

Minutes

Wednesday, September 20, 2006

Los Alamos School Board Room – 6:15 p.m.

Present: Alan Kirk, Bernadette Lauritzen, Sandra Gallegos, Kim McCormick, Georgina Williams, Jordan Schoonover, Janet Tallman, Heather Teter, John Reninger, Nancy Johnson, Wayne Torpy, Morrie Pongratz, Joan Hurd, Nona Bowman, Pat Casados, Sandy Warnock, Susan Sisneros, and Sharon Stover

Others: Carol Clark, Reva Heron, Janet Tulenko, Lori Heimdahl-Gibson, Barb Marcille, Susan Mack, and David Sims

1. **Welcome.** Board Chair, Alex Kirk, welcomed new board member, Nancy Johnson who will now be representing District Parent Council.
2. **Approval of Minutes.** John Reninger moved to approve the minutes for August 23, 2006; Pat Casados seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.
3. **Presentation on Multiple Systems Therapy, Terry Sine and Angela Flores-Ortiz, Program Managers.** A presentation on the purpose of Multiple Systems Therapy, (MST), eligible candidates, goals of MST, and what it entails were described in detail to the board by Terry Sine and Angela Flores-Ortiz. MST is an intensive family, evidence-based treatment for 4-6 months where a therapist works with the family for youth 10-18 years of age, and for five hours out of the day the therapist has daily contact with the entire family. Treatment is very individualized as each family has their own beliefs, customs, etc. The therapist is available 24-hours a day; 7 days a week. Estimated cost for the program is ~\$5,800 and some candidates are eligible through Medicaid or Salud. Because of the cost, most insurance companies, including the LANL's carrier, do not have it as an allowable program. Upon completion of the program, families are tracked for two years. In the usual circumstance the police department can be called for assistance, but the goal is for the therapist to work with the family. MST is in 9 counties throughout the State and referrals can be made through the JPO. Board members received a brochure and information sheet on the program.
4. **Web page Revision by Colin MacArthur and Calvin Loncaric, LAHS Students.** An outstanding presentation of what the new web page for the JJAB could look like was given by Colin and Calvin. Board input is requested through Sharon; log onto

www.losalamosjjab.squarespace.com . It is anticipated that the web page will go 'live' in October and the web site will later remain: www.losalamosjjab.com

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A. Citation/Diversion Program (August). Board members received a handout which showed that through the month of August, there were three referrals (2 for alcohol/substance and 1 for delinquency) to the citation program (no change since July). As more referrals are made to the programs, the board will once again receive a breakout on the stats. B. Regional Juvenile Services Act. The application to the grant was submitted; thanks to Barb Marcille. Contract period will be from October – June 30, 2007; \$67,000 was requested. Representative Wallace set up meeting on September 27, at 2:00 p.m. with Maha Koury, staff member with courts, corrections, etc. to discuss needed changes to the RJSA. Jeannette is very interested in sponsoring the Bill and getting the necessary changes done. Sharon communicating to continuum sites to forward their suggested changes to the Act. C. Contract Status. The delay for the completion of contracts continues to be a problem and Sharon is attempting via visits in person, e-mail, and phone to work with Lillie Martinez, Procurement, in getting the contracts completed. Procurement advises that because of the high volume of contracts needing to be completed and vacancies in the department, they are behind. D. Girls Training. As requested by CYFD four representatives will attend the training on November 2-3, from 8:15 to 4:30 p.m. each day; Jennifer Bartram, Barb Marcille, Sharon Mills, and Georgina Williams will attend.
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Prevention Program Update (County/School Funding). A. Presentation to Counselors. A presentation on all the programs was given to school counselors and some that are in private practice September 11. Good response and the hope is that referrals will come through the counselors. B. Status on Program/sContracts. - Building Youth Leadership Skills. In addition to support from LANB and Lou Santoro, we received \$500 from Kiwanis Club. Teams continue to meet on a regular basis and significant progress made on the projects they are working on: new sign at high school; safety at the overpass, improving the parking lot at Sullivan Field; and campus beautification and school spirit. The ropes course is scheduled for October 9; with students meeting with Sean Hall at 7:00 night before at Fuller Lodge. Youth leadership is now a school club to avoid insurance issues. - Contract status – some completed, but many remain. All programs/services have a provider with the exception of Open Gym and Sharon is working with Robert Abney. - Family Solutions begins October 11 by Family Strengths Network. - Girls Circle begins October 16. - Parent-to-Parent begins October 24. - The first Central Avenue Grill Dance for this year will be scheduled on October 20, immediately following the home football game. - Leaders-in-Training held in July by YMCA.

7. **Board Areas of Interest.** A. Underage Drinking Town Hall. Committee reviewing information gathered by Robert Abney – no committee meeting yet scheduled. David Sims also reported that technically if anyone under 21 has a .02 or higher, that is the equivalent of an adult with a .08. He further stated that the current State law is flawed in that underage offenders could pass the field sobriety test and as a result not be required to take the breathalyzer which they would fail with a .20. Wayne Byers noted that in the future the police department will be changing its policy parents will now be required to pick up their child at the police department. B. Tickler: Board members reviewed the tickler and requested that the strategic plan and continuum subcommittees meet at 6:00 p.m. for 15 minutes and then report during the regular board meeting.
8. **Next Meeting.** The next regular board meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, November 15, 2006, at 6:15 p.m. at the School Board Room, located at 651 Trinity Drive.

Submitted by Sharon Stover