

Valencia County Juvenile Justice Executive Board Meeting  
County Commission Meeting Room  
444 Luna Ave  
Los Lunas, NM 87031

**August 28, 2014 @ 11:00 a.m.**  
**Executive Meeting Minutes**

In attendance: Cynthia Ferrari, Estevan Gallegos, Ruben Barreras, Brittany Langley for Joe Chavez, Rather Mundy, Catherine Harris, Bart Regelbrugge, Teresa Mraz, Tom Mraz. Absent: Judge Garcia, Ana Romero-Jurisson, Dr. Claire Smith, Stacy Johnson

- ❖ Update from coordinator on CYFD and County: Cynthia Ferrari updated board on recent changes in county approach to board. The county appears to be taking a stronger oversight role with the board since the hiring of the new grant manager. It has been stated to the coordinator by county grant manager, that it would make the most sense for the county to take the funds which are currently allocated for the contract coordinator position and use them to create a county employee who would oversee the board and other programs. The executive board members expressed concern over this. It was stated by board members that this is what the county did last time and it resulted in the loss of all the board funds and the board being dismantled. The board members were not in favor of this idea as they felt it would detract focus from the coordination of the board, and, that the board is most qualified to oversee the coordination of the board.
- It was also mentioned that there have been discussions by county staff regarding the expansion of the roles and responsibilities of the board to include overseeing other juvenile programs, detention, and applying for grants which would target detention and post detention youth. The grant manager wishes to know if the board would be interested in expanding as such. There was discussion regarding

this in which the board members expressed their lack of desire to expand their roles and responsibilities beyond what they are currently doing. The members stated that they had volunteered for the board based on the current scope of work and target population which they felt was the correct one. No one expressed any interest in serving detention or post detention youth as they felt their efforts were more effective with the current population.

The coordinator stated that any government agency can serve as fiscal agent for the board per CYFD. She stated that the board has had a long and positive relationship with the county which the board hopes could continue. She stated that Joe Chavez, the county representative, is always very supportive, helpful and a great asset to the board, and, that previously other county staff have been helpful and easy to work with. Other discussion ensued regarding concerns for the board.

She stated her hope that the county will allow the board to continue to have autonomy in making decisions within the parameters set by the county and that the recent concerns which have arisen could be resolved. The board felt that it would be in their best interest to arrange a meeting with the county manager to ensure that everyone is on the same page. The board members then voted as follows:

Father Mundy moved and Brittany (for Joe Chavez) seconded that the Valencia County Juvenile Justice board remains as it currently is and does not expand or revise its' scope of work or target population and does not pursue funding to work with detention youth. Motion passed unanimously. Father Mundy moved and Catherine Harris seconded that the board should look into all its options as far as fiscal agents in case it is needed in the future. The motion passed unanimously.

- ❖ Retreat agenda items: Father Mundy requested that Mission Graduate presents at the retreat. The board members should submit any other requests for agenda items to the coordinator.
- ❖ Move retreat from Sept 25 to Oct 23: Based on the lack of confirmation from the state as to the use of the Henry Perea Building for the retreat, the board decided to move the retreat to Oct. 23, 2014.
- ❖ Budget for FY15 discussion: Coordinator passed out the budget for FY'15 and explained it. The board could not vote to approve it as the CYFD representative on the board cannot vote on fiscal matters and there was no quorum without him.
- ❖ Other business as time allows: Richard Romero has resigned from the board as he has a new job in Albuquerque and will not be able to attend meetings any more.
- ❖ Meeting adjourned at 12:07 pm