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**DONA ANA COUNTY JUVENILE JUSTICE CONTINUUM BOARD**  
**April 7, 2016**

1 Following are the summary minutes from the Dona Ana County Juvenile Justice  
2 Continuum Board meeting held on Thursday, April 7, 2016, at 12:00 p.m., in Conference  
3 Room 2007A of City Hall, 700 N. Main, Las Cruces, New Mexico.

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5 **MEMBERS PRESENT:** Honorable Marci Beyer (Chair, 3<sup>rd</sup> Judicial District)  
6 Representative for Cecilia Rosales (CYFD)  
7 Brian Kavanaugh (Families & Youth, Inc.)  
8 Dr. David Garcia (DAC Board of Commissioners)  
9 Davis Ruark (District Attorney Office)  
10 Joe Mestres (LCPS)  
11 Greg Smith (Mayor Pro-Tem City of Las Cruces)  
12 David S. Borunda (3<sup>rd</sup> Judicial District Court)  
13 Robert Nunez (City of Las Cruces)  
14 WMM Rothengass (Retiree)  
15 Lisa Garza (NMSU Student)  
16 Deborah Blalock (NMSU Student)  
17 Mike Tapia (NMSU)

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19 **ABSENT:** Chief Jaime Montoya (LCPD)  
20 Lieutenant Joshua Flemming (DAC Detention Center)  
21 Deborah Varol (Public Defenders Office)  
22 Jeanne Resendez (Mesilla Valley Hospital)  
23 Cynthia Ohrazda (JPO/CYFD)  
24 George Guynn (CYFD Juvenile Justice Services)  
25 Rory Rank (Retiree)  
26 Berenice Holguin (Lead SPED Social Worker, GISD)  
27 Ken Robert (DAC Sheriff)  
28 Denni Cheney (The Bridge of Southern New Mexico)

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30 **OTHERS PRESENT:** Julie Molina (Families & Youth, Inc.)  
31 Peter Vargas (NMSU)  
32 Aylin Marquez (Student)  
33 Anna Martin (NM CAFÉ)  
34 Dylan Pell (NM CAFÉ)

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36 **STAFF PRESENT:** Javier Amaro (Juvenile Justice Continuum Coordinator)  
37 Miguel Terrazas (CLC Juvenile Citation Program)  
38 Daniel Sanchez (CLC Juvenile Citation Program)  
39 Cassandra Dresler (CLC Parks and Recreation Department)  
40 Martha Moreno (Recording Secretary)

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42 **I. CALL TO ORDER – Board Chair**

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44 Meeting was called to order by Ms. Beyers at 12:02 p.m.

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46 **II. ROLL CALL FOR QUORUM**

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2 Roll call taken by Mr. Amaro. Quorum present.

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4 **III. WELCOME AND INTRODUCTIONS**

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6 Ms. Beyer welcomed everyone to the Juvenile Justice Continuum Board quarterly  
7 meeting.

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9 Mr. Amaro asked several attendees to introduce themselves.

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11 Mr. Daniel Sanchez stated that he is an Educator for the Juvenile Citation Program.

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13 Mr. Miguel Terrazas stated that he is an Educator for the Juvenile Citation Program Level  
14 III Boys.

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16 Mr. Amaro introduced Aylin Marquez who was a participant of the Juvenile Citation  
17 Program and successfully completed the program. She is very energetic and positive.  
18 She is currently going through the City of Las Cruces Volunteer Network Process; she  
19 wants to give back to the program.

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21 Ms. Marquez stated that she is a student at Onate High School and participated in the  
22 Juvenile Citation Program Level I and completed the program.

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24 Mr. Dylan Pell stated he is a social worker (Intern) at NMSU.

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26 Ms. Ann Martin stated she is a social worker (Intern) at NMSU.

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28 Ms. Cassandra Dresler stated that she is with the Parks and Recreation Department and  
29 will be the recording secretary for approximately three (3) months.

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31 **IV. PUBLIC COMMENT**

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33 Mr. Amaro stated that the Parks and Recreation Department had a few changes within  
34 the department. Mr. Phillip Catanach is the Administrator for Recreation Section and Mr.  
35 Robert Nunez is the Administrator for Youth Services Section.

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37 Mr. Nunez stated that Mark Johnston, Parks and Recreation Director will be retiring at  
38 the end of April, 2016.

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40 **V. OLD BUSINESS**

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42 **A. Approve minutes of 02/11/16 DACJJC Board Meeting**

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44 Ms. Beyer asked for a motion to approve the minutes.

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46 Dr. Garcia moved to approve the minutes.

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48 Mayor Pro-Tem Smith second.

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50 All in favor. None opposed. Motion carried.

1 B. Update on Dona Ana County Contribution Funding

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3 Ms. Beyers stated that Mr. Amaro and herself will provide a presentation to the county  
4 commissioners on Tuesday, May 10, 2016 in reference to the contribution funding to  
5 assist in providing and continue services to the county.

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7 Mr. Amaro stated that the funding would assist in implementing a Level III Program to  
8 the county; the program is not available at this time because it is difficult for the youth to  
9 travel into the city.

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11 Mr. Rothengass stated the City Hall in Anthony has a nice facility; recommends to touch  
12 base with the Mayor might have a meeting room that can be utilized for classes.

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14 Dr. Garza stated that the current Mayor in Anthony is Diane Trujillo.

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16 Ms. Beyers stated that if any board members could attend the meeting on May 10 and  
17 would like to present that would be great.

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19 Ms. Garza stated that she attended the monthly meetings held in Chaparral and Anthony  
20 and spoke of the programs that JCP would like to implement. Ms. Trujillo, Mayor said  
21 that she would be attending the meeting on May 10.

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23 **VI. NEW BUSINESS**

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25 A. Update on FY2017 Grant Application – Javier Amaro

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27 Mr. Amaro stated that \$309,086 was approved for Fiscal Year 2017. No continuums  
28 received any additional increases in funding.

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30 Mr. Amaro state that \$400,000 is in the reserve that was accumulated in a five-year  
31 period. After the first quarter fiscal year 2017 the amount will be open for disbursement  
32 to qualified continuums.

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34 B. NMSU Youth Mentoring Project – 2016

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36 Mr. Tapia and Ms. Blalock provided a presentation on the NMSU Youth Mentoring  
37 Program. NMSU currently has two (2) interns that work with the JCP and one (1) with  
38 the Teen Court. Their goal is to expand the program in the community.

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40 **VII. Presentation-Informational:**

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42 A. Youth reflection of participating in the JCP--Past participant of the JCP

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44 Ms. Marquez stated that she made a wrong decision (shop lifting) that lead her to the  
45 JCP. She was nervous at first but the JCP staff were very nice, helpful, and made her  
46 feel comfortable. The classes helped so much and made her realize to appreciate what  
47 you have in life. When she would go and do community service it felt good to help others.  
48 She is interested in volunteering and in helping others that are currently in the JCP.

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50 Mr. Amaro stated that she has completed the City of Las Cruces Volunteer Network  
51 Orientation/Training.

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2 Ms. Marquez stated that she currently has two (2) jobs and is taking college credit  
3 classes (criminal law and fundamentals of investigation).  
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5 Mr. Amaro stated that the NM Juvenile Justice Advisory Committee (JJAC) has a youth  
6 sub-committee and highly encourages participants (students) that have been in the  
7 system so they have a better insight to build the program. This might be a committee of  
8 interest for Ms. Marquez.  
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10 Mr. Amaro asked if anyone had questions for Ms. Marquez.  
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12 Ms. Beyers asked what did your family think about the JCP?  
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14 Ms. Marquez stated that they liked it and believed it helped.  
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16 Mayor Pro-Tem Smith asked what aspect of the JCP was most helpful to you?  
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18 Ms. Marquez stated the classes (Girl's Circle Curriculum) and helping out society  
19 (Community Service). She learned respect and honesty.  
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21 **VIII. NEXT REGULAR MEETING: TBA**  
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23 Ms. Beyers stated that the board has scheduled a meeting to discuss  
24 objectives and goals. Meeting is scheduled for Thursday, April 28 from 4:00 p.m. to 6:00  
25 p.m., WIA Building, 340 N. Reymond.  
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27 Next regular meeting date is scheduled for Thursday, June 9 at 12:00 p.m.  
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29 A. An executive committee meeting may be called at the discretion of the chair.  
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31 **IX. ADJOURN**  
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33 Ms. Beyers asked for a motion to adjourn.  
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35 Mayor Pro-Tem Smith moved to adjourn.  
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37 Ms. Rothengass second.  
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39 Meeting adjourned at approximately 1:00 p.m.  
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Chairperson                      6-9-2016  
Date