

# Valencia County Juvenile Justice Advisory Board Meeting

**Hybrid Meeting**

**January 27, 2022**

**Executive Board Meeting 11:30 pm**

**County Commission Chambers, 444 Luna Ave**

**Or Via Zoom Link:**

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/89573001849?pwd=QVZBZIRXbGdYbVBtUjBVTegrciVMUT09>

## Agenda

**In attendance: Jason Rael, Victoria Flores, David Hyder, Robert Mundy, Tom Mraz, Teresa Mraz, Jeremias Silva, Joshua Silva, Joshua Zuni, Randy Guterrez, Estevan Gallegos, Kelli Vigil, Victoria Flores, Camille Griego, Lucas Dimas, Phillip Montano, Cassandra Linehan, Loretta Trujillo, Linda Montano, Noelle Chavez, Holly Chavez, Violeta Unzueta-Lopez, Bart Regelbrugge**

### 1) Approval of Agenda

Motion made to approve agenda after an amendment was made. Item #4 is to be discussed after #2. Motion approved.

### 2) Approval of meeting minutes

Motion carries to approve meeting minutes.

### 3) Valencia County Continuum

a. Voting on removal of Joshua Zuni from the Executive Board and appointing of Jeremias Silva.

b. Discussion to allow Lucas Dimas as an Executive Member (no voting privileges) in April 2022 when the age of 18 is reached.

The board agrees that Lucas Dimas' input is vital to this board and is excited to welcome onto the executive board when he is 18.

c. Discuss overview of January 19<sup>th</sup> Meeting of Needs Assessment & Strategic Plan

i. Discuss any updates and plans of submission to CYFD

The extended deadline is still February 25, 2022. The continuum will be able to finalize the draft and have final submission to CYFD by the extended deadline.

d. Discussion of Youth Group Driven Survey to Evaluate Programs

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ii. Youth Focus Groups will create surveys to evaluate programs

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2. Recommendation for the youth to create a survey for each program/service

3. Will be implemented into Needs Assessment & Strategic Plan  
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4) Continuum Grant—Update

a. RAC background check update

Melissa Denetdale-Relays to the board that conducting background checks have been complex due to each school having their own set policies to conduct a background check for her so she can set foot on the school campuses. She hopes that the background checks will be completed in the next coming months. She needs these background check so that she is “qualified” to be on campus.

b. Results of Short Cycle Application submitted – Pending response from CYFD  
Jeremias Silva-There will be results from CYFD at the end of the week.

c. Discuss Language from CYFD Agreement and CYFD Continuum Guidance and convey deliverables required by CYFD as it pertains to the 4-year grant

i. Program evaluation

ii. Chain of command

Jeremias Silva-Reports that progress for the grant has been made since October 2019. The beginning focus was to get the programs up and running and that goal was successful even through Covid-19. The programs are established. We are in the second year of the grant. He elaborated on how this process remained stagnant and how it is important to remember that progress must remain intact. He explained that the Juvenile Justice Grant via CYFD has a possibility of being cut. He explained there will be changes implemented on the Bylaws, Needs Assessment, and Strategic Plan and that these deliverables have an extended deadline to be submitted to CYFD by February 25<sup>th</sup>, 2022.

Robert Mundy-Suggests a subcommittee to develop Bylaws. He makes his recommendations for that subcommittee.

Jeremias Silva, Melissa Denetdale, Randy Guitierrez, and David Hyder would like the Bylaws to not be a subcommittee, but for it to be a more open dynamic to create the Bylaws. However, there are issues of the number of executive members due to the fact that it will be an official quorum.

The board agrees to put out a live Google doc so that each individual can edit, create, and place their suggestions on that live document. Melissa Denetdale will create that live Google document.

Jeremias Silva-Elaborated that the board is to be established as an advisory board and it is not established to develop policies and this is how it has been running as. So, in order to do that there needs to be changes implemented so that there are fresh ideas and that the meetings needs to be operated in a general sense. The

programs are funded by CYFD and there are guidelines as to how the board is to be established and operating and we need to ensure those are operating as such. The chain of command is the the board should contact the continuum, Melissa Denetdale. After which if she cannot figure it out, she will forward it to county. This is the current chain of command per CYFD and this should be followed in the future as this the proper chain of command etiquette.

- 5) Suggestion of Changing Day of the Week/Day of Month of JJB Meetings
  - a. Valencia County Continuum Coordinator found out that law enforcement superior officers would like to attend/be a part of JJB Executive/General board committee, but they honor their lunch time. JJB meeting times conflict with their involvement. All prospective law enforcement contacts to consider being a part of the board would like earlier in the week in the morning. Comments from board on this. Possible change of day of week/time for JJB Meetings  
The board discusses what they think about the possible change. The result is for a poll to be conducted to see what time of the month, day of the week, and time of day for a possible new meeting. Melissa Denetdale will send that poll.
- 6) Suggestion of Changing Yearly Retreat to End of the Year
  - a. Every year MOU, MOA, Board Roster, Bylaws, Needs Assessment (NA) & Strategic Plan (SP) needs to be uploaded by January 31.  
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  - b. Discussion and appointment of By-Laws Subcommittee  
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- 7) Other Business

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6) Programs

1. RAC
2. Restorative Justice
3. Botvin Life Skills
4. Girl's Circle
5. Boy's Council

Noelle Chavez-Elaborated that it is difficult to pull demographics of data. Instead she presented referral-based data. She elaborated on single-parent family homes, substance abuse, sex trafficking, sexual abuse, abuse and neglect, lack of basic human need, foster care, living in transition (homelessness), directly homeless (on the street), bullying, suicidal identification, expulsion, family-related crime, changes in family structure (divorce), recent death in family (not parent), depression and anxiety, youth in a treatment facility, youth incarcerated, gang violence; Time period for data was for July 1, 2021-December 31, 2021.

7) Attendance for Success Subcommittee

Estevan Gallegos-He will be receiving reports from the schools. They will be making a gift incentives list for the local schools in the district. Gift cards will be for kids that have improvement and great school attendance.

8) 100% Community Taskforce

Noelle Chavez-Elaborated on the vetting calls for Valencia County. Calls were still being made to create a master list of available resources for Valencia County.

9) Youth Subcommittee

Phillip Montano-He met with LL High School JROTC. He presented information to them about the current drinking laws.

Lucas Dimas-Is operating the shoe donations and will be collecting shoes and attending the Los Lunas High School JROTC event.

10) IX. Other Business as time allows

a. McKinny Vento

Camille Griego-This is her first meeting. She is interested in making those connections for the community to further support the youth.

b. Teen Court

Victoria Flores-She has had on referral from JPO. They are going full force since January.