

JUNTOS Adult Meeting
YMCA Teen Tech Center, 8:30-10:30 AM
March 11, 2008

Minutes

Attendees: Leonard Valerio, Robert Gibson, Diana Martinez, Donna Schroder, Amanda Gonzales, Marcia Brenden, Maurice De Segovia, Erwin Rivera, Cedric Page, Nikki Harnish, Lindsay Milligan, Diane Toups, David Cockerham, Shawna Chavez and **Lori Heimdahl Gibson, Facilitator, and Janelle Vigil-Maestas, Co-Facilitator**

- Welcome Amanda Gonzales from McCurdy HS, Shawna Chavez from SFCC, and Nikki Harnish from Big Brothers Big Sisters!
- After the welcome and introductions, we reviewed and accepted the December 14, 2007 Adult Meeting Minutes.
- Announcements included the following:
 1. We have some dates for the Youth Summit (May 28th and 29th) which is the week after LAHS, EVHS, PHS, and McCurdy HS graduations.
 2. Gaston, TX and Las Cruces, NM are actually starting a similar JUNTOS program. The word is getting out and good work is spreading!
 3. LA Vision Del Valle Coalition will present “It’s a movement...youth campaign be the solution on March 29, 2008 from 12pm-5pm at the Northern New Mexico College Fine Arts complex. The focus will be on taking back our community and focus on solutions to underage drinking. We will get summit flyers to Shawna by 3-21-08.
 4. There will be a Community Membership Meeting from 12:30-2:00pm at the Teen Tech Center addressing teen pregnancy in Rio Arriba County. It will be facilitated by Elena Berlinger. If you have any questions you can contact Marian or Elena at 753-2794 or by email at Marian.merritt@state.nm.us or Elena.berlinger@state.nm.us. RSVP is requested.
- We now have 4 Youth working on JUNTOS logo ideas. The logo will be on the front of sweatshirts with the mission statement on the back for the Youth Summit.
- The follow-up with Johanna Eager’s workshop on racism was that we really need to continue the authentic dialogue. Authentic dialogue is incorporated into the Youth agendas and discussed. Youth are really sharing personal stories at the meetings and all participating youth are really responding positively.
- On January 25, 2008, Students from Los Alamos and Española presented at the Leadership Los Alamos Conference. Students from LA were very impressed by the students from EVHS.
- There is an EVHS School Board Meeting on April 9, 2008, at 5:00pm at San Juan Elementary and youth from JUNTOS were asked to present. It would be great if adults were there to support the youth.
- Funding: The Youth Summit itself is projected to cost about \$10,000. We have about \$12,000 total (for all yearly expenses so far) that has come in through fundraising. There are some promising leads right now. We are within striking distance of \$20,000. We are now trying to get good ideas of actual costs to run JUNTOS year round. We are always

looking of potential and ongoing supporters. Katie Bridgewater who is contracted through JJAB as a grant writer is pursuing grants for JUNTOS. We need to make the funding sustainable.

- **Report on Youth Summit:** We need support and commitment from adults. We are looking at different activities. Jo Zamora will facilitate and the Summit will be held at NNMC's El Rito campus. Estimated time for arrival will be between 9 and 9:30am on May 28th and leave in the late afternoon on May 29th. We do not want any student cars and need to make arrangement for bus transportation. Youth from LA are making a flyer to start recruiting for the Summit. Diana had an idea to have you go into 8th grade classes to start to recruit. Even go in as mentors. We should have no cell phones, MP3 players or any kind of electronics at the Summit. We are aiming for at least 6 youth to help to plan and facilitate the summit. Brainstorming rules and regulations for the youth will be needed shortly. The goal numbers of youth are 25-30 from each community. 80 is the maximum number including adults. Email suggestions to Janelle and to volunteer to sign up as a chaperone, or to take on any other action items, email Lori.
- **The next adult JUNTOS meeting will be held at UNM-LA in Los Alamos on Tuesday May 6th from 8:30-10:30 AM.**
- **The next youth JUNTOS meeting will be a breakfast and school tour on April 16th at EVHS starting at 8:00 AM.** LAHS students will be bussed to EVHS and will return by 9:30 AM for a late school start.

Thank you to The Family YMCA for providing the Teen Tech Center in Española for the meeting!

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