

Valencia County Juvenile Justice Board Meeting

Hybrid Meeting

September 23, 2021

Executive Board Meeting 11:30 pm

County Commission Chambers, 444 Luna Ave

Or Via Zoom Link:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/87947699758?pwd=MWNTbGFTRk5GVVN0UWN1bWluaFdtZ09>

Meeting Minutes: Minutes are noted in Red

Executive Members Present: Robert Mundy, Victoria Flores, Bart Regelbrugge, David Hyder, Heather Benavidez, Estevan Gallegos, Jeremias Silva – 7 = Official Quorum

Valencia County Representatives: Joshua Zuni

Agenda

- 1) Approval of Agenda
 - a. **Agenda Approved – Motioned by Heather Benavidez, Seconded by David Hyder with no corrections. Motion carries**
- 2) Approval of meeting minutes from 9-23-2021 meeting
 - a. **Agenda Approved – Motioned by David Hyder, Seconded by Heather Benavidez with no corrections. Motion carries**
- 3) Valencia County Continuum Vacancy Update
 - a. **Jeremias did mention that interview have been scheduled and have a good pool of applicants and be in good shape to select. It was asked if application were still being selected and it was stated that they window had closed. Invite to interview panel list with applicants to be sent.**
- 4) Continuum Grant – Update
 - a. **The Grant is running smoothing and August invoice was submitted. H2 Academic and Jeremias did have a meeting to discuss roles and responsibilities until the new continuum is hired.**
- 5) Other Business
 - a. **David Hyder asked when the final confirmation of the date time and**

application and was informed that information would be sent out by 9-24-2021 by noon. Jeremias did mention that the holiday months are approaching and November and December meetings will be held on the 3rd Thursday's and Father Mundy did mention that it is mentioned in the by-laws. In November or December, an election will need to be conducted and update the organizational chart so that it can be presented to County commission for approval. Father Mundy stated this typically happens in December and all members were ok with that to be conducted. It was also discussed on having an annual retreat for the JJB and possibly look forward to scheduling one for February as long as the Continuum will be comfortable and established with the process. It was also discussed if it was in the best interest on still conducting the JJAC meeting. It was mentioned that the CYFD should not be reaching out to hold a physical meeting as they still have directives for COVID-19. Commissioner Hyder did also agree to put a hold on any request until COVID-19 rules have changed. It was asked if a Hybrid Zoom retreat was a possibility and it was confirmed that that was the manner in which a 2-hour retreat was conducted last year and will definitely be an option. Jeremias did mention that a program check was conducted on one of the Girl's Circle session was a really great experience and great to see the results that this program can offer. Noelle did say the youth really appreciate time given. Michael Ogas from SODA did note that they are working on a budget and application for the 3rd round of Coronavirus funding to support kid and remain in school. A public meeting will be held on 9-27-2021 via zoom and is available on SODA Facebook page and they are interested with working with anything having to do with helping the kids around the County. The information was provided via chat and Michael will reach out to Jeremias to discuss further opportunities.

Meeting adjourned at 11:55am

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General Board Meeting Immediately Following the Executive Board

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General Board Members: Michael Ogas, Linda Montano, Lucas Dimas, Noelle Chavez, Tina Hite

Youth Member: Phillip Montano

Agenda

1) Introduction and Welcome

a. Participants were introduced

2) Valencia County Continuum Update

- a. Jeremias did mention that interview have been scheduled for 9-29-2021. Meetings for November and December will be conducted on the 3rd Thursday of those months due to Holidays and also that a vote on active members will be conducted in December so that it may be presented to County Commission for approval. A hybrid retreat will tentatively be set**

for February as long as the continuum is filled and they be brought up to par with what is needed. Public meeting will be held on 9-25-2021 at Highland Meadow frestation from 9am to 11pm.

3) Programs

1. RAC

- a. **Noelle did mention that an MOU is nearly set to be signed by Los Lunas public schools hopefully by 9-27-2021, MOU in place at Belen and SODA. Referrals are coming from JPO and averaging around 10 clients per specialist and hopefully by next month up to 25 clients per specials. It was mentioned that it typically takes 30-90 to get the MOU completed. New referrals for September for RAC = 17**

2. Restorative Justice

- a. **Restorative Justice is doing really well and if anyone is willing to be a panelist to reach out to Noelle. Around 1-2 cases per month via JPO.**

3. Botvin Life Skills

- a. **3 Botvin life skills sessions happening per week 2-3 kids per group and growing**

4. Girl's Circle

- a. **More kids in this program than the Boy's Council and referrals are from JPO. Guest speakers on leadership has had a great response with the kids. Heather did mention that the circle she attended was really great to discuss experiences and ask questions and really talk about things that affects everyone and would love to do it again.**

5. Boy's Council

- a. **Boys group is small and no guest speaker yet but still doing activities and have taken on the roll of watering the community garden and help harvest. This is something that they kids chose to do. Michael did ask how kids get referrals and if he could be provided the information. Noelle did mention that the 10-dollar gas card funding is back for those with travel needs.**

4) Attendance for Success Subcommittee

- a. **Met on 9-15-20121 and spoke about incentive programs, gift cards being distributed to the local schools' districts and let the district determine who those cards go to. It was asked if the flyer could be posted on the County**

Facebook page. Jeremias did mention that this Flyer could be updated and advertised on the County Facebook page. Any good that can be beneficial for kids are being collected. Protective services did discuss the amount of influx of call on educational neglect. A Valencia County tool kit has been developed with hyperlinks on services available to provide to Protective services. It was mentioned that educational neglect is not necessarily something will call law enforcement to remove the child form the home. Support was offered for SODA to become a 100% community school and further talks will continue to make this happen. Michael did receive a grant to become a community school with the only issue is space. Increase of about 140 bringing the total to around 580 kids and looking forward is becoming a community school.

5) 100% Community Taskforce

- a. Noelle did mention that the core team is now attending these meetings and they are growing with talks of great ideas**

6) Youth Subcommittee

- a. Phillip Montano did mention on 9-18-2021 did attend an honoring heroes' ceremony and heard stories on people who survived horrible accidents. Local Law enforcement and state police were also in attendance.**

7) Coordinator/Valencia County Update

- a. The grant is moving efficiently and all aspects are running well.**

8) IX. Other Business as time allows

a. McKinny Vento

i.

b. Teen Court

- i. Victoria did mention that the application is being worked on and all youth are staying in contact. Jeremias did state the application was received from Jack and will be hand delivered before 10-15-2021.**

Motion to adjourn: Heather and Estevan 2nd, motion carries and meeting adjourned at 11:29