

## JJAB Minutes

Wednesday, August 18, 2010  
Pajarito Cliffs Site, Camino Entrada, Building #1  
Los Alamos  
6:15 PM

**Present:** Alan Kirk, Morrie Pongratz, Jeannette Wallace, Wayne Torpy (had to leave early), Janine Tulenko, Molly Niday, Heather Teter, Tommie Rodriguez

**Others:** Bernadette Lauritzen, Richard Lindahl, Debbie Gill, Jackie Young for Susan Mack, Cheryl Pongratz, Pete Sheehey

1. **Welcome** – Chair Alan Kirk welcomed members and visitors at 6:10 PM.

2. **Introductions** – Introductions were made by members and visitors.

3. No quorum

#### 4. **Reports from Agencies:**

-**YMCA** – No report – Linda Daly on vacation.

-**Los Alamos Family Council** – Cheryl Pongratz gave a detailed report:

Teen Court Case Management: Three youth are currently enrolled. One is gone for the summer. The other two have continuing issues with marijuana use.

Diversion: No truancy referrals during the summer. Several for Substance Abuse and Delinquency. New therapist, Barbara Czinger is doing the evaluations. She is a LISW and LADAC and does very thorough substance abuse assessments. New group is August 28. LAFC continues to get very positive evaluations from these classes thanks to Jenn's work.

Santa Fe Mountain Center- Tommy and Sharon arranged for Los Alamos girls to participate in 4 days of SFMC activities. Jenn was the “chaperone” and program was well liked. The activity drew girls from a number of sources.

Peer Truancy: No action in the summer

6 - 7<sup>th</sup> Grade Transition: did not present – only 3 signed up; Kelly Myers could not do the program.

Life Skills: A couple whole cycles have been done and Michelangelo has begun another. This program is badly needed for youth using drugs and alcohol. Need to figure out how to get more kids to come.

Community Monitoring: This replaced the state JCC program. Michelangelo has had three youth.

TUPAC: The budget was severely cut and Katie is being limited to work at the intervention rather than prevention level. LAFC is requesting that \$2,000 from the 6 – 7 transition program be transferred to a LAMS Tobacco Prevention/Intervention program to be coordinated by Katie Bridgewater. A proposal was submitted at the meeting.

Restorative Justice: Michelangelo has had two double cases (two offenders each offense).

Truancy Intervention: Still looking for a new hire for this program – about 6 hours a day—someone with extremely good communication skills, excellent reporting and data

collection skills.

Family/School Support Program – LAFC program for families who are referred to the Family/School Promoting School Success Program by the school Student Assistance Team (SAT), or a parent who is frustrated by his/her own child's tardiness or excessive absences. Contact LAFC for more info: 662-3264

- Family Strengths Network** – Jackie Young reported that Susan Mack is taking a couple months leave of absence. Jackie will be assuming Susan's work load. She reported on EYF for Boys, EYF for Middle School; Girls Circle, Parenting after Divorce, and a program called "Impact"-- a personal safety program.
- LACDC** – Bernadette reported that the Los Alamos County Council proclaimed August as Assets Month. Restorative Justice is being considered at the High School. Change of Heart program will be implemented. She will contact Ruth Sanchez, a former LAYL participant, to speak at our next meeting.
- Teen Court** – Molly reports that Teen Court needs adult volunteers to serve as Jury Monitors to ensure that the teens make decisions in a fair and unbiased manner. Molly has fliers for any one who is interested. Volunteers donate 1.5 hours between 2:30 – 5:00 PM every other Thursday.

**5. Multi-Purpose Teen Center** – The CIP Application was turned in early. Alan reminded members that the project has challenges within the community and that we all need to continue to support it. Linda Daly and Alan met with Tony Mortillaro regarding funding opportunities for a teen activity center at a rental facility to begin as soon as possible. Morrie and Linda submitted a proposal for funding.

**6. Board Area of Interest** – Alan approached the subject of how construction at the HS is/will affect high school kids and families. Let's try to figure out if there is a way for JJAB to assist with any problems that develop. He also stressed the need for detailed planning in marketing programs and requested that Board members help to market programs. The community has lost three phenomenal volunteers with their movers from LA: Barb Marcille, Marsha Mundt and Michelle Hall. JJAB needs more advocates. Let's find them. This Saturday LAYL will begin its programming and needs adults volunteers. Tommy Rodriguez reported that out of 100 kids involved in his programs, only 4 kids have returned to problem behavior (recidivated). We'll book a speaker for the next meeting.

**7. Next Meeting Date:** September 15, 2010, Pajarito Cliffs Site, Camino Entrade, Bldg #1, 6:15 PM.

**Adjourn** – Chair Kirk adjourned the meeting at 7:00 PM.

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