DONA ANA COUNTY JUVENILE JUSTICE CONTINUUM BOARD
March 13, 2019

Following are the summary minutes from the Dona Ana County Juvenile Justice Continuum Board meeting held on Wednesday, March 13, 2019, at 12:00 p.m., in Conference Room 2007C of City Hall, 700 N. Main, Las Cruces, New Mexico.

MEMBERS PRESENT: Honorable Marci E. Beyer, Chair (3rd Judicial District)
Sergeant Robert McCord, (Voting Authority, LCPD)
Brian Kavanaugh (Families & Youth Inc.)
Lindsay McDonnel-Benatar (Public Defender Department)
Greg Smith (Voting Authority, Mayor's Office)
AnnaBelle Esparza (Voting Authority, 3rd Judicial District Court)
Cynthia Ohrazda (CYFD)
Phil Catanach (Voting Authority, City of Las Cruces)
Rory Rank (Retiree)
Bill Rothengass (Retired)
Mike Tapia (NMSU)
Lt. Ernesto Parra (DACSO)
Andrea Alvaro (Student/Employee)

ABSENT: Shannon Reynolds, (DAC Board of Commissioners)
Mark D'Antonio (District Attorney Office)
Lt. Genny Olivas (Dona Ana County Detention Center)
Eric Lopez (Las Cruces Public Schools)
Jeanne Resendez (Mesilla Valley Hospital)
Aaron Salas (CYFD-PS)

OTHERS PRESENT: Julie Molina (JARC)
Officer Bowman (LCPD)
Lindsey Davis (FYI)
Jennica Bustamante (FYI0
Celina Corral (EC DAC)
Daisy Maldonado (EC DAC)
Ashley Echavarria (Boys & Girls Club)

STAFF PRESENT: Javier Amaro (Coordinator)
Daniel Sanchez (CLC Juvenile Citation Program)
Elana Santillan (CLC Juvenile Citation Program)
Miguel Terrazas (CLC Juvenile Citation Program)
Martha Moreno (Recording Secretary)

I. CALL TO ORDER
The meeting was called to order at 12:00 p.m. by Chair Ms. Beyer and recognized the meeting as having a legal quorum.

II. INTRODUCTION
Officer Bowman, work at Lynn Middle School been an SRO for 5 years and police officer for 8.
Sergeant McCord for Las Cruces Police Department, SRO and hostage negotiation sergeant.

Mr. Amaro stated that Sergeant McCord was appointed by Chief Gallagher as voting authority board member.

Lindsey Davis work with Families and Youth Inc., the manager for our new emergency youth shelter “My Friend’s Place” we are open for business. The shelter is located on 880 E. Idaho.

Ms. Beyer stated that they take referrals, kids can go to the shelter for up to 90 days. It’s a beautiful facility for our kids.

Jennica Bustamante, supervisor for the youth shelter.

AnnaBelle Esparza with the 3rd Judicial District Court – Drug Court Programs representing Sylvia Herrera.

Phil Catanach, Recreation Services Administrator for the city filling in for Robert Nunez.

III. CONFLICT OF INTEREST
No conflict of interest.

IV. APPROVAL OF AGENDA
Mr. Rothengass moved to approve agenda as presented, seconded by Ms. McDonnel-Benatar. Motion carried unanimously.

V. APPROVAL OF MINUTES
Ms. McDonnel-Benatar moved to approve minutes of February 1, 2018 as presented, seconded by Mr. Rothengass. Motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Kavanaugh moved to approve minutes of August 2, 2018 as presented, seconded by Mr. Rothengass. Motion carried unanimously.

VI. PUBLIC COMMENT
Mr. Kavanaugh stated that the opening of shelter took place; take referrals 24/7 and walk ins.

Ms. Davis stated “My Friend’s Place” provides housing for youth between the ages 12 -17. Our priority population is for youth experiencing homelessness, runaway, justice involvement and welfare who are at risk at home. We are a coed facility and can house 16 youth at a time for a maximum of 90 days. While at the shelter our focus is safety and stability, provide basic needs, medical and health treatment, life skills, counseling, and educational development. Opened for referrals and licensed by CYFD. Staffed 24/7, we are a volunteer facility, youth can leave at any time. This a brief overview of what we do and provide.

Mr. Sanchez asked that since it’s a volunteer option what happens if the kid chooses to opt out?
Ms. Davis stated that if a youth decides that this isn't for me there’s not much we can do. We will give them a tour of the facility reassure them it’s a safe place. We have 72 hours to locate a guardian or parent; try our best to find an alternative solution.

Board member asked if you accept court orders, so how is that volunteer?

Ms. Davis stated that if it’s a court order it’s more for protective purposes. We review those on case by case basis. If the kid does not want to stay, we will notify law enforcement, parent, or guardian.

VII. OLD BUSINESS
A. Review and Approve Updated By-Laws (Action)

Mr. Rothengass moved to strike out “8.2. Executive Committee”, seconded by Mr. Smith. Mr. Parra moved to amend motion to read “An executive committee may be selected by the DACJJC Board and shall consist of the Board Chair and four Voting Members at large from the Board”, to section 8.2 Executive Committee, seconded by Mr. Smith. Motion carried unanimously.

Ms. Beyer suggested to replace the “Cans and Wills” with “Shall or May”.

Mr. Smith moved to replace the “Cans with May” and “Wills with Shall”, seconded by Ms. McDonnel-Benatar. Motion carried unanimously.

B. Nominations for Board Members (Action)

Mr. Amaro asked if you know of someone or an organization that is interested, please email me the information.

Mr. Amaro stated that Shannon Reynolds, DAC Board of Commissioners has been appointed as a board member.

C. 2019 Proposed Meeting Dates (Action)

Mr. Rothengass moved to approve the following meeting dates: May 2, 2019; July 11, 2019; September 12, 2019; October 10, 2019; and November 7, 2019, seconded by Ms. McDonnel-Benatar. Motion carried unanimously.

VIII. NEW BUSINESS
A. JJAC Meeting and Site Visit (Update)

Ms. Beyer said she has attended the JJAC meeting in the past, valuable experience and would like board members to attend. Important that they know that the board is supportive.

Mr. Amaro said the committee is appointed through the governor’s office. Administrative aspect of it is through CYFD. They handle the funding, prea compliance, etc. The meeting is schedule for Thursday, March 21, 10:00 a.m. held at Thomas Branigan Memorial Library
Mr. Amaro said CYFD will be doing an audit on March 19 will meet with several
city departments (Finance, Risk Management, Administration, etc.).

IX. PRESENTATION: Empowerment Congress of Dona Ana County – Daisy
Maldonado and Celina Corral (Informational)

Daisy Maldonado, Empowerment Congress Coordinator
Celina Corral, Community Coordinator

Since 2012, Empowerment Congress of Dona Ana County has been engaging
and working in partnership with community members for the advancement and
growth of the lives of Dona Ana County community members.

Currently they are serving at Lynn Middle School and Las Montañas Charter High
School. Working on a project with the youth in Berino.

Ms. Molina suggested to reach out to JJS program through FYI, they have specific
areas down south (Anthony / Chaparral) that work with clientele they are reaching
out to.

X. BOARD MEMBER COMMENTS
Mr. Tapia announced there will be “A Book Presentation By: Robert J. Duran,
Ph.D.” at East Mesa Auditorium, at 6:00 p.m. today. Will send flyer to board
members.

XI. ADJOURNMENT
Mr. Smith moved to adjourn, seconded by Mr. Rothengass. Motion carried
unanimously. Meeting adjourned at 1:00 p.m.

[Signature]
Chairperson

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Secretary

Date 7/30/19