

JJAB Minutes

Wednesday, April 6, 2011
Camino Entrada, Pajarito Cliffs Site
Building 1
Los Alamos, NM
6:15 PM

Board Members Present: Alan Kirk, Morrie Pongratz, Randy Smith, Pat Casados, Michelangelo Lubato, Tommie Rodriguez, Meagan Pfeffer, Janine Tulenkko, Mike Wismer, Molly Niday, Vicki Nelms,

Others: Sharon Marinuzzi, Kristine Coblenz, Jenn Bartram, Chris Bernstein, Kelly Kramer, Linda Daly, Susan Odegard-Fellows, Bernadette Lauritzen, Jeff Eisner, Cheryl Pongratz, Jane Johnson, Erica Padilla (JJAC Youth Committee)

- 1. Welcome** – Chair Alan Kirk welcomed everyone at 6:15 PM.
- 2. Introductions** – Introductions were made by members and visitors.
- 3. Approval of Minutes** – Minutes for March and April will be approved at the May 18th meeting.
- 4. Presentation - Juvenile Justice Advisory Committee (JJAC) Youth Committee; Erica Padilla** - Erica introduced herself as the Statewide Coordinator for the JJAC Youth Committee. Her goal was to promote youth membership in the JJAC Youth Committee; she described the youth committee's role as reflecting diversity in New Mexico while strengthening youth and adult relationships in advocating for youth. Although the current JJAC has remained in transition (new appointments are yet to be made by the Governor Martinez), the Youth Committee (YC) continues to look for interested youth to serve. The YC meets once a month for approximately an hour at the CYFD offices in Santa Fe; however, there is a travel budget provided and if it easier for participants to go to a satellite office (such as Espanola), the YC has teleconferencing capabilities. The Coalition for Juvenile Justice is holding a conference in May in Washington D.C. and there will be a regional conference in Albuquerque later in the year. Anyone youth who are interested in serving on the YC should contact Erica at Erica.Padilla@state.nm.us or (505) 827-3991.

5. Reports from Agencies and Programs -

LACDC - Bernadette Lauritzen promoted a coffee event at the Hilltop House on April 7, 2011 at 9:00 am.

Los Alamos Family Council - Cheryl Pongratz reported that Jane Johnson was working on truancy issues at both the high school and middle school and that delinquency referrals were up from last year. Family Council was working on spending its remaining budget money for the fiscal year and would like to see more referrals. A new Life Skills class was scheduled to start on April 11, 2011 and Jenn Bartram was scheduled to start a Diversion group the following week. The TUPAC program continues and the No Pressure Zone will be meeting

again. Cheryl also thanked Issaic, Morrie, Michelangelo, and Linda for retrieving donated furniture from the Fidelity National Title Company in Phoenix, AZ for recycled use at the teen center.

YMCA - Linda Daly promoted an "After Prom Party" on April 16th which included Chinese food and chocolate dippers at the Teen Center, followed by four movies showing at the Real Deal Theater. Chaperone volunteers were needed; the start time for the movies would be 12:15 am. Michelangelo Lubato reported that the Teen Center Grand Opening was scheduled for April 21, 2011 from 12:30 to 5:30 with a BBQ luncheon planned. He further reported that the teen center was doing well and was noticeably busy during the lunch hours and after school. From 3:30 to 5:30 there is quiet study time at the center and night activities were being planned which included video editing, electric guitar / music classes, slam poetry, open mike night / karaoke, and an art movie night. Kelly Kramer (high school student) reported that he had visited the teen center with some friends and thought it was "awesome." Susan Odegard-Fellows promoted Wild Day scheduled for Saturday, May 7, 2011 in conjunction with the Hershey Track and Field Event at Sullivan Field, as well as graduation speaker Sean Hall on Sunday May 15, 2011 at the Central Avenue Grille. Jenn Bartram reported a JUNTOS team building event at the high school had occurred two weeks prior, and that an overnight event was planned for April 15 - 16 at the Santa Fe Mountain Center. Youth Mobilizers participated in an Earth Day event on April 5, 2011 at Chamisa Elementary School.

Family Strengths Network - Susan Mack was not present to report.

Pride Survey - Morrie Pongratz encouraged members to review the results of the Pride survey as it showed that the JJAB's work is having a positive impact.

6. Budget Issues - Kristine Coblenz reported that our main challenge in the immediate months is to spend our remaining funding prior to the close of the fiscal year. She also advised that due to the timing of our scheduled Board meetings, JJAB financial reporting would be one month behind actual spending; March spending had been closed out and would be reported at the next meeting. Chair Alan Kirk reminded all Board members that the County FY12 RFP would be out soon. The JJAB must prepare a budget by June. The JJAB budget process will involve Chair discussions with individual agencies. The agencies should provide a review of programs to include 20% administrative overhead and a prioritization of their programs. Alan further reported that the State budget was cut from 2 million to 1.4 million and that we've added four new continuums within the State. The County RFP for the CYFD contract should be out in April. There is a meeting scheduled with Stephanie Johnson on April 7, 2011. In order to add programs / funding, we will need agencies to come and back us up at Council. Alan encouraged the agencies to come in and talk about their programs, stressing that it is imperative to communicate and collaborate in this process.

7. Board Areas of Interest – Kristine recently attended a Coordinator's meeting in Silver City, NM. The JJAB is anticipating a Board Retreat in the fall; please communicate ideas / agenda items you deem would be helpful. Alan met with County officials yesterday and the County timeline for the Teen Center is currently as follows: RFP on April 17; Pre-bid meeting on May 2; Decision made regarding consultant on June 7; Series of meetings with youth and the community from June 7 - November 11, 2011. The JJAB will need to prepare a resource list for a youth focus group before the school year ends. It was suggested that we post something at the Teen Center and various agency sites to let the youth and youth groups

know about the focus group.

9. Next Meeting Date: May 18, 2011, Building 1, Camino Entrada, Pajarito Cliffs, Los Alamos

10. Adjourn – Chair Kirk adjourned the meeting at 7:35 pm.

Alan Kirk, Chair JJAB

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