



Wednesday, February 21, 2018
6:00 pm Regular Meeting
Camino Entrada
Pajarito Cliffs Site, Bldg. #1
Los Alamos, NM
Minutes

1. **Welcome** – Alan Kirk, Chair called the meeting to order at 6:05pm. Introduced the following:
 1. Damien Tsiagkouris – new youth rep
 2. Charlette Gonzales – new youth rep
 3. Casey Curtis (YM guest)
2. **Introductions** – All in Attendance
3. **Approval of Minutes** – January Minutes were emailed to all. Minutes approved unanimously, motion made by Judge Pat Casados, seconded by Carey Skidmore.
4. **Presentation** – Imagination Library update, Lisa Zuhn and Cindy Koehler. 387 registered children between the ages of 0-5 with 25 children already graduated from the program.
5. **Budget/Financials**
 - a. Budget Performance Sheets – January information was sent by email.
 - b. Los Alamos County RFP – Family Resource Specialist Program
 - Awarded the contract \$49,900
 - Requested \$68,572 for FY19 (this is a difference of \$18,672) with a 3% annual escalator. County is in a flat budget process; additional amounts have to go to County Council as special “add ons”. Budget Hearings scheduled for April 15 and 16.
 - c. Upcoming FY19 Budget Process – funding requests for FY19 will be due by April 30th.
6. **Legislative Update**-HB181 had a grassroots movement to protest bill. Hearing had representation by multiple continuum and was tabled with direction to collaborate to bill author. Rep. Ruiloba asked us to participate as a member of a committee to review the bill.
7. **Coordinators’ Update**- YMHFA open on March 10, Mental health forum tomorrow from 11-1 at UNM-LA. Make sure info for survey is correct and needed info is inserted in the document as it is used for funding requests throughout the County.
8. **Family / Youth Resource Specialists**-Danielle Sutherland reporting that they are serving 36 HS, 36 Elem, and 26 MS students. They are seeing behavioral issues, basic needs, and legal issues. The RS’s are continuing community outreach and had coffee table set up at Aspen and Pinon, and organized a community playdate. Lisa Zuhn did radio segment on KRSN, RS’s attended LLA at Teen Center, and went to focus groups for Health Profile Needs assessment, CHC and Resiliency group.
9. **Program Reports**
 - Pat Casados-sessions are over and she spent 19 days at legislative session.
 - James Keane-LAPS Alcohol awareness will be at teen center with pedal carts and goggles, Alive Aware training will also happen. Certified in ATLAS training for Elem schools where they go into schools and do Run, Hide, Fight training to staffing.
 - Carter Payne-Students and staff are struck by recent incidents in Florida. They appreciate JJAB programs which help to touch base with students and assist them. Staff will continue to grow communication with students so they can refer if there is an issue with mental health

and well-being or other information regarding safety. Will keep working together. Student asked about mandatory type of mental health fair and more counselors. Kristine met with MS and HS councilors with the “see something, say something” which will be taken to all math classes to discuss warning flags and having students watch out for issues. Katherine Taylor had question about older child on campus, how would that work about reporting. Carter states there are always adults to report to. 90% of incidents can be students/former students.

- Kadriye El Atwani-Continuing to reduce tardy numbers and meeting with Mr. Johnson and Counselors. Emphasized prevention is important to keep LAMS on track, reduced from last year.
- Katherine Taylor-scheduling Teen Court to March, looking at increasing to every week, as 5 cases/day keeps kids there too late. Teen Court requirement will be that they check in with RS. Seeing poor coping skills and self-medication with drugs and alcohol in teens as well as spikes in anger, relationship difficulties that end in physical confrontations. Increase in police referrals, school referrals, etc. 3 layers of programming, diversion is handling some, JPO handling some, and Teen Court is handling some. Issues come up with young adult mixed with youth where there is a spread of age and so those are being referred to JPO. Have third tier of Teen Court where they meet with Rita Brake for counseling.
- Damien Tsiagkouris-Youth Rep-Teen court issue having spikes in abuse and anger-issues are bigger than behavior and using bad coping skills. He had experience of having bad coping skills, says teens don't know how to ask for help or what to do,
- Heather Cummings- YM had 20 YM and families for the recognition dinner with judge and coordinator. Wanted to have recognition dinner to celebrate kids with parents and to give them positive feedback. They had a teen panel at LLA, 7 students that participated. There were also 43 teens at pool party, and they are to present next Tues at County Council meeting. Upcoming projects are doing upcoming freshmen survey, and while safe prom is usually movie and food, a young man wants to have an all student ball called Prom for All, as a masquerade party.
- Casey Curtis-Youth mobilizer student from teen center, has hosted a knitting club and slam poetry, use lots of teen center programs. Recited a beautiful, original poem.
- George Marsden/Sylvan Argo-Teen Center hosted LLA had discussion on youth in world café style, switching up tables every 20 minutes which provided great feedback and want to do more focus groups around youth. Teen today stated he didn't feel heard. We need to ensure that everyone felt heard when we host forums. Teen Center in budget negotiation, they also have increases that they wish to have funded. Will start an annual campaign for unmet needs and program development. Arts and resiliency-having new program of art and self-directed self-expression. Image represents who they are, what they do, and how they do it. Monthly glass workshop started today, third Wednesday of each month, will have workshops, have GSA meetings on second Monday of every month at 4pm.
- Kristine Coblentz-Brandi Seekins is now her prevention partner, expanding K-12, and they are visiting PTO's. Planning Parenting university with JJAB, met with counseling teams and taking about lessons within classes by counselors and helping teachers be part of team. HS level will look at online interactive tools for violations, moving to modern, informative approach. Top topics, e-cigarettes, suicide prevention, Rx and alcohol abuse, marijuana projects. They are raising bar every month for increasing resiliency, March will be community book read. First session Raising resilient kids and teens, will have all day mindfulness group for LAPS staff. Easy to hydroplane over difficult topics.
- Danielle Sutherland-Reach and rise next Monday, doing BC/GC seeing Elementary level peer issues, self-esteem issues, collaborating with HS and taking their materials into the

training sessions with same dialogue.

- Charlotte Gonzales-She stated the HS should have an awareness of what to look for in Mental health issues and thinks the school isn't doing enough regarding mental health issues.
- Brian Haigh-Booked up till May and trying to get more therapists here.
- Kim Gabaldon-finalized what their budget looks like with add-on's to Council, flat budget until hear definitively about LANL contract.
- Jane Johnson-Things are going well at HS, Topper Freshman Academy has zero truants, while there is a 3.8% rate for seniors (have 9 Seniors that are doing this),
- Lisa Zuhn for Carrie Fanning- FSN classes doing well, big thanks to Dr. Steinhaus for his help.

10. New Items

- a. Program Presentations – have funded organizations provide updates – one group per quarter looking also for contacts with other folks

11. Next Meeting – March 21, 2018

12. Adjourn