

**Minutes**  
**Wednesday, June 17, 2009**  
**Los Alamos School Board Room**  
**651 Trinity Drive**  
**6:15 pm**

**Present:** Morrie Pongratz, Pat Casadas, Tommie Rodriguez, Vickie Nelms, Linda Anderman, Darla Dover, Megan Pfeffer, Jody Benson, Barbara Marcille, Vincent Chiravalle, Grace Brown, Claire Bounds, Michelangelo Lobato, Janine Tulenko, Kevin Purtymun for Wayne Torpy

**Others:** Sharon Stover, Cheryl Pongratz, Adrian Figg, Molly Niday, Patrick Raichur, Debbie Gill

**1. Adoption of Agenda** – Vice-Chair Morrie Pongratz requested Coordinator read the meeting agenda. Agenda was adopted as presented.

**2. Welcome and Introductions:** Vice-Chair Morrie Pongratz welcomed members and visitors. Everyone introduced themselves. Barb Marcille introduced Molly Niday the new Teen Court Coordinator.

**3. Approval of Minutes:** Minutes of May 13, 2009 meeting approved. Pat Casados motioned, Janine Tulenko seconded, unanimous approval.

**4. JJAC Meeting Update** – Sharon Stover, JJAB Fiscal Manager, updated the Board with information regarding the FY10 JJAB budget. Sharon passed out the Financial & CYFD Report-May 2009 to all in attendance. She informed the Board that in May it was reported that the \$96K for FY2010 (July 1 – June 30, 2010) would be approved by JJAC (Juvenile Justice Advisory Committee). However, JJAB was notified after a JJAC telecom on Friday, May 15, that each continuum would be required to reduce their budget by an additional 13%.

As a result of the JJAC action, Representative Wallace set up a meeting with the chair of JJAC, Dave Schmidt; Representative Jimmy Trujillo; David Martinez, CYFD; JJAC member; Deacon Anthony Trujillo from Santa Fe JJAB; Alan Kirk, Morrie Pongratz and Sharon Stover. JJAB thanks Representative Wallace for taking the lead in setting up the meeting and being the JJAB advocate. The meeting helped “set the tone and issues” that needed to be addressed in a June 5 meeting held by JJAC.

June 5<sup>th</sup> JJAC Meeting: All the continuums were represented at the June 5<sup>th</sup> meeting at 4100 Pan American Freeway, NW in Albuquerque. Deb Gill and Morrie Pongratz attended. Morrie took minutes of the meeting and are available in Sharon's report. One important outcome of the meeting: Tom Swisstack stressed that the \$2M permanent funding from the state legislature is not permanent. The current financial crisis facing the nation was not anticipated. Local governments need to recognize the priority of social service funding. He mentioned that NM has 88,000 kids and 20,000 are under juvenile justice programs. After the audit in the Fall, JJAC could put money back into the continuum programs and JJAC should explore that option as soon as possible.

One concern Sharon mentioned is that JJAC needs to be more transparent with the Continuums. JJAC has agreed to meet with the Continuums quarterly.

- Sharon asked for Board approval of the new budget. Michelangelo Lobato made a motion to adopt the new \$83,520 FY10 budget, Pat Casados seconded; unanimous approval.
- Sharon stressed that this year, more than ever, JJAB will need to carefully monitor expenditures, due to the tight budget.

**Evaluation Report:** Sharon also took the opportunity to report on the Davis Evaluation/Best Practices Report progress. A draft of the report has been developed. She and Marcie Davis met to set up a time for training with JJAB contracted agencies to implement instruments of best evaluation practices. Dick Lindahl and Arturo Nagelin will participate in this training as Los Alamos is taking the lead in “walking the talk” on evaluating programs based on best practices and risk factors. Davis will also plan to make a presentation to the Board.

**5. Truancy Meeting Update** – Tommie Rodriguez, Juvenile Probation and Parole Office Recently, Tommie met with elementary, middle school and high school counselors, school administrators, Cheryl Pongratz, Barb Marcille, Morrie Pongratz, Sharon Stover and Deb Gill to discuss refining the truancy procedure for truant students in Los Alamos. The outcome of the meeting was that Assistant Supt. Kate Thomas will make sure a “road map” of the truancy process in LA will be developed and passed out to school personnel. Representatives from LAPS will be meeting with Tommie again to ensure that the process they have road mapped will work and that everyone is on the same page. Morrie thanked Tommie for all his work and for being pro active.

**6. Subcommittees Reports-** Nothing to report except from Sharon regarding the Evaluation procedure developed by Davis Innovations—see above.

**6. CYFD Grant Prevention Program Update** – Information was passed out at the meeting.

**7. Board Area of Interest -**

Youth Advocacy Initiative – Teen Center. Morrie reported on a meeting with Chief Wayne Torpy several weeks ago regarding the need for a place for teens to hang out. After the meeting, the JJAB Coordinator sent a letter to the Los Alamos Youth Advisory Board through Kevin Purtymun requesting YAB members meet with JJAB. Two YAB members, Patrick Raichur and Adrian Figg engaged in conversation with JJAB members regarding the development of a teen center. Adrian reported that the kids need to develop a “Center” themselves and that the place needs to be totally adaptable and have “elasticity” ensuring flexibility for different uses. Figg commented that a regular Teen Center would be “redundant”. He stressed that adults should not decide what a teen center should be. If the adults develop the kids will not use. When the new YAB develops in the Fall, JJAB will make contact and hopefully continue discussions about what teens think needs to be developed in LA. We thank Kevin Purtyman and the YAB members for attending the meeting.

6 – 7 Transition Project – Cheryl Pongratz reported that 17 students have signed up for

the program presented by Kelly Myers.

Morrie reminded JJAB members that a representative from all agencies need to attend the monthly JJAB meetings.

Adjourn – The meeting adjourned at 7:20 pm.

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