

INCORPORATED COUNTY OF LOS ALAMOS RESOLUTION NO. 04-03**A RESOLUTION SUPPORTING THE
LOS ALAMOS JUVENILE JUSTICE COMMUNITY BOARD**

Whereas, on Thursday, October 2, 2003 a number of community leaders met at the invitation of the Los Alamos Community Health Council and the Los Alamos Police Department for a "Youth Issues Forum" facilitated by Innovations in Justice;

Whereas, the participants learned of youth issues including a lack of activities, truancy, substance abuse, teenage sexual activity, violence and bullying, academic pressures and suicide through presentations on the Los Alamos County Health Profile and the Los Alamos Public Schools PRIDE survey;

Whereas, District Court Judge Barbara Vigil spoke of the seriousness and gravity of some recent delinquent acts committed in Los Alamos, mental health issues she sees in Los Alamos and of the Children's Court's willingness to permit and facilitate some local participation of the juvenile justice process provided that a Juvenile Justice Community Board be established;

Whereas, once established, a Juvenile Justice Community Board would be self-governing and may adopt bylaws and appoint committees, as necessary to accomplish its goals;

Whereas, the Los Alamos Public Schools have demonstrated their commitment to providing services for juveniles and has expressed interest in participating on the Los Alamos Juvenile Justice Community Board;

Whereas, Los Alamos has a number of excellent social service agencies, a faith community and a medical community, all well-qualified to provide assistance to our youth;

Whereas, the Los Alamos County Council finds that it is in the best interest of the citizens of Los Alamos County for the County to actively participate in the Los Alamos Juvenile Justice Community Board, once established; and

Whereas, this resolution was published in full or in summary at least seven days in advance of its consideration by Council and copies were made available to the public, all in accordance with the County Charter.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that:

Section 1. The Los Alamos County Council supports the establishment of the Los Alamos Juvenile Justice Community Board (the "Board") to develop and implement a comprehensive strategic plan for a continuum of youth services to address prevention, early intervention, and graduated sanctions.

Section 2. The Council understands that the intent of the interested parties is that members of the Board may include representatives from and nominated by the District Court, the District Attorney's Office, the Juvenile Justice and Parole Office, the Children Youth and Families Department, a legislator representing Los Alamos, the Municipal and Magistrate

Courts, the Los Alamos County Council, the Los Alamos School Board, the Los Alamos County Police and Recreation Departments, the Los Alamos Public Schools, the Los Alamos Community Health Council, the Los Alamos National Laboratory, the medical community (nominated by the LAMC Board of Directors), parents (nominated by Family Strengths Network and the District Parent Council), youth (nominated by the secondary student councils and the Natural Helpers), seniors (nominated by LARSO), the Chamber of Commerce, UNM-LA, the faith community (nominated by the Ministerial Alliance), and the media (KRSN and the Monitor).

Section 3. The Council will from time to time appoint a member of the Council to serve on the Board, once established, if called for by the bylaws of the Board.

Section 4. The County requests that the County Administrator assign appropriate staff members to participate in the establishment of the Board and, as appropriate, serve on the Board.

Section 5. The Council understands that the goals of the Board will be:

- a. Public awareness of youth issues;
- b. Development of strategies to assure a rapid response to youth in crisis;
- c. Data collection and analysis to determine needs and a risk factor profile;
- d. A resource assessment and identification of the service gaps in the community;
- e. A prioritization of services;
- f. Education for the community on the Graduated Sanctions Model;
- g. Coordination of agency/department policies to enhance the service continuum;
- h. Promotion of the use of science based service delivery models; and
- i. To engage the community in solutions and to galvanize community resources for prevention and immediate intervention, thereby improving the lives of our youth, their chances for success, and building a healthier community.

Section 6. The Council understands that the vision of the Board will be supporting the success of Los Alamos youth through community and family, and the Council embraces this vision.

ADOPTED this 10th day of February, 2004.

**COUNCIL OF THE INCORPORATED COUNTY
OF LOS ALAMOS, NEW MEXICO**

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**Nona Bowman
Council Chair**

ATTEST: (Seal)

Nita K Taylor

**Nita K. Taylor
Los Alamos County Clerk**

