

Minutes

Wednesday, October 18, 2006

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

Present: Alan Kirk, Barbara Vigil, Bernadette Lauritzen, Sandra Gallegos, Kim McCormick, Kelsey Souza, Jordan Schoonover, Heather Teter, John Reninger, Noah Sandoval, Nona Bowman, Joy Freymiller, Keith Lewis, Lori Edmonds, Mike Wismer, Sandy Warnock, Susan Sisneros, Richard Lindahl, Wayne Byers, and Sharon Stover

Others: Carol Clark, Reva Heron, Janet Tulenko, Cheryl Pongratz, Lori Heimdahl-Gibson, Barb Marcille, Susan Mack, and David Sims

1. **Welcome.** Board Chair, Alen Kirk, welcomed new youth board members, Kelsey Souza, who will represent Key Club, and Noah Sandoval who will represent Student Council. A certificate of appreciation was also presented to Janine Tulenko.
2. **Approval of Minutes.** John Reninger moved to approve the minutes for September 20, 2006; Bernadette Lauritzen seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.
3. **Presentation on Functional Family Therapy, Jan Stanley, Program Manager.** A presentation on the purpose of Functional Family Therapy (FFT), eligible candidates, goals of FFT, and what it entails were described in detail to the board by Jan Stanley. FFT is for youth ages 10-18, and their families, whose problems range from acting out to conduct disorder to alcohol/substance abuse. Families learn not to blame the youth or the parents but to talk about differences and talk about attainable goals as a group. A therapist usually meets with families in their homes for 1-2 hours for 16 weeks, and provides continued support after the formal sessions have concluded. FFT works well with MST (*board members were briefed last month on MST*) and coordinators collaborate to ensure that those needing services are receiving the proper treatment. FFT's job is not to be the crisis intervention, but to change the attitude of the participants. Referrals for the program mainly come through the JJPO and funding is through CYFD and Medicaid is billed. Susan Sisneros noted that some of the truancy referrals are sent to FFT.
4. **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. In November, subcommittee chairs will receive a worksheet to complete for easy follow-up and documentation. Briefly updates: Prevention: Working on 40 Developmental Assets.

Intervention: Reviewing the continuum of graduated sanction and looking for gaps in service.

Collaboration: Improve contact with the community calendar, participate in Health Fair,

Data Sharing: Use and disseminate Community Health Profile, submit articles to the Monitor on some of the relevant statistical data.

Sustainability: Working in collaboration as needed on the JCC \$3.5M Grant with agency; determine what programs/services may be needed for juveniles coming back from treatment in engaging back into society; and participate in RJSA as needed.

5. **CYFD Grant.** A. Citation/Diversion Program (September). Board members received a handout which showed for the month of September a breakout of the demographics and the six new referrals to the citation program. B. Regional Juvenile Services Act Changes. Successful meeting with Legislative Council staff; Representative Wallace will sponsor the revised changes along with Representative Trujillo from Santa Fe. A meeting with the LFC staff on October 27, to discuss funding with the support of Representative Wallace. The Courts, Corrections, and Crimes committee will hear the draft RJSA at its meeting on November 15. C. Funding from State for Remainder of the Year. Excellent work by Barb Marcille in submitting the grant application; board members received a handout on the break out of services based on \$52,250 in funding through June 30, 2007. D. Juvenile Community Corrections Grant. The \$3.5M grant will be supported as required by Los Alamos Family Council who will again apply for funding.

6. **Prevention Program Update (County/School Funding).** A. Truancy/Chronic Tardy. Board members reviewed a flow chart of the truancy/tardy process for first time and second time offenders. B. Family Solutions. Susan Mack reported on the success of the first meeting with Jennifer Bartram and Georgina Williams serving as facilitators. C. Building Youth Leadership Skills. Board members reviewed the evaluations of the ropes course held on October 9 and photos of the day. The three teams (NRG, Rave, and Green Wonders) continue to meet at least every three weeks during lunch. D. Parent-to-Parent. The first session begins October 24 with Judge Kirk serving as the speaker. Susan Mack handed out program cards for members to distribute to anyone interested in the program. E. Central Avenue Grill Dances. The first Grill Dance will be held for high school students on October 20, following the home football game. Board members reviewed the flyers advertising the dance which indicates a breathalyzer will be used as

needed by the chaperones. LAPD will also provide outdoor foot patrols. Other. Letter sent to all school counselors, social workers, etc. as a reminder of the programs that are available. Girls Circle begins October 16 if there is sufficient interest, and JJAB will participate at the Health Fair.

7. **Board Areas of Interest.** A. Underage Drinking Town Hall. Recent committee minutes were distributed and a copy will also be placed on the web page. David Sims reported on the latest sting of vendors selling alcohol with a successful rate of 60-70 people being approached to purchase alcohol for a minor and refusing the purchase the alcohol. He also noted that there will be a refresher for all vendors scheduled. B. Tickler: No action.

8. **Next Meeting.** The next regular board meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, December 19, 2006, at 6:15 p.m. at the School Board Room, located at 651 Trinity Drive.

Submitted by Sharon Stover