

Valencia County Juvenile Justice Board Meeting

Hybrid Meeting

October 28, 2021

Executive Board Meeting 11:30 pm

County Commission Chambers, 444 Luna Ave

Or Via Zoom Link:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/85393301970?pwd=VDk5eVArZlIMMTAvSlhVSzkrdHRCZz09>

Meeting Minutes: Minutes are noted in Red

**Executive Members Present: Robert Mundy, Victoria Flores, Bart Regelbrugge, David Hyder, Heather Benavidez, Estevan Gallegos, Jeremias Silvas
(7 in attendance) =Official Quorum**

Valencia County Representatives: Warden Randy Gutierrez, Sheriff Denise Vigil

General Board Members: Tom Mraz

- 1) Approval of Agenda
Agenda approved—Motioned David Hyder; Seconded by David Hyder with no corrections. Motion carries.
- 2) Approval of meeting minutes
Jeremias Silva-Made minutes of last meeting available.
David Hyder- Moves to approve.
Victoria Flores-Seconds it.
Minutes are reviewed in rolling meeting.
No noted corrections on current minutes.
David Hyder-Motion to approve; Minutes carries unanimously.
- 3) Valencia County Continuum
 - a. Introduction of selection – Ms. Melissa Denetdale
Melissa Denetdale-**Introduction.**
 - b. Questions of the Board—**No concerns.**
 - c. Training Discussion
Melissa Denetdale-Contacted Rose Gordon via email, but has not received any response. Requested any other applicable training opportunities from the board. Once she hears from Rose Gordon, training instructor, she will update that information via email.
- 4) Continuum Grant – Update
 - a. September Invoice Submitted
Jeremias Silva-With everything applicable with the CYFD Grant, everything has been submitted to CYFD for the month of September by October 15,

2021. We have already received the reimbursement. Gave praise for Noelle for being successful in that process.

b. Short Cycle Funding to be released in December

Jeremias Silva-CYFD will have short cycle funding to be available. It could be a possible positive opportunity.

i. Will be looking at what has been drawn down to date – No continuum activity for 2 months – Would a BAR be the best way to go

The only downside is we only have the current inactivity of the current continuum. This means there has been nothing drawn out of the continuum. This is not a deal breaker, but CYFD would like to see proactive utilization of the current continuum that has been awarded. He had a conversation on one of the programs that is showing no current activity, more specifically, the Los Lunas site for Botvin. This will change. Noelle Chavez informed Jeremias Silva that there will be activity in Botvin this next coming month. Jeremias and Noelle also discussed the different scenarios of short cycle funding—Should we focus on the short cycle funding or should we consider possible budget adjustments? There are 2 months worth of budget moneies that have not been utilized in Botvin. Moving forward there will be activity with Botvin. Jeremias and Melissa will meet with Noelle to discuss the possibilities and avenues to take with either BAR or short cycle funding.

Robert Mundy—Requests to elaborate on short cycle funding.

Jeremias—We did partake in short cycle funding last year. Short cycle funding is taking unused grant money from the previous year and making it available for the current year. It can be used on anything program related. We can use it on RAC.

Noelle Chavez—Elaborated on day reporting center. The center has been up and running as of 2 days ago. There are 2 new kids. One went back to school. Noelle recommends to meet with Jeremias and Melissa to see what expectations need to met in budget discrepancies and compare what we have from the BAR, see what CYFD will allow, and then see if short cycle is still appropriate. Jeremias and Melissa need to meet with Noelle to find a solution.

Robert Mundy-This will be addressed come November. Asks what program would be considered and what the possibilities look like in funding.

Noelle-The day reporting center is going to function under RAC. RAC is being funded to function 4 days a week under the current funds. She spoke with Jeremias about having each person pull a 5th day, so that we're able to operate the day reporting center Monday through Thursday. Every client that comes through the day reporting center must be a RAC client. We found a way to put it under RAC services. We are paying for a tutor to come in and it's not a full-time center in a sense in that there is not a full-time certified teacher. So, it would be a request under RAC funds.

Robert Mundy-How much of the short funding cycle is available?

Jeremias Silva-Last year we received about \$14k. It's safe to say that it will be around \$10k-\$15k that will be available.

Robert Mundy-Is that how much we sent back last year?

Jeremias Silva-No. We actually sent back like \$300. It's a combined pot of money.

Robert Mundy-So, we get to partake in other continuums?

Jeremias Silva-Yes. The funding is available. We have funds that we are not spending in our current grant so, we also should consider that. We need to do an analysis and consider if we apply for the short cycle or not.

Robert Mundy-When is the deadline?

Jeremias Silva-June 30, 2022. The application will be made available by CYFD in December.

Robert Mundy-We should consider doing a BAR first then perhaps consider the short cycle funding.

Jeremias Silva-I have reservations with that plan. Come March/April I do not want to short it. I think we can be proactive enough to spend the funding down.

Robert Mundy-Is there a limit of BARs?

Jeremias Silva-No. However, each BAR utilized will cause complexity, so the less BARs would be the goal. That way we can show that we can budget.

Robert Mundy-Do we need to make that decision today?

Jeremias Silva-No. The decision does not need to be made today. I will coordinate with Noelle Chavez and Melissa Denetdale and we will analysis that and come up with best possible solution before the short cycle does come available in December.

5) Other Business

No other business for the Executive Board.

Moved to general meeting.

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General Members Present: Kelli Vigil, Noelle Chavez, Tom Mraz,

No Youth Attendees

1) Introduction and Welcome

Robert Mundy-Welcome. Gives quorum praise since we didn't have to wait 15 minutes to get a quorum this month. That's great to see. Excellent.

Member introductions.

2) Valencia County Continuum

- a. Introduction of Selection – Ms. Melissa Denetdale
- b. Coordinator Update – Trainings

Melissa Denetdale-Reached out to Rose Gordon and she has not contacted her back.

Jeremias Silva-Asks Noelle if she can do any type of trainings or give any resources for any training opportunities—RAC, Restorative Justice, Botvin Life Skills, Girl's Circle, Boy's Circle—just in case Rose is not available.

Noelle Chavez-Definitely. Rose Gordon is the best trainer for Restorative Justice trainer. There is a newly established Restorative Justice training program in Albuquerque. She interviewed to be a trainer and will look into finding out more information. As for RAC,

there is no current/available training that she is aware of. Botvin and Girl's Circle there is training available online through the organization. I would love to use some of the funds to pay for a Girl's Circle/Boy's Council training and Melissa can attend those. I can get together with Jeremias and Melissa and we can talk about it.

Jeremias Silva-We can definitely do that.

Robert Mundy-Can any of these monies be used for Kids at Hope?

Jeremias Silva-What monies, in particular? The actual grant monies or monies from the short cycle?

Robert Mundy-In reference of the monies from the short cycle, can we bring in some funding knowing it's for community-wide basis?

Jeremias Silva-It would be tough because the funding intended to be spent has to fall within the guidelines of CYFD. For example, Noelle was able to transform the day reporting center into RAC and that fell within those guidelines. We can look at the possibilities keeping in mind that it must be evidence-based. We can definitely have a discussion about it and provide more information for the next meeting.

Noelle-I think that we can make a connection with CWC to do a training because there hasn't been any trainings for about 2 years due to Covid. The time is there and the materials are there. So, basically all it would require is a space to do it, and looking on the cheap end, ask people to bring their lunch, or have someone else provide the lunch, but the materials are in Diana's office right now as far as I know.

Robert Mundy—Let's keep this in the back of our minds on how we can get this on board—whether it's in conjunction with CWC or on our own. The better we can spread awareness, the better we can get it moving forward. Suggests Melissa Denetdale to attend a training on Kids at Hope to see how it works.

3) Programs

1. RAC

Noelle Chavez—RAC is going great. We are in almost all of the schools possible, with the exception of Century High School. There are 6 office spaces in Valencia now. In Los Lunas on the West side, Sydney has 3 office spaces. Maria has 2 office spaces on the East side. As of this week, ranging between 20-30 clients a piece for daytime RAC site. The new day time reporting center started off 2 weeks ago. There are 2 new kids. One just went back to school. One is staying consistent with us. We did a presentation to juvenile probation. We also notified schools to send us kids that are long-term suspended or expelled. The day reporting center is target population-based. It is meant for kids who are being raised by grandparents, single parent, or overworking parents who do not have the ability to stay at home

with the kid. She is happy with how the program is going right now. The weekend drop off site is still there. Elaine is taking the Spanish speaking clients. Her center is going a little slower. She doesn't have more than 10 clients at a time. At it's lowest, she will have 2-3. Around this time of year it actually picks up. She is a great asset to the company. MOU was signed last year, but couldn't get into schools due to Covid. This year the staff is back in office. Jenna has 27 new clients and Sydney has 23 new clients. She is not sure about Maria. Elaine is between 5-8 new clients.

2. Restorative Justice

Noelle Chavez- Going pretty well in our approach. A kid finished his community service. Another kid show up 4 hours a week and pick up trash. We had a case where family was stealing from family and not helping grandma. It got emotional. Everyone left with a plan on better communciation. I love how the program works.

No Questions from board.

3. Botvin Life Skills

2-3 sessions per week. It is being spent down steadily. This will change. We will work grade-by-grade. We have not started like we planned to in October.

No questions from board.

4. Girl's Circle

Noelle-We have 5-7 girls coming in every week. Some of the kids referred from JPO that graduated are still coming. There are 2 new girls.

5. Boy's Council

Noelle- We only have 3-4 boys. They're doing great. They are volunteering at the community garden. She does want to implement guest speakers, but not until the numbers are larger in clients.

Bart Regelbrugge- What would help to recruit boys to the boy's council?

Noelle- All the boys are from JPO. 10-17 are eligible and need mentorship are eligible for the program.

Jeremias Silva-Please make sure you send all documents ongoing to Melissa and myself and Joshua Zuni copied.

Noelle Chavez-I will have everything in by Monday or Tuesday.

4) Attendance for Success Subcommittee

Estevan Gallegos-We had a monthly meeting last Wednesday. Had a strong showing especially from the Belen Consolidated School District. The attendance coaches are doing great. A kid from Albuquerque taking the railroad is doing well in school. The

only rep we have is a parent liason. It is difficult getting updates from the school. We are still running gift card incentives. Recently did an attendance challenge. Terry with United Way did a challenge. The career challenge is to upload a video on a future career. We are meeting every month. Solid involvement. Meeting with SODA next year. They are hiring people. Next meeting is November 17, 2021.

Jeremias Silva-Could you include Melissa on the invite list for the next meeting of the Attendance for Success?

Estevan Gallegos-Yes. I sent it out already, but I will forward Melissa the email.

5) 100% Community Taskforce

Diana Good-Sits as a core team member for 100% Community Taskforce. We are close to contracting with a new coordinator. We have hired a new coordinator. Resource directory will be in access in January. Leadership needs to filled in 3 committees. Melissa, if you are interested in the Youth Taskforce I will send you information. That's 12 meetings per month towards the effort.

6) Youth Subcommittee

No attendees to voice for this committee.

7) IX. Other Business as time allows

a. McKinny Vento

No attendees to voice for this committee.

b. Teen Court

Victoria Flores-New Mexico Quarerly Teen Court meeting in Estancia will be attended next week by one of us. We are going forward with teen court. We are awaitng the approval of our grant. Lucas apologizes as he couldn't make it to this meeting, but he will be in the next meeting. We have our teams that are newly recruited teams.

Jeremias Silva-Gives praise in attending that quarterly meeting. Also, an FYI Julie informed him that we should hopefully received something from them in December. As soon as it does, I will notify you immediately.

Robert Mundy-Next two meetings of November and December will both be on the 3rd Thursday of the month because of the holiday seasons of Thanksgiving and Christmas. Mark you calendars—November 18th and December 16th.

Jeremias Silva-Yesterday we were invited to Facebook to formally announce a partnership. This would a partnership to provide 900 households free internet to eligible people that can justify hardship. There will be a \$250 charge to the resident for the modem and installation, but that will be covered via funding from Facebook. We want to make a protection of January 1, 2022 for the

application to go live. We have launched a pilot program so we can engage and analyze that. We are able to reach speeds of 60 megabites per second. We did a speed test when it was windy. The speed test was successful. As more information becomes available we will update that. We are making households with hardship as a priority. We do need to clarify what type of hardship would be eligible.

Estevan Gallegos-Can we get this out to the schools? There are so many kids doing school online and don't have internet access. Internet access has been an ongoing issue with school.

Jeremias Silva-Facebook as already teamed up with the schools where they installed hotspots on the school buses and areas that need it. We are hoping to get the school buses out of the way and have out internet in conjunction with what the schools have already done and create a stronger signal for those households. The more towers and the more people online with create a stronger signal.

Robert Mundy-Gives praise to Jeremias.

Victoria Flores-Gives praise to Jeremias.

Diana Good-Can Melissa put her email in the chat available for everyone?

Melissa Denetdale-Puts up her email in the chat.

Diana Good-Motion to Adjourn.

Heather Benavidas-Seconds Motion.

All are in favor. Motion carries.

Meeting adjourned at 12:41pm (MST).