

Valencia County Juvenile Justice Executive Board Meeting

Meeting Minutes

October 24, 2020

Next meeting: October 22, 2020, 11:30 am-12:00 pm, via Zoom
Present: Father Mundy, Diana Good, Bart Regelbrugge, Estevan Gallegos,
Noelle Chavez, Beatrice Chavez, Tom Mraz, Teriesa Mraz, Lucas
Dimas, Patricia Gregor, Heather Benavidez

Call to Order at 11:40 am

I. Approval of Agenda

a. Agenda approved Motioned by Patricia, Seconded by Teriesa

II. Approval of Minutes

a. Meeting minutes approved Motioned by Teriesa, Seconded by Diana

III. Nomination of Heather Benavidez to the Board

Call for other nominations

2nd call for nominations

3rd and final call for nominations

Motion to Approve Judge Heather Benavidez by acclimation

Diana, 2nd by Victoria

Patricia Gregor Abstained

Motion carries-Judge Heather Benavidez is welcomed to the Executive Board

Heather-Will have to leave early.

Meeting adjourned at 11:47 pm

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Next meeting: October 22, 2020, 12:00 pm-1:30 pm, via Zoom

I. Call to Order 11:47 pm

II. Introductions and Welcome

- a. Skipped since we all know each other

III. Programs

A. RAC

RAC is collecting a bunch of referrals 200 from BHS by 2:00 12 from Century HS. We are collecting them now because the state is asking for numbers. This will get the RAC program back up. We are running for 3 days until we know if we will be able to get additional funding.

Happy with school support. Will be meeting with Valencia HS and hopefully getting Angelina an office there as well.

B. Restorative Justice

No new referrals closed out cases from September. Cassandra is working with Rose to get RJ Level II training, may be in the spring. Will be a day and a half Zoom training. Only request is that it is mid week.

Will no longer be doing RJ on Zoom. The kids in September were goofy and it is hard to control the process on Zoom. Will have mini circles from here on out to make the process more effective.

Prior cases had gone well up until the September case.

C. Botvin

Operating 1 class per week and looking at 2 per week. Starting Jan Sydney will tag team with Jenna. There is interest, but not until things are back to normal. Is going really well though.

D. Girl's Circle/Boy's Council

Still meeting every Monday. No openings right now for Girl's Circle or Boy's Council. For both programs the kids are opting to stay longer. Kids love it and don't want to leave.

Patricia has provided goody bags that the girls get when they start a new module.

IV. Attendance for Success Taskforce

Had our monthly meeting yesterday. Intention was to discuss if we wanted to embrace and tackle the community schools concept in Valencia County. We ended up doing so indirectly.

We discussed difficulty in school attendance. We focused on intention to be incentive based and not punitive. SODA is sending out certificates. We are trying to support that idea.

We will be writing grant to Walmart to fund incentives for students. Cassandra is working on that.

Focusing on incentives to help schools get kids to attend school.

We are looking at grants to fund this and starting with Walmart.

Father Mundy-Any idea where the missing kids are?

Estevan-Parents are working and unable to monitor if kids are logging on. Other parents are homeschooling, and many do not have internet access.

Father Mundy-What resources do you need that you don't have now?

Estevan-That would be a question for the schools. We want to incentivize kids attending school. The idea of JPO writing a letter came up and this can be intimidating. With everything going on there is no ramification for not attending school except for protective services getting involved.

Father Mundy-Are you getting good participation from the subcommittee.

Estevan-We have been getting about 12 participants.

V. Family and Community Wellness Subcommittee

I was just saying that the 100% Communities Core Team is guiding these efforts and can be considered sufficient so as not to duplicate work/meetings. Especially during COVID when there are no events to plan. Eventually, if there is a need for specialized attention in this area, we can put one of the 10 task forces.

VI. Youth Subcommittee

Phillip-We are doing a fundraiser for the Youth Mentoring Center. We have gift baskets you can purchase tickets. Please go to TNT Boxing on Facebook. Send us a message, we will contact you to purchase your tickets and select your baskets. Tickets are 1@\$3.00 3@\$5.00 7@\$10.00 We will do a live drawing on FB on December 10th, 2020. Thank you in advance. We appreciate any and all support! Oh, you can see all of the gift baskets on the TNT Boxing Facebook site.

Victoria-Can you include Lucas Dimas on this?
Lucas has reached out to some of the teen attorneys.

VII. Legislative Subcommittee

Nothing lately. 12 Days from now I hope we get some legislatures who care and do something. Last night we voted to expand internet in conjunction with UNM at the Meadowlake Community Center. Cannot do it in El Cerro because they have Centurylink. It may take a while, but it is a good thing. The gentleman who killed Alex Madrid will be sentenced as an adult. Jeremias and Josh have put in a \$25,000 grant for a park. We were supposed to put in \$25,000 but were denied and not sure why. I have left messages for legislatures and have not heard back.

FM-Did they ever get a cell tower out there?

Tom-No, it's been approved twice, but they are now waiting on construction. Meadowlake road re-paving has been put off for another 6 months because paperwork sat on someone's desk for 2 months.

VIII. Coordinator Update

Working on Facebook grant for Attendance for Success incentives for student attendance.

Unable to use Program Support funds for equipment per the County's policies. Looking for other ways to spend down that money.

Working with Rose to get Restorative Justice Level II training, will let everyone know when that is.

Billing will be changing within the next couple of months. It will be web based and we will not have to use Excel anymore. The billing process will be less time consuming and much easier.

A decision on the additional funds will not be determined until January due to the next JJAC meeting being in December.

Submitted a letter to CWC for additional funds for our youth who have been actively participating this year.

Working with the owner of Gracie Barra Los Lunas, she wants to be a community partner and is interested in offering space for programs.

After the election we should be able to use the Commission Chambers for meetings. Since we are limited to 5, we will have to determine in person attendance.

Tom-We might also be able to use the IT training room as well.

Linda-If the program support money is not spent, can that money be moved?

No, the money cannot be moved. Noelle and I have already looked at this as an option to help fund RAC. Each month the County is able to request 5% of the amount billed. I am not sure how that money is spent or where it goes, but the County may be able to use it as they did the 4% Admin. last year and that helps pay a portion of Jeremias' and Josh's salaries for their work in overseeing this grant.

IX. Other Business as time allows

A. McKinny Vento

Have served 181 students so far. We're ahead compared to last year's numbers.

I'm giving out jackets right now to homeless and high poverty families.

B. Teen Court

David Trujillo is here today. We are ready to go. We look forward to

Nov. 19th will be next JJB meeting

Meeting Adjourned at 12:30pm motioned by Diana