



Wednesday, October 17, 2018  
5:30 pm Regular Meeting  
UNM-LA, Building 2, Room 230  
Los Alamos, NM

### Minutes

**Welcome and Announcements** – Alan Kirk, Chair called meeting to order at 5:34pm.

- Pastor Nicole Ferry, Faith Based Rep (new Board member) was welcomed by the board.

**Introductions** – All in Attendance

**Approval of Minutes** – September Minutes - Motion to approve minutes made by Dr. Kurt Steinhaus, seconded by Catherine Taylor and was unanimously approved.

### **Budget/Financials**

- a. Budget Performance Sheets – September 2018 provided via emailed to group
- b. Update Required Annual Audit - Barraclough and Associates - Audit is complete, no findings, copies sent to LAPS and LAC.

**Coordinators' Update** – provided via email to the group

**YRRS** information available and we just attended the State presentation given in Los Alamos. The discussion opened our eyes, some trends are a bit different, although it seems e-cig use is observed as higher than what was reported. The group is looking at issues such as hopelessness, bullying, depression, suicide issues, etc. the resiliency factors were good and should be more closely examined. The data is available online, however, the LAMS data is still pending. There were errors noted in the printed version which are being corrected online. The RAPS retreat will be held with Kristine Coblenz on November 17<sup>th</sup> to set priorities for students.

**Group Discussion** – The group broke into sub-groups to discuss the top three issues facing youth in our community and idea/solutions to address them. From the information gathered each individual was asked to pick the top two issues.

#1 Issue: Relationship violence, bullying, racism, sexism, exclusion

- Communication methods need clarity
- Focus on community – teens are the solution and we need to grow that and their involvement – communication, social media, etc.
- Earlier education and parent engagement
- Bystander training
- Address by starting with elementary and younger programs

#2 Issue: Middle school place does not exist, Youth Activity Center is 3-8<sup>th</sup> grade

- Need Tween center and appropriate programming for MS age
- Lots of empty commercial space
- County should pay for the youth programming continuum
- Similar to teen center-tween center 6 - 8th, 6th can choose,
- Should be downtown, should have 1 stop to pick up YAC, Tween, and Teen

*Other issues discussed:*

- Issue: Greater access to BH and MH services
- Issue: Advocates or improved communication to school resources
- Issue: Social – fit in and interactions to establish identity
  - Social/emotional education from K-12, start early, guidelines, connections
  - Volunteer, peer mentors – need diverse mentors
- Issue: Gap for youth not on a academic career path and need path for them and how to frame success
  - Support vocational tracks
  - Partners in the community including LANL, LAC, Small Businesses
- Issue: Helping kids learn about wider world
  - Collaboration between LAPS and other schools – regionally and statewide
  - Partnerships with non-school programs and regional programs
- Issue: Substance abuse – drugs, alcohol, vaping
  - Possible ordinance in county for vaping in public places (must be a state statute)
  - More parent education and student education
  - Discipline issue at school
- Issue: Health class is too late for all of the issues to be addressed
  - Provide guidelines for acceptable and unacceptable behavior
  - Volunteer peer mentors at the teen center, Key club-natural helpers-too cheerful, need to have more diverse mentors

**Next Meeting – November 28 (changed due to holiday)** – we will have program updates and program mini-presentations.

**Adjourn - 7:00pm**