

## JJAB Minutes

Wednesday, January 5, 2011  
Camino Entrada, Pajarito Cliffs Site  
Building 1  
Los Alamos, NM  
6:15 PM

**Present:** Wayne Torpy, Morrie Pongratz, Jeannette Wallace, Meagan Pfeffer, Jessica Howze, Janine Tulenko, Tommy Rodriguez, Vickie Nelms, Linda Anderman, Michelangelo Lobato, Pat Casados, Judge Michael E. Vigil

**Others:** Linda Daly, Richard Lindahl, Debbie Gill, Cheryl Pongratz, Sharon Stover, Bernadette Lauritzen, Amy Jo Rosenbaum, Myles Burule and Anna Pabian

**1. Welcome** – Vice Chair Morrie Pongratz welcomed members and visitors at 6:16 PM.

**2. Introductions** – Introductions were made by members and visitors. Morrie welcomed new board member Judge Michael E. Vigil, First Judicial District Court. Judge Vijil served as a Judge working with children from 1994 – 1998 and then moved to work with adults for 12 years. In January of 2010, he returned to work with children. He is impressed with the number of Los Alamos County JJAB programs and the low number of cases from Los Alamos. He commented that “whatever your doing/ keep doing it”.

**3. November 17, 2010 minutes approved:** Pat Casados motioned for approval, Wayne Torpy seconded; unanimous approval.

**4. Assets Conference Report** – Assets Coordinator Bernadette encouraged attendance at the 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual 2010 Community Asset Awards on Saturday, January 8 at the Best Western Hilltop House beginning at 7:00 PM. Tickets are \$10. Judge Kirk was nominated for an award. *Cookies and Conversation* continues. The *Change of Heart* program is improving school climate. Information on the *Sparks* program was distributed. The Assets Conference was in Houston Texas. Unfortunately, Dr. Benson was ill but Bernadette did hear fantastic speakers and learned about “powerful activity” that she hopes to implement. The Story Tellers workshop was of particular interest to her son who also attended the Conference.

### **5. Reports from Agencies and Programs:**

YMCA: Executive Director Linda Daly pointed out the LAYL and JUNTOS updates in the distributed December Prevention Programs Activities sheet. JJAB member Jessica Howze and Youth Mobilizers Anna and Myles participated in the Leadership LA “wonderful session” on youth. The Interim Teen center contract as been awarded to the YMCA for \$189,327. Of the 40 applicants for the teen center director, Michelangelo Lobato was chosen and has been hired. The goal is to open the center by February 14. The facility is open to students in ninth through twelfth grade. The center will be located on the ground level of Trinity on the Hill Episcopal Church. It's planned to be open from 1 – 9 Monday through Thursday, 1 pm – midnight on Fridays and 3 pm – midnight on Saturdays.

Youth Mobilizers Myles and Anna reported on Lollanobooza! An event on December 4 to promote awareness of the harmful nature of alcohol. This 3 hour event (1:00 – 4:00) was held in cooperation with the High School Student Council and the Los Alamos Police

Department. Eight kids participated. *Time with a Topper* is being coordinated at the Middle School.

Los Alamos Family Council: The Life Skills group is starting up. Collette Fordham has left LAFC and has taken another position. Jane Johnson has taken on the truancy position. Food donations are needed for the TUPAC tobacco group meeting on Mondays. Expertise with the ACCESS Program is needed. Cheryl will send updates on truancy numbers to Dr. Schmidt.

Family Strengths Network: JJAB is funding a new FREE *Parenting with Love and Logic* program at Aspen Elementary School beginning March 2<sup>nd</sup>. Kathryn Vandenkieboom, Aspen Principal, will be presenting. The time of the class is TBD. Registration is available On-Line at [www.lafsn.org](http://www.lafsn.org).

**6. Funding Report:** Sharon Stover reported that Continuums are prepping to meet with the new CYFD secretary. The \$15,000 plus CYFD stimulus money will go toward the existing programs of Girls Circle, EYF and Youth Resiliency. Because JJAB has changed its meeting date to the first Wednesday of each month, the Financial and CYFD reports will be a month behind. Erica Padilla will be making a presentation to JJAB in February.

**7. Board Area of Interest** – JJAB E-Bulletin Discussion suggestions: communication with the schools is key; JJAB should gather parent email addresses at the beginning of school year, JJAB needs to develop a communications plan/campaign. Linda Anderman offered to help with a communications plan. JJAB needs to place info on the school calendar. Coordinator has Contacted Julie Habinger at the county.  
Resource Pool for Teen Center – Jessica Howze, Linda Daly, Linda Anderman, Michelangelo, Amy Jo volunteered to help with review of Phase I Teen Center RFP.

**8. Next Meeting Date:** February 2, 2011, Building #1, Camino Entrada, Pajarito Cliffs, Los Alamos, 6:15 PM.

**9. Adjourn** – Vice Chair Pongratz adjourned the meeting at 7:45 PM.