

JJAB Minutes

Wednesday, October 20, 2010
Camino Entrada, Pajarito Cliffs Site
Building 1
Los Alamos, NM
6:15 PM

Present: Wayne Torpy, Molly Niday, Jody Benson, Pat Casados, Jessica Howze, Meagan Pfeffer, Jeannette Wallace, Sandy Warnock, Janine Tulenko, Heather Teter

Others: Lori Heimdahl Gibson, Bernadette Lauritzen, Richard Lindahl, Debbie Gill, Cheryl Pongratz, Linda Daly, Sharon Stover, Claire Bernstein, Amy Jo Rosenbaum, Katie Bridgewater, Susan Mack, Will Hill, Youth Mobilizers: Katarina Juarez (KJ), Myles Burule and Anna Pabian.

- 1. Welcome** – Wayne Torpy welcomed members and visitors at 6:10 PM.
- 2. Introductions** – Introductions were made by members and visitors.
- 3. September 15 meeting minutes approved:** Pat Casados motioned, Wayne Torpy seconded; unanimous approval.

4. Science-Based Prevention Initiatives and Program Evaluation – Marcie Davis, Davis Innovations, Inc. Marcie presented an overview of the contracted JJAB Evaluation program. The project was initiated in 2008 with a Con Alma grant to identify best practices and effective service delivery methods and models in science-based prevention initiatives. As her power point illustrated, the target JJAB programs areas are: Diversion Programs: Alcohol Substance Abuse & Delinquency, Girls Circle, Envision Your Future for Boys, Family Solutions and LifeSkills Training. Davis Innovations thanked Cheryl Pongratz and Susan Mack and the staff of Family Council and Family Strengths Network for their participation in the evaluation process. Based upon the research findings and JJAB's commitment to quality programs, JJAB and its participating programs

- Assessed program goals and objectives
- Evaluated program outcomes and processes based upon the recognized best practices
- Analyzed data and organized it in a summary report to be presented to JJAB, program staff, and other community leaders
- Reviewed and supported organizational budgets to allocate funds to support recommended evaluation activities and
- Supported continuing improvement in program development by acting on evaluation findings.

Davis has written another grant proposal to Con Alma to continue support of this initiative.

Please contact JJAB Coordinator for a copy of the power point.

5. Teen Input from High School – Members of the Youth Mobilizers discussed issues in Los Alamos County.

KJ: kids would like movie nights, a place to play games. Finding something to do in town is hard. There are not a lot of places for kids to go except Smith's and Sonic. A Teen Center

would be good for kids that need relief from home stress.

Miles: There is a “deficiency of places where teens can go”. There is no where to go. Teen Center would help. Ski Hill is expensive. Need a place to hang out. It'd be great to have a teen activity once a month. Could activities rotate through businesses?

Cheryl Pongratz: A suggestion was made that a weekend teen event coordinator position be created and funded.

Chris Bernstein: JJAB needs to hear from the silent majority of students. Center needs to offer a mix of activities, example: Slam Poetry. Board needs to hear ideas from kids. We need to engage all kids.

Molly Niday- Kids could earn community services hours by speaking to JJAB at the meetings.

6. Reports from Agencies and Programs

- YMCA – Youth Mobilizers reported on Distracted Driving Survey. Conclusion of survey will be public soon.
Linda reported that KJ, Anna and two other girls attended the SLAM Conference. Kids learned a lot. It was helpful.
Lori Heimdahl Gibson reported that on October 16th, 17 youth participated in the Santa Fe Mt. Center.
- Los Alamos Family Council – Cheryl reported on Community Monitoring. Michelangelo has had three youth mostly one at a time. The program has been effective with those who have participated. Middle School Tobacco Prevention is being coordinated by Katie Bridgewater who will work with the Health classes so that information gets to all kids. Collette Fordham is providing detailed interaction lists of truant kids. She has interacted on behalf of about 160 youth at LAHS and about 36 at LAMS. Collette is now assigning lunch detentions for initial trancies and referring youth to their special ed case managers or counselors if three trancies are reached.
- Family Strengths Network – Susan Mack reported: that Girls Circle is finishing up; Envision Your Future for Boys ages 14 – 19 began October 21st and will continue until December 9 meeting from 3:45 pm – 5:15 PM. Envision Your Future Co-Ed will meet at the Middle School on Mondays on November 3, 10, 17 and December 1, 8 and 15; 11:35 PM – 7th Graders; 12:25 - 8th Graders.
- LACDC – Coordinator Bernadette Lauritzen reported that Change of Heart has been taught to all students at the Middle School.
- Sharon Stover coordinated the JJAC state wide meeting in White Rock on Friday, October 1. Staff from Davis Innovations gave a report on evaluation at the meeting.
- JJAC – Sharon reported that it benefits all JJABs state wide to “speak with one voice” and coordinate JJAC advocacy.

7. Next Meeting Date: November 17, 2010, Pajarito Cliffs Site, Camino Entrade, Bldg #1, 6:15 PM.

8. Adjourn – Wayne Torpy adjourned the meeting at 7:30 PM.

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