



# LAREDO DRUG & ALCOHOL COMMISSION

August 19, 2024

**Members**

**Colleen Rodriguez,  
Chair**

The Honorable Dr. Victor Treviño, Mayor  
Members of the Laredo City Council  
1110 Houston Street  
Laredo, Texas 78040

**Gerardo Montemayor**

Dear Mayor Treviño and Council Members:

**Hiram Tellez**

First and foremost, I would like to express my gratitude for the opportunity to serve on the Commission. On behalf of the Laredo & Webb County Drug and Alcohol Commission (DAC), I am pleased to submit our bi-annual report.

**Carolina Verastegui**

**Dr. Sylvia Dominguez**

We have remained steadfast in our mission to reduce the misuse of alcohol and drugs through our collaborative efforts with commission members and stakeholders. Our work is guided by a deep commitment to the well-being of our community, and we have seen significant progress in our shared goal of combating substance abuse.

**Earl Medina, Secretary**

**Mika Ziesman**

Public health initiatives have played a phenomenal role in supporting the success of our programs, contributing significantly to reducing the prevalence of drug and alcohol abuse in our community. One of the critical insights we have gained is the strong link between mental health and substance abuse. Addressing mental health challenges is vital in our efforts to prevent the onset of drug and alcohol misuse.

**Elizabeth Alonzo  
Villarreal**

**Freddy Cordova**

In recent months, we have faced an alarming increase in overdoses, underscoring the importance of our work. In response, we have equipped ourselves with life-saving tools and knowledge, including training on the administration of Narcan, a medication that reverses the effects of opioid overdoses. This training has empowered our community members to take immediate action in crisis situations, potentially saving lives. The rise of fentanyl, a potent opioid that is 50 times stronger than heroin, has exacerbated the overdose crisis nationwide. Recognizing this threat, we have adopted a proactive approach to prevent a similar surge in our city.

**Marah Mendez**

**Jesse Hernandez**

**Nancy Cadena**

**Marian Medina, Co-Chair**

**Margarita Garza**

A significant development in our community is the recent opening of the detox center, which has already begun to serve several clients. This facility represents a crucial step forward in our mission, offering a safe environment for individuals to begin their journey toward recovery. While it is still early days, we are optimistic about the positive impact this center will have on those struggling with addiction. Time will tell how this progress unfolds, but we are committed to closely monitoring and supporting its success.

**Dr. Richard Chamberlain,  
Director of Public Health**

**Dr. Viviana Martinez  
City Liaisons**

Our commitment extends beyond prevention; we are dedicated to ensuring that treatment, recovery, and resources are accessible to anyone seeking to break free from the grip of addiction. Our discussions in recent meetings have been focused on advocating for and understanding the unique needs of our community. We take immense pride in representing and advocating for the residents of Laredo and Webb County.

In closing, I want to extend my heartfelt thanks to you and every member of the commission for your unwavering dedication and hard work. Together, we will continue to strive for a community that is safer, healthier, and more vibrant—a place where we can all live, work, and play with confidence.

Respectfully submitted,

Colleen P. Rodriguez  
Drug & Alcohol Commission Chair

## Laredo / Webb Drug and Alcohol Committee

Attended	X
Did Not Attend	O
Forfeit	●
Meeting Cancelled	□

Member	District	Date Appointed	Date Expires	Date of Forfeit	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sept	Oct	Nov	Dec	Total
Colleen Rodriguez* - Chair	Mayor	4/15/2024	11/11/2026		O	O	X	X	X	X							4 / 6
Gerardo Montemayor*	District 1	9/23/2023	11/11/2026		X	X	X	X	X	X							6 / 6
Hiram Tellez	District 2	4/15/2024	11/11/2026		O	X	X	X	X	X							5 / 6
Carolina Verastegui	District 3	6/20/2023	11/11/2026		X	X	X	X	X	X							6 / 6
Dr. Sylvia Dominguez	District 4	3/29/2021	11/11/2024		O	X	O	X	O	O							2 / 6
Earl Medina	District 5	10/3/2022	11/11/2024		X	X	X	X	X	X							6 / 6
Mika Ziesman	District 6	2/6/2023	11/11/2026		O	X	X	O	O	O							2 / 6
Elizabeth Alonzo Villarreal	District 7	3/29/2021	11/11/2024		O	X	O	O	X	X							3 / 6
Freddy Cordova	District 8	2/22/2022	11/11/2024		X	X	X	X	X	X							6 / 6
Marah Mendez	Webb County Judge				X	O	X	X	O	O							3 / 6
Jesse Hernandez	Precinct 1				O	X	O	X	X	O							3 / 6
Nancy Cardenas	Precinct 2				X	X	X	O	O	X							4 / 6
Marina Medina, Co-Chair	Precinct 3				X	X	O	O	X	O							3 / 6
Margarita Garza	Precinct 4				O	X	X	X	O	X							4 / 6

**Laredo/ Webb County  
Drug and Alcohol Commission  
Meeting Agenda**

**Thursday, January 11, 2024 at 11:30 a.m.**

**COMMISSION MEMBERS**

(appointed by)

**Vacant\***

Mayor

Dr. Victor D. Trevino

**Gerardo Montemayor**

District 1 Councilman  
Gilbert Gonzalez

**Vacant\***

District 2 Councilman  
Daisy Campos Rodriguez

**Carolina Verastigui**

District 3 Councilman  
Melissa R. Cigarroa

**Dr. Sylvia Dominguez**

District 4 Councilman  
Alberto Torres

**Earl Medina**

**Secretary**

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Ruben Gutierrez, Jr.

**Mika Ziesman**

District 6 Councilman  
Dr. David Tyler King

**Elizabeth Alonzo Villarreal**

District 7 Councilwoman  
Vanessa Perez

**Freddy Cordova**

District 8 Councilwoman  
Alyssa Cigarroa

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Webb County Judge  
Tano Tijerina

**Jesse Hernandez**

Precinct 1 Commissioner  
Jesse Gonzalez

**Nancy Cadena**

Precinct 2 Commissioner  
Rosaura "Wawi" Tijerina

**Marina Moreno, Co-Chair**

Precinct 3 Commissioner  
John C. Galo

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The Laredo/Webb County Drug and Alcohol Commission will convene at 11:30 a.m. on Thursday, January 11, 2024 at the City of Laredo Health Department Auditorium, 2600 Cedar Ave. Laredo, TX. To consider the following:

**1. Call to Order, Roll Call**

**2. Invocation - Pastor Hiram Tellez - Revive Church**

**3. Public Comments-** *Citizens are required to notify members of their intent to comment prior to the start of the meeting. Comments are limited to three (3) minutes per speaker. No more than three (3) persons will be allowed to speak on any side of an issue. Should there be more than three (3) people who wish to speak on a particular issue, they need to select not more than three (3) representatives to speak for them and the presiding officer may limit the public comments further in the interest of an orderly meeting. Speakers may not pass their minutes to any other speaker. Comments should be relevant to City business and delivered in a professional manner. No derogatory remarks will be permitted*

**4. Approval of Minutes of November 8, 2023.**

**5. Administrator Report: Dr. Chamberlain**

**6. Discussion and possible action:**  
**a. 2024 Plans**

**7. Detox Facility Update: Dr. Viviana Martinez**  
**Ribbon Cutting Date**

**8. Stakeholder Agency Updates & Presentation:**  
**a. Grace Center - Thomas Lares**

**9. Adjournment | Next Meeting February 14, 2024**

THIS NOTICE WAS POSTED AT THE MUNICIPAL GOVERNMENT OFFICES, 1110 HOUSTON STREET IN LAREDO, TEXAS AND AT A PLACE CONVENIENT AND READILY ACCESSIBLE TO THE PUBLIC AT ALL TIMES. THIS NOTICE WAS POSTED ON January 08, 2024 by 9:00 a.m..



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Jose A. Valdez, Jr.  
City Secretary

**Laredo/Webb County Drug and Alcohol Commission**  
**MEETING MINUTES**  
**Thursday, January 11, 2024, at 11:30 am**

Meeting was called to order at 11:47am

**1. Call to Order/Roll Call**

**COMMISSION MEMBERS PRESENT**

Marina Moreno Medina, Earl Medina, Marah Mendez, Nancy Cadena, Gerardo Montemayor, Freddy Cordova, and Carolina Verastegui

**OTHERS PRESENT:** Richard Chamberlain, Erica Lopez, Angie Flores, Catalina Agüero, Grizelda Carrillo, Thomas Lares, Missy Lares, Christina Salinas, Juan Heard, Alexa Huerta, Genesis Tellez, Linda Llanos, Ricardo Jaime, and Maria Aguilar

**COMMISSION MEMBERS NOT PRESENT:** Elizabeth Villarreal, Dr. Sylvia Dominguez, Mika Ziesman, Jesse Hernandez, and Margarita Garza

- 2. Public Comments:** No Public Announcements
- 3. Approval of Minutes:** Minutes for October and November Marah Mendes and Nancy Cadena
- 4. Administrator Report:** No report – But Dr. Chamberlain talked about the statistic on where we stand on the Detox Facility and status up to date on where we are on OD counts for 2024.
- 5. Discussion and Possible Action:**
  - a. Review of Attendance and Participation** – Discuss for next meeting the rules on attendance, requirements, and duties.
  - b. Subcommittee Group Calendar Planning** – N/A
  - c. Round Table Meet and Greet Event** – County Commissioner Ricardo Jaime was present to introduce himself to the table and offered his services to the committee.
- 6. Detox Facility Update** – No representative from ROOTS was present but Dr. Chamberlain and Marah Mendes reported the confirmations of the Ribbon Cutting for January 22<sup>nd</sup> at 1:30pm and invited all members and chairs to be present.
- 7. Community Presentation:** N/A
- 8. Stakeholder Agency Updates and Presentations:** Scan – Veronica Jimenez: Talked about Red Ribbon Month @ Martin High School. Pillar – Alexa Huerta: Talked about the Harm Reduction Vending Machine and having 45 members already enrolled on the program to have access to the vending machine. Scan – Mr. Manriquez: Announced for help on spread the word for blankets and coats drive they were hosting.
- 9. Adjournment:** 12:16pm – Approved by: Marah Mendes and Nancy Cardenas

Laredo/ Webb County  
Drug and Alcohol Commission  
Meeting Agenda

Wednesday, February 21, 2024, at 11:30 a.m.

**COMMISSION MEMBERS**

(appointed by):

**Vacant\***

Mayor

Dr. Victor D. Trevino

**Gerardo Montemayor**

District 1 Councilman  
Gilbert Gonzalez

**Vacant\***

District 2 Councilman

Ricardo Richie Rangel

**Carolina Verastigui**

District 3 Councilman  
Melissa R. Cigarroa

**Dr. Sylvia Dominguez**

District 4 Councilman  
Alberto Torres

**Earl Medina**

Secretary

District 5 Councilman  
Ruben Gutierrez, Jr.

**Mika Ziesman**

District 6 Councilman  
Dr. David Tyler King

**Elizabeth Alonzo Villarreal**

District 7 Councilwoman  
Vanessa Perez

**Freddy Cordova**

District 8 Councilwoman  
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**Marah Mendez**

Webb County Judge  
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Precinct 1 Commissioner  
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Precinct 2 Commissioner  
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**Marina Medina, Co-Chair**

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The Laredo/Webb County Drug and Alcohol Commission will convene at 11:30 a.m. on Wednesday, February 21, 2024 at the City of Laredo Health Department Auditorium, 2600 Cedar Ave. Laredo, TX. To consider the following:

**1. Call to Order, Roll Call**

**2. Invocation - Pastor Hiram Tellez - Revive Church**

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**4. Approval of Minutes of JANUARY 11, 2024.**

**5. Administrator Report: Dr. Chamberlain**

**6. Discussion and possible action:**

StreetGuard

List of available resources-update

Responsibilities of Committee Members

**7. Detox Facility Update: Dr. Viviana Martinez**

**8. Stakeholder Agency Updates & Presentation:**

a. Personal Testimony-Mara Tirado

**9. Adjournment |Next Meeting March 13, 2024**

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For Jose A. Valdez, Jr.  
City Secretary

**Laredo/Webb County Drug and Alcohol Commission**  
**MEETING MINUTES**  
**Wednesday, February 21, 2024, at 11:30 am**

Meeting was called to order at 11:37am

**1. Call to Order/Roll Call**

**COMMISSION MEMBERS PRESENT**

Marina Moreno Medina, Earl Medina, Nancy Cadena, Gerardo Montemayor, Freddy Cordova, Carolina Verastegui, Elizabeth Villarreal, Dr. Sylvia Dominguez, Mika Ziesman, Jesse Hernandez, and Margarita Garza

**OTHERS PRESENT:** Angie Flores, Nidia Perez, Thomas Lares, Pastor Hiram tellez, Melissa Garza, David Lopez, Mara Tirado, Adriana Morales, Jordana Fernandez, Jaime Perez, Frank Adame, Roberto Sanchez, and Juan Heard

**COMMISSION MEMBERS NOT PRESENT:** Marah Mendez

- 2. Public Comments:** No Public Announcements
- 3. Approval of Minutes:** Minutes for January approved by Elizabeth Alonzo Villarreal and Gerardo Montemayor
- 4. Administrator Report:** No report – Jaime spoke on behalf of Dr. Chamberlain on the “Knock and Talk Trial”. The City of Laredo and Fire Department have been visiting rural areas in Laredo and going door to door talking to people in bringing awareness and the how to administer Narcan and the service that are out there.
- 5. Discussion and Possible Action:**
  - a. Review of Attendance and Participation** – Discuss the attendance rules and handed out to each chair member as well discuss future actions.
  - b. Subcommittee Group Calendar Planning** – N/A
  - c. Round Table Meet and Greet Event** – No Updates – Pastor Tellez gave the invocation before the meeting.
- 6. Detox Facility Update** – No Update but at this moment the facility has open its doors.
- 7. Community Presentation:** N/A
- 8. Stakeholder Agency Updates and Presentations:** Stakeholders no updates. Special Speaker Mrs. Mara Tirado gave her personal testimony on her son who passed away from an overdose.
- 9. Adjournment:** 12:33pm – Approved by: Jessie Hernandez and Elizabeth Alonzo Villarreal

# Laredo/ Webb County Drug and Alcohol Commission

## Meeting Agenda

### Wednesday, March 13, 2024 at 11:30 a.m.

#### COMMISSION MEMBERS

(appointed by)

#### Vacant\*

Mayor

Dr. Victor D. Trevino

#### Gerardo Montemayor

District 1 Councilman  
Gilbert Gonzalez

#### Vacant\*

District 2 Councilman  
Ricardo Richie Rangel

#### Carolina Verastigui

District 3 Councilman  
Melissa R. Cigarroa

#### Dr. Sylvia Dominguez

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#### 4. Approval of Minutes of February 21, 2024.

#### 5. Administrator Report: Dr. Chamberlain

#### 6. Discussion and possible action:

- I. Phase 2-Intensive Residential Treatment Program
- II. Naloxone - encourage availability where large groups of people congregate.
- III. Vacant Positions

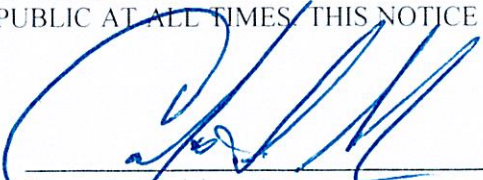
#### 7. Detox Facility Update: Dr. Viviana Martinez

#### 8. Stakeholder Agency Updates & Presentation:

- a. Sylvia Flores - SCAN SASI Program Director – Drug Assisted Sexual Assault
- b. Juan Ricardo Heard - Laredo Fire Department - Overdoses Update

#### 9. Adjournment |Next Meeting April 10, 2024

THIS NOTICE WAS POSTED AT THE MUNICIPAL GOVERNMENT OFFICES, 1110 HOUSTON STREET IN LAREDO, TEXAS AND AT A PLACE CONVENIENT AND READILY ACCESSIBLE TO THE PUBLIC AT ALL TIMES. THIS NOTICE WAS POSTED ON March 7, 2024 by 5:00 p.m.

  
 (For) Jose A. Valdez, Jr.  
 City Secretary

**Laredo/Webb County Drug and Alcohol Commission**  
**MEETING MINUTES**  
**Wednesday, March 13, 2024, at 11:30 am**

Meeting was called to order at 11:44am

**1. Call to Order/Roll Call**

**COMMISSION MEMBERS PRESENT**

Marina Moreno Medina, Earl Medina, Nancy Cadena, Gerardo Montemayor, Freddy Cordova, Carolina Verastegui, Mika Ziesman, Marah Mendez and Margarita Garza

**OTHERS PRESENT:** Dr. Richard Chambelian, Dr. Viviana Martinez, Erica Lopez, Colleen Rodriguez, Angie Flores, Pastor Hiram Tellez, Jordana Fernandez, Aramarti Canalez, Alexa Huerta, Catalina Aguero, Francisco Alavarez, Jesse Estevis, J. Perez, Lindsay Vasquez, Dora Ramirez, David Gomez, Frank Adame, and Juan Heard

**COMMISSION MEMBERS NOT PRESENT:** Jesse Hernandez, Dr. Sylvia Dominguez, and Elizabeth Alonzo Villarreal

**2. Public Comments:** No Public Announcements

**3. Approval of Minutes:** Minutes for February Approved by Freddy Cordova and Gerardo Montemayor

**4. Administrator Report:** Dr. Chamberlain talked about the success on the “Knock and Talk Trial” and “Street Guard” events. He also talked the update on the Opioid response that is going on in our community.

**5. Discussion and Possible Action:**

**a. Phase 2 in Residential Living in the planning but still seeing how the Detox Facility is working.**

**b. Subcommittee Group Calendar Planning – N/A**

**c. Round Table Meet and Greet Event – TBA on Aprils Meeting**

**6. Detox Facility Update –** Dr. Martinez talked about the process on how the Detox Facility is working and the steps you have to take to get admitted.

**7. Community Presentation: N/A**

**8. Stakeholder Agency Updates and Presentations:** Stakeholders no updates.

**9. Adjournment:** 12:39pm – Approved by: Gerardo Montemayor and Nancy Cardenas



**Laredo/ Webb County  
Drug and Alcohol Commission  
Meeting Agenda**

**Wednesday, April 10, 2024, at 11:30 a.m.**

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**COMMISSION MEMBERS**

(appointed by):

**Vacant\***

Mayor

Dr. Victor D. Trevino

**Gerardo Montemayor**

District 1 Councilman  
Gilbert Gonzalez

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**1. Call to Order, Roll Call**

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**4. Approval of Minutes for March 13, 2024.**

**5. Administrator Report: Dr. Chamberlain**

**6. Discussion and possible action:**

**1. Select a Chairperson and a Vice-Chair**

**2. Request to obtain and review the budget and actual financial activity for the Detox Facility, to include Income Statements, Budget, and account activities for the period of inception to current. This presentation and information should include the number of patients budgeted as compared to actual, along with projections and any matters related to such activities.**


**3. Marketing information for Detox Facility**

**7. Stakeholder Agency Updates & Presentation:**

**a. Juan Ricardo Heard - Laredo Fire Department - Overdoses Update**

**8. Adjournment Next Meeting May 8, 2024**

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Jose A. Valdez, Jr.  
City Secretary

**Laredo/Webb County Drug and Alcohol Commission**  
**MEETING MINUTES**  
**Wednesday, April 10, 2024, at 11:32 am**

Meeting was called to order at 11:44am

**1. Call to Order/Roll Call**

**COMMISSION MEMBERS PRESENT**

Colleen Rodriguez, Marina Moreno Medina, Earl Medina, Jesse Hernandez, Gerardo Montemayor, Freddy Cordova, Carolina Verastegui, Dr. Sylvia Dominguez, Marah Mendez and Margarita Garza

**OTHERS PRESENT: Mayor – Dr. Victor Trevino, Dr. Viviana Martinez, Erica Lopez, Angie Flores, Pastor Hiram Tellez, Missy Lares, Alexa Huerta, Catalina Aguero, Jose Ollervides, Yvette Ortiz, Jaime Arispe, Rosa Marquez, Mateo Reyes, Lindsay Vazquez, Jaime Perez, Andres Velazquez, Eleazar Lumbreras, Adriana Morales, Carlos Gonzalez, Jordana Fernandez, Juan Heard, Francisco Adame, Veronica Jimenez, Aramazti Canalez**

**COMMISSION MEMBERS NOT PRESENT:** Nancy Cadena, Mika Ziesman, and Elizabeth Alonzo Villarreal

**Invocation by:** Pastor Hiram Tellez

- 2. Public Comments:** No Public Announcements. The Honorable Mayor Dr. Victor Trevino appointed Colleen Rodriguez to represent him on his vacant seat with DAC.
- 3. Approval of Minutes:** Minutes for March Approved by Margarita Garza and Gerardo Montemayor
- 4. Administrator Report:** Dr. Chamberlain was not present, but Adrian talked about the success on the “Knock and Talk Trial” has been going for them as well inviting us to the Harm Reduction Principal and Prevention Training being held May 15<sup>th</sup> from 10am to 12pm at the City of Laredo Health Department Auditorium.
- 5. Discussion and Possible Action:**
  - a. Selection of Chairperson and Vice-Chair – No Motion**
  - b. Requested information from the Detox Facility –** No information was share due to legal matters. But once they get information that is concrete to share, they will open for discussion.
  - c. Marketing Information for Detox Facility:** Still Ongoing
- 6. Detox Facility Update –** Dr. Mateo Reyes share some information on how the process in the Detox Facility has the process has been going and let us aware on what the procedures are to get admitted. Dr. Reyes will keep us more inform.
- 7. Community Presentation:** Juan Heard from the Fire Department gave us an update on where the community is at on total OD cases that have been reported. He also shares statistics from last year to this year.
- 8. Stakeholder Agency Updates and Presentations:** West Care – Jaime Arizpe shared some information what they have to offer and also inviting us to their monthly coalition meetings.
- 9. Adjournment:** 12:39pm – Approved by: Gerardo Montemayor and Marah Mendez

**Laredo/ Webb County  
Drug and Alcohol Commission  
Meeting Agenda**

**Wednesday, May 8, 2024, at 11:30 a.m.**

**COMMISSION MEMBERS**  
(appointed by):

**Colleen Rodriguez\***  
Mayor  
Dr. Victor D. Trevino

**Gerardo Montemayor\***  
District 1 Councilman  
Gilbert Gonzalez

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Webb County Judge  
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**Jesse Hernandez**  
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**Dr. Richard A. Chamberlain**  
**Dr. Viviana Martinez**  
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The Laredo/Webb County Drug and Alcohol Commission will convene at 11:30 a.m. on Wednesday, May 08, 2024 at the City of Laredo Public Health Department Auditorium, 2600 Cedar Ave. Laredo, TX. To consider the following:

**1. Call to Order, Roll Call**

**2. Invocation - Pastor Hiram Tellez - Revive Church**

**3. Public Comments-** *Citizens are required to notify members of their intent to comment prior to the start of the meeting. Comments are limited to three (3) minutes per speaker. No more than three (3) persons will be allowed to speak on any side of an issue. Should there be more than three (3) people who wish to speak on a particular issue, they need to select not more than three (3) representatives to speak for them and the presiding officer may limit the public comments further in the interest of an orderly meeting. Speakers may not pass their minutes to any other speaker. Comments should be relevant to City business and delivered in a professional manner. No derogatory remarks will be permitted.*

**4. Approval of Minutes for April 10, 2024.**

**5. Administrator Report: Dr. Chamberlain**

**6. Detox Facility Update Report: Dr. Viviana Martinez**

**7. Discussion and possible action:**


- a. **Setting Future Objectives**
- b. **Substance Use Services Directory (last update in 2019)**
- c. **Website review and update**
- d. **Public Service Announcement**

**8. Stakeholder Agency Updates & Presentation:**

- a. **Jaime Arizpe West Care, DFC- Prosperamos Juntos**

**9. Adjournment Next Meeting: June 12, 2024**

THIS NOTICE WAS POSTED AT THE MUNICIPAL GOVERNMENT OFFICES, 1110 HOUSTON STREET IN LAREDO, TEXAS AND AT A PLACE CONVENIENT AND READILY ACCESSIBLE TO THE PUBLIC AT ALL TIMES. THIS NOTICE WAS POSTED ON MAY 3, 2024 BY 5:00 P.M.

  
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Mario Maldonado Jr.  
City Secretary

REC'D CITY SEC OFF  
MAY 8 '24 AM 10:30

**Laredo/Webb County Drug and Alcohol Commission**  
**MEETING MINUTES**  
**Wednesday, May 8, 2024, at 11:40 am**

Meeting was called to order at 11:44am

**1. Call to Order/Roll Call**

**COMMISSION MEMBERS PRESENT**

Colleen Rodriguez, Marina Moreno Medina, Earl Medina, Jesse Hernandez, Gerardo Montemayor, Freddy Cordova, Carolina Verastegui, Elizabeth Alonzo Villarreal, and Pastor Hiram Tellez

**OTHERS PRESENT: Mayor** – Dr. Richard Chambelian, Dr. Viviana Martinez, Erica Lopez, Angie Flores, Missy Lares, Catalina Aguero, Lindsay Vasquez, Linda Mares, Martha Jimenez, Abigail Martinez, Jessica Contreras, Lupe Botello, Jaime Arizpe, Grizelda Carrillo, Adriana Morales, Roberto Sanchez, and Lizbeth Tejada

**COMMISSION MEMBERS NOT PRESENT:** Nancy Cadena, Mika Ziesman, Dr. Sylvia Dominguez, Margarita Garza, and Marah Mendez

**2. Invocation:** Pastor Hiram Tellez

**3. Public Comments:** No Comments

**4. Approval of Minutes:** Minutes for April Approved by Elizabeth Alonzo Villarreal and Gerardo Montemayor

**5. Administrator Report:** Dr. Chamberlain spoke about the next steps that Laredo Public Health has in progress. For Example: Collaboration on The Foundation for a Drug-Free World, Never Use Alone, National Harm Reduction Technical Assistance Center, Outreach Safety for Harm Reduction Training, Harm Reduction Program, Lay Counselor Network, Think Tank Meeting 2, Knock and Talk, Continued Naloxone Purchase and Acquisition of State and Federal Funding.

**6. Detox Facility Update:** Dr. Martinez, talked about Partnering with Laredo College Health Career Institute, TAMIU, UT Public Health and UT School of Social Work to have their students come in and practice with them as they go into their career. Also mention that Samsa posted a 1.6 billion dollars allocated for Opioid Treatment Prevention Care. Dr. Martinez share that they have open the 24 beds as per last Dr. Mateo Reyes updated from last meeting, as well as sharing some statistics in the gender numbers.

**7. Discussion and Possible Action:** All 4 actions were discussed to the committee and agreed on getting the following topics updated and in motion with the help of the City of Laredo Public Health and chairs. Approved by: Jesse Hernandez and Pastor Hiram Tellez

**a. Setting Future Objectives**

**b. Substance Use Services Directory (last updated in 2019)**

**c. Website Review and Update**

**d. Public Service Announcements**

**8. Stakeholder Agency Updates and Presentations:** Marina announced that Myke's Purpose gave out 2 \$500 Scholarships to 2 students in Nixon High School. Pastor Tellez also announced that Grace Center will be hosting an event on June 15<sup>th</sup> and the last Saturday of the month and invites members of the commission is they care to join them in setting up a booth. Presentation from West Care – Jaime Arizpe and Alberto shared on the DFC-FACE Program of Prosperemos Juntos and what they are trying to do for the community with this program. They also shared information on the 211 program and how this came about.

**9. Adjournment:** 12:47pm – Approved by: Elizabeth Alonzo Villarreal and Marina Medina

Laredo/ Webb County  
Drug and Alcohol Commission  
Meeting Agenda

REC'D CITY SEC OFF  
JUN 7 '24 AM 9:50

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**4. Approval of Minutes for May 8, 2024.**

**5. Administrator Report: Dr. Richard A. Chamberlain**

**6. Detox Facility Update Report: Dr. Viviana Martinez**

**7. Discussion and possible action:**

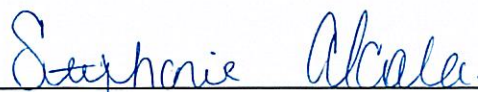
- a. To support a partnership between City of Laredo and Webb County for the establishment of a Family Treatment Court via potential grant funding.
- b. Public Service Announcement

**8. Stakeholder Agency Updates & Presentation:**

- a. Victor Vazquez III, DWI & Juvenile Drug Courts Director for County Court -at-Law 2

**9. Adjournment Next Meeting: July 10, 2024**

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FOR: Mario I. Maldonado, Jr.  
City Secretary

**Laredo/Webb County Drug and Alcohol Commission**  
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**COMMISSION MEMBERS NOT PRESENT:** Jesse Hernandez, Mika Ziesman, Dr. Sylvia Dominguez, and Marah Mendez

**2. Invocation:** No Invocation

**3. Public Comments:** No Comments

**4. Approval of Minutes:** Minutes for May Approved by Elizabeth Alonzo Villarreal and Freddy Cordova

**5. Administrator Report:** Dr. Chamberlain explain in detail on the OSR (Overdose Response Strategy) on what it has to offer and the engaged statistics information on it has to offer. Dr. Chamberlain also shared a link [www.ofrtools.org](http://www.ofrtools.org) if anyone would like to navigate. Adriana talked about the Knock in Talk Project on how the impact has been going and the responses they have been getting as they travel around the neighborhoods. Also getting LPD involved in our meetings.

**6. Detox Facility Update:** Dr. Martinez spoke about this time last year there was 44 death and 83 admissions as of this week. She also expresses the age limit from 18 years old and over and they don't have to have formal referral.

**7. Discussion and Possible Action:**

- a. To Support a partnership between City of Laredo and Webb County for establishing of a Family Treatment Court Grant: Approved by Elizabeth Alonzo Villarreal and Pastor Hiram Tellez**
- b. Public Service Announcements by teaming with Laredo Public Health Jaime for live feed and post announcement.**

**8. Stakeholder Agency: Special Guest – Victor Vasquez III** purposed for the support of the Drug and Alcohol Commission on the Grant that the court wants to participate and wanted DAC to be the first to hear on the opportunity that can benefit the county. (approval to support listed above). Pastor Tellez announced the event that Casa Rescate will be hosting on June 29<sup>th</sup> at Revive Church.

**9. Adjournment:** 12:47pm – Approved by: Elizabeth Alonzo Villarreal and Carolina Verastigui