

Minutes

Wednesday, January 17, 2007

Los Alamos School Board Room – 6:15 p.m.

Present: Alan Kirk, Loui Janecky, Bernadette Lauritzen, Kateri Morris, Kim McCormick, Jordan Schoonover, Heather Teter, Janet Tallman, Jim Berrigan, John Reninger, Noah Sandoval, Keith Lewis, Joy Freymiller, Morrie Pongratz, Susan Sisneros, Sandy Warnack, Arturo Naegelin, Jo Ellen Mortillaro, Wayne Torpy, Richard Lindahl, Wayne Byers, and Sharon Stover

Others: Lori Heimdahl-Gibson, Barb Marcille, Jeff Eichourst, Susan Mack, and David Sims

1. **Welcome.** Board Chair, Alan Kirk, welcomed Arturo Naegelin, CYFD Federal Grants Program Manager.
2. **Approval of Minutes.** John Reninger moved to approve the minutes for November 15, 2006; Joy Freymiller seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.
3. **Summer Teens Update – Linda Daly, YMCA Executive Director and Kevin Holsapple, LADCD Executive Director.** As a follow-up to a request from a parent on what volunteer activities, work opportunities, and recreational/social activities are available to teens in the summer, the board has contracted out with the YMCA and LACDC to, “Summer Teens.” Kevin Holsapple explained that “Summer Teens” is being addressed through a three-pronged approach: Employment, volunteer, and social recreation. The LACDC will address the project through a web site where teens and parents could learn about opportunities and the YMCA’s role will be to provide a brochure on some ‘advice’ basics that youth should be prepared for when they go on a job interview. The project will be ready to implement in March and in order for it to be successful, we need agencies and individuals with programs to respond to the website and provide information. Estimated cost of the project is \$4,000 and will go through end of August; publication date is scheduled for March 1st. Both Kevin and Linda requested the board to provide them with input.
4. **Mental Health Concern.** Loraine Braughton discussed the gap in our community for mental health services for the youth, particularly those who have been in trouble with law enforcement. She stated that she would like to see some sort of avenue that when mental illness is an issue that it could be taken into consideration when dealing with the offender. She discussed her personal struggle with her child. Judge Barbara Vigil explained the process involved for those with mental illness who commit a delinquent act. She requested that if Mrs. Braughton or any other parent of a juvenile does not feel that she is getting the appropriate services, to please contact Judge Vigil directly. Board members discussed the amount of time, resources and treatment it takes to work with the mentally ill and the complexities when mental illness enters into the criminal system. If the system is not working well, both Judge Vigil and Susan Sisneros offered their services and contacts to assist in helping the family.

5. **Strategic Plan and Continuum Updates (JJAB Members).** The strategic plan review process has been initiated by the board. Board members will meet in their subcommittees for 15 minutes beginning at 6:00 p.m. each month. Subcommittee reports will follow during the regular meeting. Subcommittee chairs will receive a worksheet to complete for easy follow-up and documentation. Brief updates: Prevention: Continued review on how to use the PRIDE survey data and working with the new Youth Activities Board that was recently created by the County Council. David Sims reported that teens are preparing to work on the “Sticker Shock” campaign. Intervention: No report available. Collaboration: Subcommittee is going to once again present to Carlos Ramirez the idea to use UNM-LA for a youth function. Data Sharing: Focus on promoting JJAB programs and initiatives through the media and other forums. Sustainability: No report available
6. **CYFD Grant – Sharon Stover.** A. Citation/Diversion Program: Board members received a handout which showed for the month of December including a breakout of the demographics and referrals to the citation program, including restorative justice. B. Prevention (November/December). Board members received an update on the programs funding by the County/Schools. C. Regional Juvenile Services Act. The Act will be rescinded and HB21 will be the new legislation introduced by Representative Wallace. Board members received a copy of the Bill that provides for \$2M for services for youth at risk.
7. **Board Area of Interest.** A. Underage Drinking Subcommittee. Through an e-mail, Morrie reported that school staff continues to work on updates to the LAPS regulation that administers the school board policy on. One new element will be an administrative hearing to determine guilt or innocence independent of the legal process. The School Board has discussed reviewing the curriculum in the area of drug testing, defining ‘off season’ programs and reviewing policy 5159. Wayne Byers and Chief Torpy reported that receiving more support from the State relative to DWI incidents. B. Non-Violent Communication Follow-up. Lynne Sacarro provided some information on the increase of cases the schools are seeing as a result in the change of LANL management. This agenda item will be further discussed in February. C. Barb Marcille reviewed the report she prepared on Teen Court activities since April 2005, which indicated that 214 cases have been heard; 23 percent were referrals from the JPO. Board members received a copy of the report. D. Safe Harbor. Susan Mack presented the board with a funding request for up to \$2,000 for a safe, supervised, neutral place to transfer children between divorced and divorcing parents. Bernadette Lauritzen moved and John Reninger seconded that the board provide up to \$2,000 for the Safe Harbor program; motion passed unanimously. E. CADCA Conference in Washington, DC in February. John Reninger moved to approve for JJAB to support a portion of Cheryl Pongratz’s registration fee for \$150 to attend the CADCA Conference; Joy Freymiller seconded the motion and it passed unanimously. F. Suicide Survivor’s Quilt. Georgina Williams updated on the board the initiative to form a ‘Survivor’s Group’ that is scheduled to meet on the 3rd Tuesday of each month from 6-7:30 p.m., and one of their projects will be to design a quilt. G. Health Profile. Bernadette Lauritzen reported that the 93-page Community Health Profile will be available on the Family Council web site, and she will provide a disc of the document to anyone if needed. H.

JCC Funding and Family Council Net Loss. Item will remain on the tickler. I. 100 Best Communities for Young People Award. Award is still under consideration.

8. **Next Meeting Date.** The next regular board meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, February 21, 2007, at 6:15 p.m. at the School Board Room, located at 651 Trinity Drive.

Submitted by Sharon Stover