DONA ANA COUNTY JUVENILE JUSTICE CONTINUUM BOARD
May 09, 2019

Following are the summary minutes from the Dona Ana County Juvenile Justice Continuum Board meeting held on Thursday, May 09, 2019, at 12:00 p.m., in Conference Room 2007B 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.)  
Eric Lopez (Las Cruces Public Schools)  
Judy Baca (Voting Authority, Mesilla Valley Hospital)  
Greg Smith (Voting Authority, Mayor’s Office)  
Richard Johnson (Voting Authority, CYFD)  
Robert Nunez (City of Las Cruces)  
Rory Rank (Retiree)  
Bill Rothengass (Retired)  
Lt. Ernesto Parra (DACSO)  
Andrea Alvarado (Student/Employee)

ABSENT:  
Shannon Reynolds, (DAC Board of Commissioners)  
Mark D’Antonio (District Attorney Office)  
Lt. Genny Olivas (Dona Ana County Detention Center)  
Lindsay McDonnel-Benatar (Public Defender Department)  
Sylvia Herrera (3rd Judicial District Court)  
Mike Tapia (NMSU)  
Aaron Salas (CYFD-PS)

OTHERS PRESENT:  
Julie Molina (JARC)  
Celina Corral (EC DAC)  
Daisy Maldonado (EC DAC)  
Monique Lopez (FYI)

STAFF PRESENT:  
Javier Amaro (Coordinator)  
Daniel Sanchez (CLC Juvenile Citation Program)  
Eliana 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 12:06 p.m. by Chair Ms. Beyer and recognized the meeting as having a legal quorum.

II. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

III. INTRODUCTION
Miguel Terrazas, Community Educator for Juvenile Citation Program assist with providing services in the South (Anthony, Sunland Park, Chaparral, etc.).
Eliana Santillan, Community Educator for Juvenile Citation Program for five (5) years.

Monique Lopez with Families & Youth Inc. taking the role of Annabelle Fierro.

IV. CONFLICT OF INTEREST
No conflict of interest.

V. APPROVAL OF AGENDA
Mr. Smith moved to approve agenda as presented, seconded by Mr. Salas. Motion carried unanimously.

VI. APPROVAL OF MINUTES
Ms. Beyer stated her name is misspelled should take the “s” off Beyers.

Mr. Smith moved to approve minutes for March 13, 2019 with its corrections, seconded by Mr. Rothengass. Motion carried unanimously.

VII. PUBLIC COMMENT
Mr. Rank stated the mentor program met with JJAC and JCP to discuss programs that can assist with prevention in middle schools. Currently they are working with Lynn Middle School, programs provided are: Mariposa taught by Grace Tellez, Street Law, and Family Development & Personal Communications taught by Mike. Goal is to have a trauma therapist onsite full-time. Lieutenant Governor will be visiting site, hope to get funding.

Ms. Beyer asked what time will they be meeting on Monday?

Mr. Rank stated at 2:45 p.m.

VIII. NEW BUSINESS
A. Quarterly NMJJAC Meeting (Update) – Javier Amaro

A quorum was not reached. Councilor Smith welcomed the New Mexico JJAC board members that attended. JJAC discussed that there would be new changes in the board once the Governor finalizes the appointees. Funding will remain the same and the new CYFD Secretary is looking at allocating more funding for prevention and diversion from other sources.

B. CYFD Site Visit and Audit (Update) – Javier Amaro

The JJAC Unit met with the City of Las Cruces and JARC. During the visit, there were no specific findings identified that need to be addressed. There are recommendations that would enhance the Program, and best practices identified being used by the Program that others could benefit from such as applying for re-designation as a “Best Practice Model” with OJJDP and implementing the standard CYFD background checks for all regular staff who work at the JCP. JJAC unit stated they appreciated the full cooperation by all city officials that were part of the program audit. A copy of report will be sent out to Doña Ana County JJAB members.
Mr. Rank thanked Mr. Amaro doing a "Great Job"!

C. FY19 Continuum Status Report for 3rd Quarter (Update) – Javier Amaro

Provided an expenditure report to board members. Currently the Continuum budget shows JCP Level 1 and Level 3 funding will not be fully expended within the last quarter. Reasons are as follows: Significant reduction in JPO referrals continue, a new process involving substance abuse offenders to attend therapy, and a backlog of class III citations from DASO has affected the amount of JCP referrals.

Ms. Beyer stated we have quarterly meetings with law enforcement in the south. We are trying to get those reports quicker and not sure if it’s happening or not. Regarding the numbers I’m in shock because my numbers are going up significantly in court and I think when I started, we were at low point 250. Last year we had 370 and this year 500 part of that the demographic population involved with our juvenile justice is growing and surprised that has not made up for your substance abuse. Interested in seeing why numbers are low.

Mr. Johnson stated he attends the quarterly meetings. DASO emails their referrals (class 3) at one point they were getting a steady stream, now they are receiving in groups; they are working on getting this resolved.

Ms. Beyer stated that the sheriff department was sending referrals monthly it was an agreement that was put in place long time ago. They are working on making changes.

Ms. Lopez stated that they have a new program that is funded through the county “The Youth Intervention Program” its money that’s specifically used for the southern county kids in 3rd – 6th grade some of the referrals are going to JPO that cannot be processed through the JARC. We can provide intensive home case management services. I would like to be part of that meeting. So, we can saturate them with the services provided in the south.

Ms. Beyer asked Monique to send an email to Kathy Alvarez so she can be invited to the next Juvenile Justice meeting.

Mr. Amaro stated that a Budget Adjustment Request (BAR) in the amount of $35,665.00 was submitted to the JJAC for approval to move those funds from JCP to JARC.

Ms. Beyer asked how does the JARC continue to provide services with a sudden influx of money.

Mr. Kavanaugh stated they have not been able to bill for case management for two months; money has been zeroed out; not an issue to continue services and get reimbursed.

D. Discussion and Planning for Continuum Needs Assessment (Update) – Javier Amaro
Last assessment was done four years ago. It would be ideal to meet with board and community partners to share data along with ideas on what areas (targets) the community feels continuum should focus on concerning at-risk youth. A subcommittee is suggested as well as input amongst board members via email. Will email previous assessment to board members

Mr. Kavanaugh suggested that it should be an agenda item; to give updates (JCP/JARC).

Mr. Amaro stated next meeting date is scheduled for Thursday July 11 at 12:00 p.m.

IX. ADJOURNMENT
Mr. Smith moved to adjourn, seconded by Mr. Rory. Motion carried unanimously. Meeting adjourned at 12:54 p.m.

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Chairperson