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**DONA ANA COUNTY JUVENILE JUSTICE CONTINUUM BOARD**  
**November 7, 2019**

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 (3<sup>rd</sup> 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.

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2 **4. CONFLICT OF INTEREST**  
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4 No conflict of interest  
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6 **5. APPROVAL OF AGENDA**  
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8 Mr. Rothengass moved to approve agenda as presented, seconded by Mr.  
9 Olmstead. Motion carried unanimously.  
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11 **6. APPROVAL OF MINUTES**  
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13 6.1. Dona Ana County Juvenile Justice Continuum Board Meeting Minutes for  
14 September 26, 2019  
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16 Ms. Madrid moved to approve minutes for 09/26/19 as presented, seconded by  
17 Sgt. Shadd. Motion carried unanimously.  
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19 **7. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION**  
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21 Ms. Lopez asked if on the next meeting if discussion on additional funding for  
22 programing (JARC) can be placed on agenda.  
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24 Mr. Amaro said that we will be meeting with the JARC to discuss further of funds.  
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26 Judge Madrid inquired about the application process to serve on the JJAC state  
27 committee. It is a nomination process through the Governors' Office and there is  
28 a link on the State website and CYFD to apply. It would serve as beneficial to  
29 have local representation on that board.  
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31 Mr. Kavanaugh stated that it's an excellent idea to have representation from the  
32 south and board. In reference to Ms. Lopez statement JJAC accepts letters from  
33 the board; if additional funding is requested to be allocated to a specific continuum  
34 that shows the performance where they are at with their contract, I believe our  
35 continuum site would be able to justify that request to JJAC. We can take some  
36 action interim before someone is appointed to JJAC board.  
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38 Judge Madrid said that if she is not able to be on the JJAC board is their someone  
39 else that we could appoint or have interest.  
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41 Mr. Kavanaugh said he would consider it and will get more information.  
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43 **8. NEW BUSINESS**  
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45 8.1. Recognition of Services to the Honorable Marci Beyer  
46 Judge Beyer has served the board for over 5 years and her leadership played a  
47 significant role in obtaining funding from the Dona Ana County Government  
48 \$54,000 for the continuum.  
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50 Mr. Amaro said he would look into the suggestions provided from the board in  
51 presenting Ms. Beyer with recognition plaque.

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2 8.2. Board member Nominations – LCPS and Anthony PD (Action Item)

3 Mr. Amaro said that the Las Cruces Public Schools will be filling the vacant  
4 DACJJCB member position with Dr. Roberto Lozano, Associate Superintendent  
5 of Equity, Innovation and Social Justice.

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7 Dr. Lozano said that he works for LCPS as the Associate Superintendent. I  
8 oversee a few departments and programs; Special Education, Mental Health, Title  
9 1, and Bilingual Educational.

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

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

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19 8.3. New Mexico State Flag Anthem (Action Item)

20 Mr. Rothengass moved to salute the New Mexico State Flag at the start of each  
21 meeting, seconded by Mr. Kavanaugh. Motion carried unanimously.

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23 8.4. Equitable Results Action Plan

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

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

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

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

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

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

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46 **9. OLD BUSINESS**

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48 9.1. Continuum Needs Assessment Sub-Committee (Update)

49 Mr. Amaro said the sub-committee met on October 24, 2019. Those in attendance  
50 were Brian Kavanaugh, Mike Tapia, Bill Rothengass, Judge Madrid, Chief  
51 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-5<sup>th</sup> 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