Following are the summary minutes from the Dona Ana County Juvenile Justice Continuum Board meeting held on Thursday, November 07, 2019 at 12:00 p.m., in Conference Room 2007B of City Hall, 700 N. Main, Las Cruces, New Mexico.

MEMBERS PRESENT: Honorable Samantha Madrid, Chair (DAC Division I)
Sgt. Vincent Shadd (Vice-Chair Proxy LCPD)
Brian Kavanaugh (Families & Youth, Inc.)
Bryan Gelecki (Proxy District Attorney Office)
Samuel Olmstead (Proxy Public Defender Dept.)
Judy Baca (Proxy Mesilla Valley Hospital)
Cynthia Ohrazda (CYFD-JJS)
Robert Nunez (City of Las Cruces)
Bill Rothengass (Retired)
Lt. Ernesto Parra (DACSO)

ABSENT: Shannon Reynolds (DAC Board of Commissioners)
Lt. Genny Olivas (DAC Detention Center)
Mayor Ken Miyagishima (CLC)
Sylvia Herrera (3rd Judicial District Court)
Rory Rank (Retiree)
Mike Tapia (NMSU)
Marianne Hernandez (CYFD-PS)
Andrea Alvarado (Student/Employee)

OTHERS PRESENT: Julie Molina (JARC)
Monique Lopez (FYI)
Eric Bransford (DAC Health & Human Services Depart)
Robert Lozano (LCPS)

STAFF PRESENT: Javier Amaro (Coordinator)
Stephanie Giron (CLC Juvenile Citation Program)
Daniel Sanchez (CLC Juvenile Citation Program)
Miguel Terrazas (CLC Juvenile Citation Program)
Martha Moreno (Recording Secretary)

1. CALL TO ORDER
The meeting was called to order at 12:05 p.m. by Ms. Madrid and recognized the meeting as having a legal quorum.

2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

3. WELCOME AND INTRODUCTIONS
Board members and staff introduced themselves.
4. CONFLICT OF INTEREST

No conflict of interest

5. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Mr. Rothengass moved to approve agenda as presented, seconded by Mr. Olmstead. Motion carried unanimously.

6. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

6.1. Dona Ana County Juvenile Justice Continuum Board Meeting Minutes for September 26, 2019

Ms. Madrid moved to approve minutes for 09/26/19 as presented, seconded by Sgt. Shadd. Motion carried unanimously.

7. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

Ms. Lopez asked if on the next meeting if discussion on additional funding for programing (JARC) can be placed on agenda.

Mr. Amaro said that we will be meeting with the JARC to discuss further of funds.

Judge Madrid inquired about the application process to serve on the JJAC state committee. It is a nomination process through the Governors’ Office and there is a link on the State website and CYFD to apply. It would serve as beneficial to have local representation on that board.

Mr. Kavanaugh stated that it’s an excellent idea to have representation from the south and board. In reference to Ms. Lopez statement JJAC accepts letters from the board; if additional funding is requested to be allocated to a specific continuum that shows the performance where they are at with their contract, I believe our continuum site would be able to justify that request to JJAC. We can take some action interim before someone is appointed to JJAC board.

Judge Madrid said that if she is not able to be on the JJAC board is their someone else that we could appoint or have interest.

Mr. Kavanaugh said he would consider it and will get more information.

8. NEW BUSINESS

8.1. Recognition of Services to the Honorable Marci Beyer

Judge Beyer has served the board for over 5 years and her leadership played a significant role in obtaining funding from the Dona Ana County Government $54,000 for the continuum.

Mr. Amaro said he would look into the suggestions provided from the board in presenting Ms. Beyer with recognition plaque.
8.2. Board member Nominations – LCPS and Anthony PD (Action Item)
Mr. Amaro said that the Las Cruces Public Schools will be filling the vacant
DACJJCB member position with Dr. Roberto Lozano, Associate Superintendent
of Equity, Innovation and Social Justice.

Dr. Lozano said that he works for LCPS as the Associate Superintendent. I
oversee a few departments and programs; Special Education, Mental Health, Title
1, and Bilingual Educational.

Mr. Kavanaugh moved to approve Dr. Roberto Lozano as board member,
seconded by Lt. Parra. Motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Amaro stated that the Town of Anthony, NM has nominated a police Sargent
to represent their township on the DACJJCB. Anthony Police Chief Vanessa Lara
has expressed great interest with involvement in the DACJJCB. Nominee is not
present.

8.3. New Mexico State Flag Anthem (Action Item)
Mr. Rothengass moved to salute the New Mexico State Flag at the start of each
meeting, seconded by Mr. Kavanaugh. Motion carried unanimously.

8.4. Equitable Results Action Plan
Mr. Amaro said that it’s a requirement for the JJAC application process and is
mandated per NM statute (32A-2-2): section I. “to eliminate or reduce disparities
based upon race or gender”, to review and apply this principle within each
continuum of juvenile justice services. A sub-committee will be assigned to follow-
up on this and formulate a plan. Some continuums have identified the following
population targets: Native American youth and Hispanic teen males. It will be
necessary to incorporate some type of date support from community partners and
agencies abroad. Provided a handout “Equitable Results Engagement Plan-
2019”.

Ms. Lopez said this is a system change its going to take engage partners from
different sectors and coming together, the continuum board is a place to start.

Dr. Lozana said gathering data first to see what might stand out would be a start.

Mr. Amaro said that we need a date to meet, discuss further and set a plan.

Mr. Amaro will email power point to board members prior to February 6, 2020
scheduled meeting.

Mr. Amaro will email potential board meeting dates for 2020.

9. OLD BUSINESS

9.1. Continuum Needs Assessment Sub-Committee (Update)
Mr. Amaro said the sub-committee met on October 24, 2019. Those in attendance
were Brian Kavanaugh, Mike Tapia, Bill Rothengass, Judge Madrid, Chief
Ohrazda, Eliana Santillan (JCP), Martha Moreno, and Robert Nunez.
The sub-committee identified current continuum services, stakeholders, target populations, and areas of services not currently covered. Emphasis on additional prevention type of programming, address aftercare services for 18yrs and older, and bridge services when a youth completes a program and services – need to provide services thereafter. South has progressed and current County Manager is supportive of progressive measures.

Mr. Kavanagh said we need to narrow down geographic locations in the county.

Sub-committee will attempt to convene one more time prior to the end of the calendar year 2019.

10. PRESENTATION

10.1. PAX Good Behavior Games – Eric Bransford, Outreach and Education Division Manager, Dona Ana County

Pax is a classroom approach that teaches skills for self-regulation control self-management. It helps students gain skills to be successful in the future, prevent negative output such as substance abuse; increases high school graduation and improves relationships. It helps children to live happy and peaceful lives.

Pax is elementary base K-5th grade. The program is implemented in the following schools:

- Alameda Elementary
- Sunrise Elementary
- Loma Heights Elementary
- 2 schools in Hatch/Garfield NM
- Tombaugh Elementary has shown interest

It’s a one (1) day training.

11. ADJOURNMENT

Mr. Rothengass moved to adjourn, seconded by Lt. Parra. Motion carried unanimously. Meeting adjourned at 1:04 pm.

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Recording Secretary Date