

Minutes
Wednesday, May 16, 2007
Los Alamos School Board Room – 6:15 p.m.

Present: Alan Kirk, Bernadette Lauritzen, Sandra Gallegos, Keith Lewis, Kateri Morris, Kim McCormick, Jim Berrigan, John Reninger, Jody Benson, Pat Casados, Joy Freymiller, Robert Gibson, Sandy Warnock, Wayne Byers, and Sharon Stover

Others: Cheryl Pongratz, Lori Heimdahl-Gibson, Morrie Pongratz, Susan Mack, Carol Clark, Mike Young, Rhett Jenkins, and David Sims

- 1. Welcome.** Board Chair, Alan Kirk, welcomed members and visitors.
- 2. Approval of Minutes.** Judge Pat Casados moved to approve the minutes for April 18, 2007; Kim McCormick seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously
- 3. Youth Shelters and Family Services.** Lisa Soule Clinician and Ian Todd, Director of Emergency Shelter presented information on the Youth Shelter and Family Services organization located in Santa Fe on Airport Road. Board members received a brochure outlining the services which are available to any youth, 365 days a year, and are free of charge. Approximately 10-15 youth from Los Alamos participate in their programs which include the areas of counseling, families-in-home, juvenile community corrections, reunifying parents with children who have been removed from the home, and a residential feeder program. They are also able to 'hold' a youth for 72-hours while trying to make contact with the parent or legal guardian. In addition, parents can have a 'formal time out' from their child for 30 days. The shelters capacity is 12 youth. Further information is located on their web page at www.youthshelters.org.
- 4. 40 Developmental Assets.** Bernadette Lauritzen reported on the 40 Developmental Asset training program she attended with the \$1,000 in funding approved by the board in April. She explained the benefits, outlined what could do for our community, and requested that JJAB implement a 40 Developmental Assets program, estimating \$20-25K in cost. Kate Thomas, LA School Curriculum Director, also offered a letter of support citing that there is a match between what our community needs and what the 40 Developmental Assets can provide. Bernadette also cited the PRIDE survey where 15 percent of the students in 4-12 grades felt valued by the community. Board members discussed ways to find funding needed to initiate a viable program. Kim McCormick moved to go forward with the 40 Developmental Assets and try to find funding to hire a coordinator to initiate a 40 Developmental Asset program; motion was seconded by Jim Berrigan and passed unanimously.
- 5. CYFD Grant & Prevention Program Update.** Board members received a written update on the status of the intervention programs funded by CYFD, the prevention programs funded by the County and Schools for the month of April, and an update on the meeting held with all continuum coordinators in Ruidoso on May 7-8. They also received information on the 'Keeping Prom Safe' event scheduled for May 19.
- 6. Strategic Plan and Continuum Updates.** No reports were given. The process of dealing with the strategic plan will be discussed at the board retreat scheduled for June 7 and 8, 2007.
- 7. Board Area of Interest.** A. Underage Drinking and Substance Abuse Subcommittee. The board thanked David for his work and the successful Town Hall held on May 3. Follow-up on the break out reports will be done at another meeting. B. JUNTOS (formerly ELATION). Lori

Heimdahl-Gibson updated the board on the process of the meetings of JUNITOS; a second meeting was held on May 7 where 26 people attended, including 5 students from Española High School. They are working on a strategic plan, committees have been established, and the board will be updated on the progress of this newly formed group. Board members are welcome to attend the next meeting scheduled for June 4. C. Board Retreat. Tom Allena will facilitate the board retreat scheduled for June 7-8, from 8-noon at the Golf Course Building. Board members are expected to attend. D. Status of Non-Profit Process. Sharon reported that the County RFP is due May 29 for the 'Juvenile Services Contract' which JJAB will respond to and she is working with Chris Chandler and Chief Torpy is preparing the paperwork for the 501 c3 application to the IRS.

9. **Next Meeting Date.** The next regular board meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, June 20, 2007, at 6:15 p.m. at the School Board Room, located at 651 Trinity Drive; board retreat is scheduled for June 7-8 from 8-noon each day. July meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, July 18, at 6:15 p.m.

Submitted by Sharon Stover