year or less is about five percent (4.6%).

An additional supplemental report shall be submitted two years following the conclusion of the study period (September 30, 2005).

Respectfully submitted,

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