

Valencia County Juvenile Justice Executive Board Meeting

Meeting Minutes

May 27, 2021

Present: Cassandra Montaña, Father Mundy, Ruben Barreras, Patricia Gregor, David Hyder, Teresa Mraz, Victoria Flores, Bart Regelbrugge, Estevan Gallegos, Diana Good, Heather Benavidez, Beatrice Chavez, Noelle Chavez, Tom Mraz, Rustin Porter, Joshua Zuni, Lucas Dimas, Kelli Vigil, Deborah Elder, Claudia Vargas, John Jones, Yvonne Chavez, Tina Dzuik, Linda Montaña, Phillip Montaña

Next meeting: June 24, 2021, 11:30 am Hybrid, in person at the County Commission Chambers or via [Zoom](#)

Call to Order at 11:31 am

Moment of silence noted for former RAC specialist, Rachel, and for Judge Pope who both recently passed.

I. Approval of Agenda

- a. Agenda approved Motioned by Patricia, Seconded by Diana with no corrections or additions. Motion carries

II. Approval of Minutes

- a. Meeting minutes approved- Motioned by Diana, Seconded by Patricia with no corrections or additions. Motion carries

III. Contract Renewals

- a. **RAC-** Contract is written with an annual option to renew with a board vote to renew without having to send the contract out to bid.

Diana moves to renew RAC contract with H2 Academics
Bart seconds

Discussion: RAC is the largest program contract and that is why it has to be voted on and also goes out to bid.

Motion carries. Estevan abstains.

- b. **Continuum Coordinator Contract**

David motions to continue with Cassandra as Coordinator
Victoria seconds the motion
Estevan abstains

Motion carries, Cassandra will continue in the position of Continuum Coordinator

- c. **Other Programs**

All other CYFD programs do not require a vote because they fall under small purchases.

JPO utilizes all programs and appreciates the variety of programs available.

H2 Academics still wants to continue with all programs.

Diana moves that the board supports the programs

Bart seconds the motion

Motion carries

The board has adopted the Kids at Hope Framework and would like to continue moving forward with it.

The board would like to see additional funding for programs.

Rustin-Not sure what is allowed in the grant, but funding cannot include what is in the current CYFD grant.

There may be CYFD funding available in July and we will watch for that.

David suggests waiting to request funding from the County.

Meeting adjourned at 11:50am

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I. Call to Order 12:01pm

II. Introductions and Welcome

All present introduced themselves.

III. Programs

A. RAC

Testing BHS youth

Have funding for 200 youth to be tested through CWC and have completed day 1

RAC has been a successful program

Will be posting a position for RAC Specialist next week

B. Restorative Justice

Have seen an influx of cases in the last week

Back to in person conferences and circles

All staff was trained in RJ as of April

C. Botvin

Funds have been spent down and some activity will have to be match for May. Will be able to work closer with the schools next year and PAL has asked us back.

D. Girl's Circle

We are at the end of the year and there are girls who want to stay and continue next year.

Some sessions have been done online for JPO referrals.

E. Boy's Council

Holding 2 sessions on Monday and on Tuesday. David spends an extra 30-45 minutes hanging out with the youth playing video games and providing a safe environment for them to hang out.

This program has allowed the boys to build friendships

Some of the graduates have stayed to support the other boys in the group

We have partnered with Whitfield to go on field trips over the summer

IV. Attendance for Success Taskforce

Met last week

FORCE presented

We discussed innovations for Community Schools

Biggest challenge is getting volunteers

Still trying to meet with school superintendents

SODA received a grant for community schools and we are supporting them

Kelli is reaching out for support

Yvonne is gathering data

V. 100% Community Taskforces

Everything is going great, 9 out of 10 taskforces are up and running with the last taskforce starting up this month.

Core team meets monthly

Each taskforce is doing great following the checklists

This will help reduce child neglect and abuse

Anyone at any age can help

VI. Youth Subcommittee

Attended a retreat on May 17th about alcohol and tobacco.

OSAP presented

Had discussion about RAC and JPO

VII. Legislative Subcommittee

Disappointing news that the gardens in El Cerro & Meadowlake were not funded through Valencia County this year. It is a great opportunity for the youth and there are not many positive programs and activities in those communities for the youth.

VIII. Coordinator Update

Data reporting through the CYFD portal is going well

Working with Noelle and her staff as well as with Jeremias to ensure accurate data reporting

There will be a special JJAC meeting next week and I will send out the link if anyone from the board is interested in attending.

Father Mundy asked if Ruben will be at that meeting and discuss moving away from reaction and more towards prevention.

Ruben stated the JJAC board is looking for input and will be discussing the 3 year plan.

Father Mundy will not be able to attend the June meeting. Ruben will also be out. David Hyder will chair the next meeting.

IX. Program Presentation-Life Quest

John Jones-This is a faith based non-profit and currently serve 8 juvenile justice communities.

Works on character development

Highschool Evi

X. Other Business as time allows

a. Teen Court: Going good next court is on 04/29

b. McKinny Vento: Update by Cathy Chavez with Los Lunas schools. Have 180 homeless kids identified.

Have basic needs supplies and school supplies

d. Police Athletic League: PAL graduation was held in February with 15 students who completed the program.

Limited face to face interaction

August-February online from 3pm-4pm

Art projects completed both in the building and outside.

Looking for additional funding

Have over 100 active PAL kids

Connect kids with law enforcement and training

Funding received through Facebook

Location is TNT Boxing Monday-Thursday from 5pm-7pm

May 27th will be next JJB meeting

Meeting Adjourned at 12:59 pm motioned by Ruben 2nd by Tina