

Valencia County Juvenile Justice Board Meeting

Hybrid Meeting

August 26, 2021

Executive Board Meeting 11:30 pm

County Commission Chambers, 444 Luna Ave

Or Via <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/85718664618>

Meeting Minutes: Minutes are noted in Red

Executive Members Present: Robert Mundy, Randy Gutierrez (Proxy for David Hyder), Diana Good, Bart Regelbrugge, Estevan Gallegos, Heather Benavidez, Patricia Gregor, Victoria Flores, Jeremias Silva – 9 = Official Quorum

Valencia County Representatives: Rustin Porter & Joshua Zuni

Agenda

1) Approval of Agenda

- a. Agenda Approved – Motioned by Diana Good, Seconded by Vitoria with no corrections. Motion carries**

2) II. Valencia County Continuum Resignation Discussion

- a. Executive Board was informed on the resignation of Cassandra Montano. It was mentioned that no reason or advance notice was given on this resignation. The County has begun with the advertisement of the position in the VC News Bulletin, County social media sites and starting on 8-29-2021 an ad in the ABQ Journal will be posted and ran for 2 weeks. The County did mention that conversations with CYFD had taken place on business will proceed until the new continuum is hired. Jeremias will work with Noelle on gathering of necessary data to submit as per the contract guidelines. County Manager Monette will act as signature authority during this time. An initial interview panel was comprised of: Robert Mundy, Diana Good, Randy Gutierrez (on behalf of David Hyder), Rustin Porter & Jeremias Silva. A formal invite will be produced as a pool of candidates is formed. It was mentioned that the County will not settle if qualified applicants are not identified immediately. Diana Good did ask if Web based hiring platforms were being utilized for this solicitation and the County will follow up with IT on platforms and availability. It was asked why we ask for a Bachelor's Degree as a requirement of the continuum coordinator under the minimum qualifications and the County did state that it was not technically required**

as a combination of education, experience, and training may be applied. It was also discussed that a Bachelor's Degree in an area related to community service programs would be a real benefit.

3) III. Continuum Grant –Update

- a. Executive Board was informed on the tentative process and internal staff adjustments made until the continuum position is filled. Jeremias is to meet with Noelle on 8-30-2021 to discuss youth data. The County did ask for assistance with gathering of notes and meeting minutes for the Attendance for Success in the event attendance is not made. It was mentioned that the August meeting had meeting minutes generated by Cassandra and are now not accessible due to the resignation, however an agenda can be produced. The youth mentoring committee will also be appropriate for match.**

4) Other Business

- a. Executive Board Active Roster Confirmation
 - i. The Executive Board active roster was confirmed and the County did mention that a vote will need to be conducted in December to decide the 2022 recommendations that will be presented to Commission for board sub-committee approval.****

Meeting adjourned at 11:55AM

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General Board Meeting *Immediately Following* the Executive Board

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Executive Members Present: Robert Mundy, Diana Good, Bart Regelbrugge, Estevan Gallegos, Heather Benavidez, Victoria Flores, Jeremias Silva

General Board Members: Beatrice Chavez, Linda Montano, Lucas Dimas, Noelle Chavez, Kelly Vigil

Youth Member: Phillip Montano

Valencia County Representatives: Joshua Zuni

Agenda

- 1) Introduction and Welcome
 - a. **Participants were introduced**

- 2) Valencia County Continuum Resignation Discussion
 - a. **General Board was informed that Cassandra Montano had resigned last Wednesday 8-18-2021 and that the advertisements for filling the Continuum Coordinator position was published in the bulletin and the ABQ Journal. We want to be adamant on finding the right person for the job. The County is actively searching to fill this position and Jeremias will be working closely with Noelle to ensure we remain compliant with the grant. Any tangible support was offered from Diana Good. Noelle did state that she has had conversations with Jeremias on the initial plan on moving forward and feels confident.**

3) Programs

1. RAC

- a. **There is a new RAC specialist with H2 Academic Maria Hernandez and she will be focusing on the Valencia east side youth. Lucas Dimas has accepted a position with H2 Academic as the receptionist and grant writer. Lucas is the go to person for all fundraising activities.**
- b. **Program is slow which is normal due to the return from summer break. Space a SODA is being utilized daily. MOU with Belen has been submitted and MOU with Los Lunas is next for submission. If there are high COVID rates, H2 will follow the school protocol. It was asked if the LL Schools anticipate signing a MOU this year and the response was they anticipate signing, but COVID rates will determine the amount of time H2 can be on site. The MOU will be sent to Karen Wolfe from LL Schools.**

2. Restorative Justice

- a. **Program has started off great with JPO providing lots of referrals. Sanchez restoration has partnered offering to do intern opportunities for community service.**

3. Botvin Life Skills

- a. **Only 2 sessions so far but a 3rd is starting soon. Little slower of a start this year. Majority of these sessions are in zoom but some small gatherings take place, with youth completing sessions receiving 10.00 gift cards.**

4. Girl's Circle

- a. **Girl's Circle flipped from last year as the group is now large. Heather Benavidez has been a guest speaker for this group. Different women in leadership roles have been speaking to the group. Average from 4-6 attendees ranging from JPO or at will and hope to attend all different.**

5. Boy's Council

- a. **Boy's Council flipped from last year as the group is small. So far 3 registered boys on Monday's. Waiting for more attendees to start guest speaking.**

4) Attendance for Success Subcommittee

- a. **Monthly meeting this past Wednesday with both Belen and LL superintendents participating. Both did express interest to continue**

to attend meeting and did discuss the issues kids are facing in each district trying to follow up with where are the kids not attending school. Did discuss developing a flyer with gift cards incentivizing school attendance. A few changes were made due to the request of the Pueblo of Isleta. A list of federal programs was provided to outline where funding opportunities are available to support youth and also try to have SODA as a 100% public school. It was mentioned that between both school districts about 1000 youth did not follow through with enrolling in school. PED did ask CYFD to gather information on data trying to reach out to the youth and find out the status of the kids.

5) 100% Community Taskforce

- a. CWC – Healthy Eating, Active Living CRUNCH event – **This Friday @ Anna Becker Park for an interactive mini health fair from 1PM to 3PM. This is a collaborative rundown on community health. Meant to bring people together and support a positive meeting of similar interest. All 10 taskforces have been launched, but they are re-launching the youth mentoring taskforce due to change in leadership. Stakeholder input is really needed to research innovations together to eventually go to policy makers. The mural project is actively going aiming to draw awareness to reduce child neglect by ensuring all families have access to any services needed at any time.**

6) Youth Subcommittee

- a. **Phillip attended at training with Belen PD on DWI field sobriety testing class learning how and why they do the test and did participate in activities. Phillip is the only active youth member but will work to get more youth involved**

7) Coordinator/Valencia County Update

- a. **General Board Active Roster Confirmation – The General board roster was confirmed and any inactive participants were identified. Victoria from YDI was going to follow up with Tonya Spargo information. It was also asked for an active email for Tina Gallegos, Victoria to provide. Email for Tina Gallegos is**
tinagarcia@loslunasschools.net or
tinag179@gmail.com

8) IX. Other Business as time allows

- a. McKinny Vento – **Very busy this year now that school is back in session with over 120 students who need help. The total last year was 216. Referrals are still coming in. All 11 schools were notified to send in referrals. Lots of kids living with other family members.**

Camille with McKinny Vento Los Lunas contact that was passed along to the group

**b. Teen Court – YDI will be submitting for the new FY22 grant as the solicitation was released. Lucas and Victoria have been recruiting for new attorney with 10 so far and 4 returning and Lucas will be a Lead trainer. Still finishing some last minute referrals. YDI will be the “get up and get moving” event. End of October at DFI park. Victoria to officially send out a flyer
The VC JJB Facebook link was shared with everyone**

Motion by Heather, second by Victoria to adjourn at 12:33pm