



City of Las Cruces
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Doña Ana County Juvenile Justice Continuum Board Agenda

ON THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 7, 2019

12:00 PM

LAS CRUCES CITY HALL ROOM #2007B

LAS CRUCES, NM 88001

1. Call To Order
2. Pledge Of Allegiance
3. Welcome And Introductions
4. Conflict Of Interest
At the opening of each meeting, the Chairperson shall ask if any member on the Board or City staff has any known conflict of interest with any item on the agenda.
5. Acceptance Of Agenda
6. Approval Of Minutes
- 6.1. Dona Ana County Juvenile Justice Continuum Board Meeting Minutes For September 26, 2019

Documents:

[DACJJ CONTINUUM BOARD 09.26.19.PDF](#)
7. Public Participation
8. New Business
- 8.1. Recognition Of Service To The Honorable Marci Beyer
- 8.2. Board Member Nominations - LCPS And Anthony PD (Action Item)
- 8.3. New Mexico State Flag Anthem (Action Item)
- 8.4. Equitable Results Action Plan
9. Old Business
- 9.1. Continuum Needs Assessment Sub-Committee (Update)
10. Presentation
- 10.1. PAX Good Behavior Games - Eric Bransford, Outreach And Education Division Manager, Dona Ana County
11. Adjournment

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**DONA ANA COUNTY JUVENILE JUSTICE CONTINUUM BOARD
September 26, 2019**

1 Following are the summary minutes from the Dona Ana County Juvenile Justice
2 Continuum Board meeting held on Thursday September 26, 2019 at 12:00 p.m., in
3 Conference Room 2007C of City Hall, 700 N. Main, Las Cruces, New Mexico.

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5 **MEMBERS PRESENT:** Sergeant Robert McCord (Vice-Chair Proxy LCPD)
6 Brian Kavanaugh (Families & Youth, Inc.)
7 Shannon Reynolds (DAC Board of Commissioners)
8 Genny Olivas (Dona Ana County Detention Center)
9 Samuel Olmstead (Proxy Public Defender Dept.)
10 Amy Weathers (Proxy CYFD)
11 Robert Nunez (City of Las Cruces)
12 Bill Rothengass (Retired)
13 Mike Tapia (NMSU)
14 Lt. Ernesto Parra (DACSO)
15 Marianne Hernandez (CYFD-PS)

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17 **ABSENT:** Mark D. Antonio (District Attorney Office)
18 Jeanne Resendez (Mesilla Valley Hospital)
19 Mayor Ken Miyagishima (CLC)
20 Sylvia Herrera (3rd Judicial District Court)
21 Rory Rank (Retiree)
22 Andrea Alvarado (Student/Employee)
23 Vacant (3rd Judicial District)
24 Vacant (LCPS)
25 Vacant (Help NM)
26 Vacant (CYFD-PS)

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28 **OTHERS PRESENT:** Julie Molina (JARC)
29 Monique Lopez (FYI)
30 Vincent Shadd (LCPD-SRO)
31 Celina Corral (EC of DAC)
32 Theresa Gonzales (CYFD-PS)

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34 **STAFF PRESENT:** Javier Amaro (Coordinator)
35 Daniel Sanchez (CLC Juvenile Citation Program)
36 Eliana Santillan (CLC Juvenile Citation Program)
37 Lisa Garza (CLC Juvenile Citation Program)
38 Miguel Terrazas (CLC Juvenile Citation Program)
39 Grace Telles (CLC Juvenile Citation Program)
40 Martha Moreno (Recording Secretary)

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42 **I. CALL TO ORDER**

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44 The meeting was called to order at 12:07 p.m. by Sgt. McCord and recognized
45 the meeting as having a legal quorum.

1 **II. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

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3 **III. WELCOME AND INTRODUCTIONS**

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5 Board members and staff introduced themselves.

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7 Theresa Gonzales, County Office Manager for CYFD Protective Services.

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9 Marianne Hernandez, County Office Manager for CYFD Protective Services in
10 Dona Ana County. Will be replacing Aaron Salas as Board Member

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12 Vincent Shadd, Sergeant LCPD - SRO

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14 Samantha Madrid, Magistrate Judge and presiding judge of the drug court.

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16 **IV. CONFLICT OF INTEREST**

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18 No conflict of interest

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20 **V. APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

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22 Mr. Rothengass moved to approve agenda as presented, seconded by Lt.
23 Olivas. Motion carried unanimously.

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25 **VI. APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

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27 Dona Ana County Juvenile Justice Continuum Board Minutes 07/11/19

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29 Mr. Tapia moved to approve minutes for 07/11/19 as presented, seconded by Lt.
30 Parra. Motion carried unanimously.

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32 **VII. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION**

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34 Mr. Rothengass said he appreciates that we are doing the Pledge of Allegiance.
35 I would like to present the pledge to the flag of New Mexico.

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37 Mr. Amaro said that we can place it as an action item on our next meeting
38 agenda.

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40 **VIII. NEW BUSINESS**

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42 A. Appoint New Chair for DACJJCB (Action)

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44 Mr. Amaro said Judge Beyer has resigned as chair of the board and would like
45 to acknowledge Judge Beyer for her years of service. She has done a wonderful
46 job with her expertise and partnership. Email me with suggestions so we may
47 recognize her at next meeting date.

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49 Mr. Amaro said he would like to introduce Judge Madrid who was highly
50 recommended by Judge Beyer for chair to the board.

1 Judge Madrid said she is currently a Magistrate Judge for Dona Ana County
2 Magistrate court this is my 5th year previously to that I was in private practice I'm
3 an attorney. Prior going to Law School, I was a High School teacher in Fort
4 Worth worked with 80% title 1 kids. Dealt with poverty, immigration issues, etc.
5 Learning how to be helpful and keep them away from life of crime. I was head of
6 the Hispanic Club helping in getting them involved/organizing different events,
7 community services, resume, etc. I just have a heart for teenagers. Judge Beyer
8 is mentor she is an intelligent, wonderful woman and I respect her. She
9 approached me with the idea of being part of the board.

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11 Mr. Olmstead moved to appoint Judge Samantha Madrid as chair for DACJJCB,
12 seconded by Mr. Kavanaugh. Motion carried unanimously.

13 14 B. JARC Services FY2020 (Update)

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16 Julie Molina - We are the Juvenile Assessment & Reporting Center we are
17 formally under Families & Youth, Inc. (FYI). Just a little bit of history we have
18 been under FYI since 2010. I have been with the JARC since its existence it has
19 change over the years we intend to revolve as the community finds needs
20 services.

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22 Currently we are housed at Lynn which is a Community School/Middle School
23 we are there 2 days a week. We work with SRO's and administration. We
24 implemented last year with Sgt. McCord a law enforcement referral for SRO's
25 and other officers to use for those youth that are in elementary school or any
26 other family member not wanting to put them into the legal system. It was
27 successful last fall and continues to be successful this year we are receiving
28 quite a few referrals. We also have an office in the south as of 2011.

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30 An addition to that for the last 8 years we have been working with the Las
31 Cruces Public Schools regarding underlining behavior issues at the school level
32 instead of putting them into law enforcement system although we do get some in
33 the system as well addressing concerns in that area.

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35 The JARC is a front-end service everything that we provide is free of charge to
36 families (parent and child). The only time they are billed is if we do a referral for
37 counseling services. I pride JARC on the fact that we work with 500 + agencies
38 in the community and surrounding communities that we match the kid and
39 families with the agencies so that the referral they recommend that they follow
40 through.

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42 We work with non-documented individuals, non-insured we have therapists that
43 are working with JARC to provide services. We are a 7-day facility opened 8
44 a.m. – 10 p.m. Currently we shifted to an appointment setting and is working out
45 successfully.

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47 We work with Judge Beyer regarding truancy, we attend the truancy court.

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49 We also have a contract with Las Montañas Charter High School; we are there
50 twice a week.

1 Sgt. Shadd asked if LCPD the only ones using the referral form?
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3 Ms. Molina said that it is being used by everybody. It started off with just LCPD
4 last fall but has been implemented into DAC, Sunland Park, Anthony, Hatch, etc.
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6 Ms. Monique Lopez said that this quarter we have utilized 38% budget for JARC
7 program.
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9 C. JCP Services FY2020 (Update)

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11 Javier Amaro – It has been 5 – 6 years that we have been operating with 3
12 levels. The Juvenile Citation Program has been receiving 99% of total referrals
13 from Juvenile Probation Office (JPO). Referrals from the JPO have dropped
14 significantly statewide including Dona Ana County. Emphasis should be placed
15 on prevention in addition to the diversion programming aspect.
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17 Targeted population for the JCP this current FY2020 will include direct referrals
18 from sources such as the Community School (Lynn Middle School and Town of
19 Anthony, NM). As a result, this will involve a higher frequency of level I classes.
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21 Mr. Reynolds asked what kind of citations are you assisting?
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23 Mr. Amaro said misdemeanors, minor possession of alcohol, public affray,
24 status offenses (truancy), no felonies.
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26 Mr. Reynolds asked if there is a list (LCPD, JCP, JARC, Sheriff, Magistrate
27 Court, etc.) to assist with referrals? Having a flow chart and list to point out some
28 sort of decision making on how we deal with these kids and stage would be
29 beneficial.
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31 Mr. Shadd said there has been some confusing on what offenses are eligible for
32 citations? We want to know where they can be referred to (JARC, JPO, etc.).
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34 Mr. Kavanagh said the continuum board is to ensure there is a continuum of
35 services that address exactly what we are talking about. If there is a cap
36 somewhere or if there is something that is not funded appropriately or
37 adequately and needs some more support that is our responsibility. Having a
38 flow chart would assist in identifying services, assist in filling in any caps if
39 needed and we as a board focus in order best support our kids in the
40 community.
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42 Mr. Amaro said there's lots of services out there and avenues we can follow.
43 Need to get together as a group make sure everyone is on the same page and
44 understanding what services are available to be utilized fully.
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46 **IX. OLD BUSINESS**

47 A. Discussion and Planning for Continuum Needs Assessment Committee

48 We are into the application process for FY2021. The continuum has not
49 conducted a Needs Assessment in over 8 years. Needs assessment should
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1 include all community partners and board members who can help address what
2 needs may be missing or changed. Recommend a sub-committee to focus on
3 this process within sometime this month (October) for 2 hours. Tentative date for
4 October 9, 2019, will send email to board for final confirmation.

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6 **X. ADJOURNMENT**

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8 Mr. Rothengass moved to adjourn, seconded by Lt. Parra. Motion carried
9 unaniously. Meeting adjourned at 1:00 p.m.

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13 Chairperson Date