Following are the summary minutes from the Dona Ana County Juvenile Justice Continuum Board meeting held on Thursday, July 11, 2019, at 12:00 p.m., in Conference Room 2007B of City Hall, 700 N. Main, Las Cruces, New Mexico.

**MEMBERS PRESENT:**  
Brian Kavanaugh (Families & Youth Inc.)  
Shannon Reynolds (DAC Board of Commissioners)  
Samuel Olmstead (Voting Authority, Public Defender Dept.)  
Greg Smith (Voting Authority, Mayor’s Office)  
Rachel Urdiaz (Voting Authority, 3rd Judicial District Court)  
Richard Johnson (Voting Authority, CYFD)  
Robert Nunez (City of Las Cruces)  
Rory Rank (Retiree)  
Bill Rothengass (Retiree)  
Mike Tapia (NMSU)  
Lt. Ernesto Parra (DACSO)  
Judy Baca (Mesilla Valley Hospital)

**ABSENT:**  
Honorable Marci E. Beyer, Chair (3rd Judicial District)  
Police Chief Patrick Gallagher, Vice-Chair (LCPD)  
Mark D’Antonio (District Attorney Office)  
Lt. Genny Olivas (Dona Ana County Detention Center)  
Theresa Gonzales (CYFD-Protective Services)  
Andrea Alvarado (Student/Employee)

**OTHERS PRESENT:**  
Julie Molina (JARC)  
Monique Lopez (FYI)  
David Finston (NMSU Retiree)  
Chelo Guerrero (DACHHS)  
Peter Vargas

**STAFF PRESENT:**  
Javier Amaro (Coordinator)  
Daniel Sanchez (CLC Juvenile Citation Program)  
Miguel Terrazas (CLC Juvenile Citation Program)  
Marley Gbo Gbo (CLC Student Recreation Aide)  
Martha Moreno (Recording Secretary)

I. **CALL TO ORDER**

The meeting was called to order at 12:07 p.m. by Mr. Amaro and recognized the meeting as having a legal quorum.

II. **PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

III. **WELCOME AND INTRODUCTIONS**

Board members and staff introduced themselves.
Chelo Guerrero with Dona Ana County Health and Human Services.

David Finston I'm a visitor. Retired from NMSU, I run a tutoring program at the county jail in mathematics.

Rachel Urdialez with Juvenile Drug Court filling in for Sylvia Herrera.

Mr. Amaro introduced Marley Gbo Gbo, Recreation Student Aide she works with Juvenile Citation Program. The Parks & Recreation Department has a program that hire students; they need to be at least 16 years old or Junior and can work up until they graduate. They get placed in different sections within the department.

Marley Gbo Gbo I'm a Junior at Centennial High School, play soccer, and attend government classes.

IV. CONFLICT OF INTEREST

No conflict of interest.

V. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Mr. Rank moved to approve agenda as presented, seconded by Councilor Smith. Motion carried unanimously.

VI. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Mr. Kavanaugh stated that Mr. Aaron Salas was not present at the May, 9 meeting. Mr. Richard Johnson made the statement on page 3, line 20 – 22.

Mr. Parra asked to correct the day on page 4, line 10 should read Thursday.

Mr. Rothengass moved to approve minutes for May 09, 2019 with its corrections, seconded by Mr. Kavanaugh. Motion carried unanimously.

VII. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

Mr. Kavanaugh suggested that the continuum reach out to have presentation from CYFD-Protective Services to replace Mr. Aaron Salas. Mr. Salas has moved.

Mr. Rory stated that he is working with NMWomen.Org to obtain a grant of $20,000 to teach “street law” for at-risk youth. He was hoping to partner with the public schools, law enforcement, FYI, and the community schools.

Mr. Johnson said JPO hopes to start community service projects in the county. Want to be able to use community service as a graduated sanction to void, lower or revoke probation. Get the youth more engaged in the community. Have contacted Judge Beyer, Chief of Codes, Mayor from Anthony, etc. all on board.

Mr. Parra asked what type of service they are going to be providing?
Mr. Johnson said they went to a meeting yesterday and there is a website "JustServe" has a list requesting volunteers. Spoke to Chief of Codes and said they can clean up graffiti, pull weeds for the elderly assist with maintenance. Chief of Police in Anthony said they can assist with clean up at parks. They can also assist in painting, picking up trash, etc. Also, can assist in packing food and handing out items to the migrants. Looking at serving 4 hours on Saturday's. Have 4 surveillance officers that can supervise.

Mr. Reynolds asked if they have transportation available, what are some of the options?

Mr. Johnson said that parents will need to transport within city limits. In Anthony and Chaparral, they have vans to assist with transporting.

Mr. Reynolds said they have the South Central Regional Transit that could possibly transport. They will need someone to chaperone the youth.

Mr. Johnson said that the surveillance officers would chaperone. Once we get started, we will know more of what other services will be needed.

Mr. Nunez said they are working on getting a reduced rate from transit to assist with transportation for the youth. Keep Las Cruces Beautiful (KLCB) utilizes the JustServe website to assist with projects throughout the community. We have opportunities to assist with supervision on Saturdays. The city is implementing a volunteer management software to track local and City-wide In-Kind services. Through partnership with JPO identify that things are getting done. Volunteer network is another resource.

Mr. Parra said they work with Dona Ana and Juvenile Citation Program we keep an expanding list; I have my guys identifying locations that need trash pickup.

Mr. Amaro said he will gather contact information from those involved to set up a meeting. Will send out information to all board members as well.

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

The continuum coordinators met on June 19 in Santa Fe. CYFD Secretary Blalock met with continuum coordinators and received a brief overview of the various programming for all 20 active continuums including Las Cruces. Coordinators expressed the needs to have additional funding for training, strategic planning, and further clarification on the fee for service allotments. Also discussed was some concerns on Senate Bill 58 (handout provided to local members).

Mr. Rank asked for names of who wrote the Bill.

Mr. Amaro said he would email the names to Mr. Rank.

The NM JJAC Board meeting convened on June 20, 2019 in Santa Fe. NMJJAC stated no Federal funding allocated for FY20 or FY21 for JJAC program. All funding is from the State. Several continuums still backlogged on processing
invoices for payment. Overall, JCC funding will revert 20-30% back to the state due to reduction of JPO referrals. CYFD secretary is looking at allocating more funding to prevention programming for JJAC from other state funded sources. JJAC grants for FY21-FY24 are planned to be for 4-years with a yearly renewal process. There will be an opportunity to request additional funding after first quarter if warranted.

B. FY19 Continuum Status Final Report (Update) – Javier Amaro

City of Las Cruces NM was allocated $316,227.00 for FY2019 grant. Total amount reverted to the state--$12,490.00. which is a 96% expended funds. A budget adjustment request (BAR) was completed in May with a movement of unused funds from JCP level I and III to the JCP level II and the JARC. Majority of continuums reverted unspent funds as well. (Report was handed out to local board).

IX. OLD BUSINESS
A. Discussion and Planning for Continuum Needs Assessment

Mr. Amaro asked the board to review and submit any suggestions. Need to form committees will send email to board. (Assessment was provided to local board).

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

Recording Secretary Date