

Minutes
Wednesday, January 20, 2010
Los Alamos School Board Room – 6:15 p.m.

Present: Morrie Pongratz, Rex Kilburn, Megan Pfeffer, Georgina Williams, Heather Teter, Molly Niday, Darla Dover, Michael Angelo Lobato, Linda Anderman, Janine Talenko, Sandy Warnock, Vicki T. Nelms, Wayne Torpy, Jody Benson, and Vincent Chiravalle

Others: Cheryl Pongratz, Katarina (KJ) Juárez, Marcia Mundt, Linda Daly, Myles Gurule, Pete Sheehey, and Sharon Stover.

1. **Welcome.** Vice Chair Morrie Pongratz, welcomed members and visitors. He noted that Board Chair Kirk is coaching a game in Taos, and Debbie Gill is out for a family related matter. He thanked everyone for attending despite the weather.
2. **Introductions.** Introductions were made by members and visitors.
3. **Davis Innovations – Evaluation and Best Practices Overview, Marcie Davis.** Morrie stated that because of the bad travelling weather this evening, Marcie was unable to make the trip from Santa Fe. Her presentation will be re-scheduled for a later time.
4. **Reports from Agencies.**

YMCA – Linda Daly: Linda Daly, Executive Director of the YMCA, introduced two of the new Youth Mobilizer members, KJ and Myles, and stated the third member Youth Mobilizer member, Anna Pabian was unable to attend this evening. She noted that Josh Dolin and Emi Weeks are senior now and are passing the torch to new members. KJ Juárez and Myles Guarle reported on their current project which is an in-depth study targeting approximately 50 high school students (9-12 grades) on drug use. They are interviewing students who have been known to use drugs and/or students who have friends who are drug users. The interviews are entirely confidential and done on a one-on-one basis. The interviews focus on why students start using drugs. They discussed their methodology, and complimented the assistance provided by Georgina Williams. Currently, there are 40 students who they have interviewed and the Youth Mobilizers will analyze the results and provide a report at their next board meeting. Sandy Warnock suggested a follow-up study should focus more on the positive and ask students what the reasons are that they are not doing drugs.

Linda also provided a report on the following YMCA partnered programs:
LAYL: The Los Alamos Youth Leadership presented to Kiwanis recently and they have an upcoming retreat with Sean Hall on Sunday, January 31. She stated that LAYL Wild Day will be held on April 24th with graduation scheduled for April 25th.

JUNTOS: JUNTOS recently held an all-team meeting in Pojoaque and had over 30 students attend. They will also have a retreat with Sean Hall on Saturday, January 30. A \$6,500 grant was also received from LANS to help fund the annual Youth Summit held in the summer in El Rito.

Fifth Quarter: The last Fifth Quarter was cancelled due to the movie filming at the high school and the attendance from the last game (girls) was not down from previous events.

Los Alamos Family Council – Cheryl Pongratz. Cheryl reported that the pre-test and post tests they are working with Davis on for the Truancy, Delinquency, Alcohol/Drug will again need to be tweaked. She is looking into another computerized program called ASI. It was noted that the programs that are evidenced based such as Life Skills, Girls Circle, and Envision Your Future already have their pre and post tests evaluation and the non-evidenced based programs such as Truancy, Delinquency, etc., have to be developed with Davis' assistance. She further reported on the progress and positive impact Marcia has made with the Truancy program at the high school. She also reported that Marcia began implementing a truancy program at the Middle School on January 4th and is working through several issues, including how the teachers record attendance. Lastly, Cheryl reported on the Community Monitoring program that Molly Niday is responsible for and the fact that because of the work JJAB has done, there is no longer a need for the JCC (Juvenile Community Corrections) program. Other programs provided by Family Council include Teen Court Case Management and Restorative Justice.

Cheryl stated that she thought the board would be interested in a program called Youth Works, which works with disadvantaged and at-risk youth. Youth Works is located in Santa Fe.

Family Strengths Network – Susan Mack. Susan was unable to attend due to a family illness. The board reviewed the statistics on the monthly report and noted that there were three Girl Circles, one Envision Your Future, one Parent-to-Parent, and one Effective Parenting After Divorce. Board members were pleased to hear that Michael Angelo will begin an Envision Your Future program for youth at the Activity Center.

Los Alamos Commerce and Development Corporation. A brief report was made by Sharon and noted the upcoming golf tournament.

5. **CYFD Grant & Prevention Program Update.** Board members reviewed the monthly report on programs and also the monthly financials prepared by James Dinkle. It was noted that we will be receiving an additional \$5,000 to help support the Community Monitoring program.
6. **Board Areas of Interest.**
Morrie reported that he and Alan, along with Deb and Sharon have been meeting with the agencies to discuss any issues, including financial.
Peter Sheehy asked the status of the JJPO in Los Alamos; board members and other explained the level of service that Los Alamos receives.

Board members discussed the potential opportunities to partner with the DWI Planning Council and those who serve on the DWI Planning Council are going to see restrictions that DWI money has, if any.

Megan Pfeffer noted that on January 29, there will be a free H1N1 shots given out to anyone in the community; she encouraged members to pass the word.

7. **Next Meeting Date.** The next regular board meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, February 17, at 6:15 p.m. at the School Board Room, located at 651 Trinity Drive.

Submitted by Sharon Stover