

Valencia County Juvenile Justice Executive Board Meeting

Meeting Minutes

November 19, 2020

Next meeting: December 17, 2020, 11:30 am-12:00 pm, via Zoom
Present: Father Mundy, Diana Good, Estevan Gallegos, Noelle Chavez, Lucas Dimas, Patricia Gregor, Heather Benavidez, Jayde Sopiwnik, David Hyder, Jeremias Silva, Victoria Flores

Call to Order at 11:38 am

I. Approval of Agenda

a. Agenda approved Motioned by Diana, Seconded by Victoria

II. Approval of Minutes

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

III. Food Drive

Cassandra sent out an email asking JJB if they wanted to sponsor a food drive H2 Academics and Gracie Barra Jiu Jitsu were partnering in.

Diana and David had not responded to Cassandra's email due to not knowing the full details and what was expected.

Diana-Concerned due to Anti Donation Clause

Father Mundy- There is a definite issue if we are asking for money

Diana-Not a good idea for JJB to be involved

Father Mundy-Ryan Wolfe with Feed NM Kids would be a good contact

IV. PED Request

From our Coordinator meeting last week, it was mentioned that there are 12,000 kids missing from the system and PED is wondering if the continuums will help since there are already programs and staff in place. Cassandra has already talked to Noelle and her staff already has a good idea of what is going on with kids in Valencia County.

Diana & Estevan-What are PED's expectations? Are we only expected to document and report?

Cassandra-There is still more information to be gathered since this was brought up the morning of our coordinator meeting. It is sounding like a document and report situation versus filing CYFD reports.

Noelle- We are willing to help because RAC staff has had their hours reduced and are only working 3 days. We are already helping the schools track students and trying to get the kids back in school. This would not be extra work for the staff,

but additional funding would allow them to work more hours to get the work done efficiently.

Father Mundy-What are the primary reasons you're seeing for kids missing in the system?

Noelle-The reasons we are coming across are defiance from the older kids, grandparents who are raising their grandchildren and are not willing to do the classes virtually, working parents are unable to track if the kids are logging onto class or not, and the fact that there are several Spanish speaking families and the language barrier.

Cassandra-VCLC is willing to partner with programs to provide extra ESL and homework/class assistance. We are working on a project specific to this issue.

Noelle-We exhaust all contact options and provide feedback to the school.

Father Mundy-Do we need to take action on this before our next meeting.

Cassandra-No action is needed since we are waiting for more information.

Estevan-Does this put us in a position to report to CYFD?

-Cassandra will ask for more information at the next meeting.

Meeting adjourned at 11:57 pm

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Next meeting: December 17, 2020, 12:00 pm-1:30 pm, via Zoom

I. Call to Order 11:57 pm

II. Introductions and Welcome

- a. All in attendance introduced themselves. Visiting Community member is Jayde Sopiwnik

III. Programs

A. RAC

Elaine is working 5 days and is taking the Spanish speaking clients, she has about 15 currently.

Sydney is working 4 days with 23 cases on the Westside of Los Lunas, SODA, and Los Lunas Middle School, she is also taking overflow cases from Valencia Middle school.

Angelina & Jenna are working 3 days and have over 20 cases each. Jenna is primarily working with the 5th and 6th grades and has a few high school referrals. We are still getting police referrals and responding to incidents. We are tier III intervention and expect to only get busier.

RAC was explained for visiting member.

Cassandra-Where does funding stand with RAC? How soon do we need to BAR funds?

Noelle-Will be submitting a BAR next week. If we didn't reduce work days, we would have run out of money in March. Right now we may have enough money to get us through May.

Cassandra-Cindy just told us that we can BAR travel funds and I am okay with putting that money towards any programs that needs the extra money.

B. Restorative Justice

New case opened this week. We expect to have the pre-conference the 1st week of December and the circle and post conference by Christmas. We still are not getting as many referrals as we had hoped, but the program is still being utilized.

We will most likely use money from Restorative Justice to help out RAC.

-How does a person become part of the panel?

-We try to tailor the panel to the crime.

Anyone who is interested can [email Noelle](#)

C. Botvin

1 group is meeting every Monday on Zoom. This program addresses life skills, substance misuse, and helps kids with decision making. We currently have 8-12 kids. Police Athletic League is participating and receiving \$10 gift cards for their participation. This program serves youth 6th-9th grade.

D. Girl's Circle

This program serves 10-17 year olds and works on loving yourself and your body. This is a fun group and Patricia has been great with providing goodie bags for the girls. The girls are like a family unit and the program is quite effective. Due to the current health orders, this group is not meeting. This program will resume once we are able to meet in small groups.

E. Boy's Council

This program addresses kids in gangs, struggling with substance, and aggression. We are looking at dividing the younger kids from the older kids. This group is also not meeting right now because of the current health orders. Even though we have suspended group meetings we should only be about 6-7 sessions behind and expect to spend down all funding by offering more sessions.

IV. Attendance for Success Taskforce

Had our monthly meeting yesterday, and reviewed the new policy and form. We are also trying to incentivize school attendance by offering gift cards to struggling students. JPO can be the organization making the request for the donations and Kelli and Estevan will work on a letter for that. Teri also shared a resource directory and is asking for feedback. The directory will be shared and hopefully we will get good feedback.

V. 100% Community Taskforces

Just launched a medical and dental taskforce and youth mentoring. We are working on getting a mental health taskforce. We have a core team established and are meeting monthly.

VI. Youth Subcommittee

Working on PAL fundraiser and checking with Civil Air Patrol to see if they are interested in participating in Botvin.

Request for Teen Court to help with Youth Mentoring Center and their Christmas project.

VII. Legislative Subcommittee

Tom not in attendance. Noelle does not believe they have met in the last couple of months.

VIII. Coordinator Update

Waiting for additional information on the request from PED. I will keep the board updated as I receive more information.

Extra funds will not be available until March, so Day Reporting Center will not be a possibility for this year. We will work on a proposal for next year. JJAC work group is working on standardizing requests for additional funding and will be sending out forms/letters to the fiscal agent once it is complete.

Our next JJAC meeting is December 3rd from 10:00 am- 2:00 pm

JJS Special Programs is inviting you to the scheduled JJAC Quarterly meeting.

Thursday, December 3rd, at 10 am. Join Zoom Meeting

<https://zoom.us/j/98499837279?pwd=Smx2UGNxOEhreXJlQXB2UTZZWFF4Zz09>

Meeting ID: 984 9983 7279 Passcode: 8EX7XL

The state is also working diligently and testing the web based reporting system for our monthly data and billing which will replace the Excel spreadsheets we have been using. Thank you Noelle for being able to obtain information as requested so they can enter our youth in advance. Training for this database is scheduled for December 1st, I do not yet have a time or virtual link for the training. I will forward that to Jeremias as soon as I receive it. We will also be limited to 2 licenses for Valencia County, one for the Coordinator and one for the Fiscal Agent. My understanding is that I can share my license with Noelle for data entry.

IX. Other Business as time allows

A. Teen Court

DWI Council has provided funding to pay teen court participants for attending JJB meetings. Victoria will pay all Teen Court youth from those funds so the youth funding from CYFD can be used to pay Phillip. Still waiting for referrals and will contact Estevan. Everything will still be run via Zoom.

Dec. 17th will be next JJB meeting

Meeting Adjourned at 12:38pm motioned by Diana