



AGENDA
VALENCIA COUNTY JUVENILE JUSTICE ADVISORY BOARD
August 2024 Special Meeting
To be held via Zoom

Tuesday, August 20, 2024
12:00PM-12:30PM

- A. Introduction & Roll Call – Quorum Confirmation – **Quorum met.**
Board Members: Heather Benavidez, Jhonathan Aragon, Warden Randy Gutierrez, Deputy Chief Cassandra Kanyuck, Judge Smith, and Kaylee Jojola

General Members: Christine Arrellin, Joshua Zuni, and Rose LeDoux
- B. Acceptance of Agenda
Heather entertains a motion to accept the agenda.
Jhonathan motions to accept.
Deputy Chief Kanyuck seconds the motion. All I's...zero no's.
- C. Approval of Meeting Minutes – August 13th, JJAB Regular Meeting
Heather entertains a motion to accept the agenda.
Deputy Chief Kanyuck motions to accept.
Jhonathan seconds the motion. Judge Smiths abstains as he was not present. All I's...zero no's.
- D. RFP Solicitation – Approval of provider selection
Christine: Thank you, Heather. I spoke with Jeremias last week and he informed me that Valencia County conducted a review of the proposals submitted for Day Reporting Center and Reception Assessment Center on Thursday, August 15th. The provider that was selected to be awarded for the subcontracts was H2 Academic Solutions. With that said, the Juvenile Justice Advisory Board needs to vote to accept the selected provider. So that it can be presented to the Board of County Commissioners on Wednesday, August 21st, 2024. Upon acceptance of the board of County Commissioners, the county will submit the two subcontracts awarded to H2 Academic Solutions to CYFD for final acceptance. The program activities will be allowed to commence on August 21st, 2024, for both the Day Reporting Center and Reception Assessment Center. With that, Heather, can we get a vote for approval?
Heather: I have a question, if I may, how many respondents were there to the RFP?

Christine: There was only one, I was informed that there were other program providers intending to bid but did not submit a proposal.

Heather: All right, then. With that information, can I get a motion to accept the provider selected by the committee and that being H2 Academic Solutions.

Judge Smith: I am a little puzzled by the fact we're moving on this when we really didn't have any other choice. We've got all our eggs in a single basket here. And I would have liked to have had more options to consider. Of course, we are only ratifying the county's decision. We're not really decision makers, but it just strikes me as maybe not being as thorough as we should be and expanding the option to other people and inviting others to participate, but anyway, that's just my comment.

Heather: Yeah, I agree with you, Judge Smith. There needs to be a wider array from which we can select. But if the RFP process was done correctly, which I assume it was and the others didn't officially respond, but they intended to respond and then did not. I'm not sure where we can go from there. And like you said, we're just ratifying the county's decision. So, I think your comments are on point and duly noted. Does anybody have any other comments to add to that?

Christine: Judge Smith, I completely understand where you're coming from. We solicited the RFP for 20 days.

Judge Smith: My experience is that if the governing body doesn't feel like it's had an adequate response is to resubmit it for further RFP's and expand the scope of the request for proposals. But again, we're not the decision makers here, we're simply ratifying the evaluation then it's up to the candidate to sign from there. So, that being said, I will move to accept the only bidder as the appropriate choice in this case.

Jhonathan seconds the motion. All I's...zero no's.

Heather: Program provider has been approved. Is there anything else that we need to discuss?

Christine: No, that is all.

Heather: Ok, does anyone have final comments or words?

Jhonathan: I wasn't involved with the process of choosing her H2 Academic Solutions, but typically what happens is you'll have a lot of people involved in these RFP processes and once they actually see that scope of work, they're just not equipped to handle everything within that scope of work. So, as interested as they may be, you know they just can't handle the workload and as far as I've seen H2 Academic Solutions has really been well to the county. They have done a very good job so far, but it's one of those things unfortunately, you can't make people respond to an RFP and it's unfortunate that you know, this is maybe just a field where there's not a whole lot of providers available. But I think we are fortunate that H2 Academic Solutions has been good for the county in the past.

Heather: Yes, I would agree with that as well.

Judge Smith: I agree, I just don't have anything against H2 Academic Solutions. I think that when you retain your focus on a single provider you put yourself at risk if something should happen to that provider, that the whole thing ends up folding up with no continuity of the programs.

Jhonathan: Agreed.

Heather: Ok, any other comments before we close? And thank you both for those.

Deputy Chief Kanyuck: My only other comment or question would be this, when we're talking county, this includes Isleta, correct? They're getting services from this program or these programs through H2 Academic Solutions.

Christine: Yes, that is correct. Any referrals that we are given to H2 Academic Solutions receive the services. These services are also given to other counties outside of Valencia County if they do not have the programs offered.

Heather: Thank you for that additional information. That's very helpful.

Christine: Absolutely. Judge Smith, I appreciate your concern for H2 Academic Solutions being our only provider, and Jonathan, I appreciate the clarification on the scope of work.

E. Adjournment

Heather: I'm going to go ahead and adjourn this meeting. Thank you all for being here. This was important to get quorum, and you all showed up. I appreciate that. I hope everybody has a wonderful month and/or quarter and we'll see you in October. Thank you.