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**DONA ANA COUNTY JUVENILE JUSTICE CONTINUUM BOARD**  
**February 26, 2020**

Following are the summary minutes from the Dona Ana County Juvenile Justice Continuum Board meeting held on Wednesday, February 26, 2020 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)  
Shannon Reynolds (DAC Board of Commissioners)  
Samuel Olmstead (Proxy Public Defender Dept.)  
Dominique Gomez (Proxy Mesilla Valley Hospital)  
Councilor Tessa Abeyta-Stuve (Proxy CLC Mayor's Office)  
Cynthia Ohrazda (CYFD-JJS)  
Robert Nunez (City of Las Cruces)  
Rory Rank (Retiree)  
Bill Rothengass (Retired)  
Mike Tapia (NMSU)  
Sgt. Arturo Guerrero (Proxy Anthony NM Police Depart)  
Lt. Ernesto Parra (DACSO)  
Marianne Hernandez (CYFD-PS)

**ABSENT:** Brian Kavanaugh (Families & Youth, Inc.)  
Mark D'Antonio (District Attorney Office)  
Lt. Genny Olivas (DAC Detention Center)  
Dr. Roberto Lozano (Las Cruces Public Schools)  
Sylvia Herrera (3<sup>rd</sup> Judicial District Court)  
Cynthia Ohrazda (CYFD-JJS)  
Andrea Alvarado (Student/Employee)

**OTHERS PRESENT:** Elijah Myers (Student)  
Sandra Myers (Parent)  
Julie Molina (JARC)  
Mikayla Roybal (JARC)  
Novae Bernal (FYI)  
Krystal Waite (Intern LCPD)  
Marci Beyer (Third Judicial)

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

**1. CALL TO ORDER**

1 The meeting was called to order at 12:04 p.m. by Ms. Madrid and recognized the  
2 meeting as having a legal quorum.

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4 **2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

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6 **3. WELCOME AND INTRODUCTIONS**

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8 Board members, staff and guest introduced themselves.

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10 **4. CONFLICT OF INTEREST**

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12 No conflict of interest

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14 **5. APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

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16 Lt. Parra moved to approve agenda as presented, seconded by Councilor Abeyta-  
17 Stuve. Motion carried unanimously.

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19 **6. APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

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21 6.1. Dona Ana County Juvenile Justice Continuum Board Meeting Minutes for  
22 November 07, 2019

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24 Mr. Rothengass moved to approve minutes for 11/07/19 as presented, seconded  
25 by Lt. Parra. Motion carried unanimously.

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27 **7. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION**

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29 Mr. Rank said Jardin de los Ninos will be hosting their event "2020 Champions for  
30 Children Gala" Saturday, February 29 at Farm & Ranch Heritage Museum from  
31 6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. Tickets are available for purchase. Grace Telles will be  
32 honored at the event for her dedication to the community.

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34 Ms. Telles said that it's a great honor to receive the recognition, my children went  
35 through the program.

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37 Mr. Amaro said that it shows the caliber of staff working for Juvenile Citation  
38 Program, they go above and beyond, very proud.

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40 **8. NEW BUSINESS**

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42 8.1. Recognition of Service to The Honorable Judge Marci Beyer

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44 Judge Beyer has served the board for over 5 years and her leadership played a  
45 significant role in obtaining funding from the Dona Ana County Government  
46 \$54,000 for the continuum.

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48 Mr. Rank said that Ms. Beyer has a complete passion for the kids in this  
49 community. She goes above and beyond call of duty, she has a super busy  
50 schedule and makes time to help the kids.

1 Mr. Nunez and board members presented Judge Beyer a recognition plaque for  
2 her services as chair to the board.

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4 Judge Beyer said this is a wonderful program and will always support this  
5 program.

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7 Judge Madrid said she is a very good Judge, very loved. She is known for her  
8 compassion, commitment, intelligence, and hard work.

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10 Mr. Amaro said that Judge Madrid is highly recommended by Judge Beyer, happy  
11 to have her on board.

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13 Judge Madrid said before she was an attorney, she was a teacher. Fill very  
14 strongly of the issues and hope to be of any assistance. Don't hesitate to contact  
15 Javier if you would like to meet with me.

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17 8.2. Announce Approved (Electronic) Resolution of 2020 Board Meeting Dates  
18 (Action)

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20 Vote was submitted via email to board members and passed with 14 votes "Yay".  
21 Motion carried unanimously.

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23 The following are the meetings dates from 12:00 p.m. to 1:00 p.m. at City Hall,  
24 Room 2007B:

- 25 • 02/26/2020
- 26 • 04/01/2020
- 27 • 06/03/2020
- 28 • 08/05/2020
- 29 • 10/07/2020
- 30 • 12/02/2020

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32 8.3. Approval of 2 Student Board Members: Elijah Myers and Ivan Rosales (Action)

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34 Mr. Amaro said that CYFD provides grant funds for Youth representation on the  
35 continuum board throughout the state. This is the first time we have high school  
36 students representing. Dr. Robert Lozano with LCPS assisted us in recruiting  
37 through the schools, we did a presentation at their advisory meeting. We had five  
38 (5) applicants and chose two (2).

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40 Elijah Myers said I'm a Junior at Arrowhead Park Early College High School. My  
41 major is in Criminal Justice which why I'm interested in learning more of this board.  
42 If I try hard, I can make a difference and be a voice to my fellow students who are  
43 not able to use their voice or stand up for themselves. I joined the LCPS Student  
44 Advisory Council. I'm head of researching and interviewing students of problems  
45 with drugs, alcoholic, gangs, etc. This will give me an opportunity to share these  
46 stories with the board.

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48 Mr. Rank moved to approve Elijah Myers as Student Board Member, seconded  
49 by Mr. Rothengass. Motion carried unanimously.

1 Mr. Amaro said that Ivan Rosales was not able to attend the meeting but has  
2 accepted the position as board member.

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4 Ms. Santillan stated she, along with Grace Telles and Mr. Sanchez interviewed  
5 and interacted with the students, Ivan was outstanding, his responses were right  
6 on point and a great guy.

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8 Ms. Telles said that both Ivan and Elijah are great student advocates for the board.

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10 Mr. Rank moved to approve Ivan Rosales as Student Board Member, seconded  
11 by Lt. Parra. Motion carried unanimously.

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13 8.4. NM JJAC Continuum Funding for FY21-23 (Update)

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15 Mr. Amaro announced that the Dona Ana County Continuum was approved for  
16 approximately the same amount of funding as current FY2020. Several  
17 continuums received significant cuts to their proposed funding—Bernalillo, Los  
18 Alamos, Santa Fe, Chaves, and Socorro. JJAC did not approve funding for any  
19 new continuum programs.

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21 Mr. Amaro also stated the NM JJAC board is still in transition and hopes to have  
22 a permanent board selected for the next meeting. There is no active  
23 representation from Dona County on the NM JJAC board.

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25 Mr. Rothengass asked what's the status of Truancy Committee?

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27 Mr. Amaro said that a Truancy Committee was being establish and funded within  
28 our continuum. There is no funding for new programs currently.

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30 8.5. Continuum Services – JCP and JARC (Update)

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32 Ms. Molina said that fall semester was different for JARC. I think it was in  
33 conjunction of truancy. Truancy is no longer an offense. Schools are being  
34 accountable for what they are doing, there is a slight process. We were  
35 bombarded with referrals regarding behavioral and in conjunction with attendance  
36 it was a very busy fall for us. We are working with law enforcement, SRO's, etc.  
37 We are prescreening and working directly with JCP. Moving forward.

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39 Ms. Amaro said we have meet with JPO, JARC, and our numbers in the south  
40 have decreased which is a concern.

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42 Lt. Parra asked if it was a drastic change in the numbers for the South?

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44 Mr. Amaro said the decline was pretty significant-- about 60%.

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46 Ms. Molina said the JARC also had a decline in the south about 50%.

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48 Lt. Parra said he meet with schools and stated a lot of the incidents were school  
49 related policies. Schools need to be enforcing their policies; we are not going to  
50 cite a juvenile for school policy violations. Not sure if this may be contributing to  
51 the decrease of referrals.

Commissioner Reynolds asked about any meetings in the South for juvenile justice concerns. Mr. Amaro responded—STOP meetings at Santa Teresa Middle School are hosted there quarterly.

## **9. OLD BUSINESS**

### **9.1. DACJJCB – Future Sub-Committee Meeting Dates (Action)**

Mr. Rank moved to approve meeting date for March 18, 2020 from 5:30 p.m. – 7:00 p.m., held at Juvenile Citation Program 890 N. Tornillo, seconded by Sgt. Shadd. Motion carried unanimously.

## **10. PRESENTATION**

### **10.1. Overview of JJAC and Continuum Board Responsibilities – Javier Amaro** Mr. Amaro said he will email presentation to board members.

## **11. ADJOURNMENT**

Councilor Abeyta-Stuve moved to adjourn, seconded by Ms. Hernandez. Motion carried unanimously. Meeting adjourned at 1:00 p.m.

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Recording Secretary

Date