



Wednesday, November 28, 2018
5:30 pm Regular Meeting
UNM-LA, Building 2, Room 230
Los Alamos, NM

MINUTES

Meeting was called to order at 5:32 pm

Judge Kirk welcomed the group and introduced new attendees:

- a. Rose Nyenhuis – Truancy Intervention Liaison at LAMS
- b. Tracy Stidham – BOD representative LAFD

Introductions made by all in attendance

The minutes from the October 2018 meeting were approved. Catherine Taylor motioned, Chris Ross seconded.

Budget/Financials

The Budget Performance Sheets for October 2018 were emailed to the members.

Approval was provided to accept the Con Alma Grant for 2019 in the amount of \$13,000. Sylvan Argo motioned, Ellen Ben-Naim seconded. The grant is for Youth Mental Health First Aid.

Judge Kirk informed the group that the JJAC/CYFD Meeting would be December 6, 2018. During the meeting the CYFD funding for FY20 would be announced. Donna Casados, Lisa Zuhn, Andrea Cunningham and he would be attending. Additionally, there would be discussion regarding a letter submitted to CYFD by the NM Coordinators and the CYFD response. The letter deals with issues the Coordinators see and the treatment of the Coordinators.

Coordinators' Update was emailed to members

Kristine Coblentz presented on the Mindfulness Program. The presentation started with a group mindfulness exercise and a description of what mindfulness is – Present Moment Awareness, A life skill that can be taught, an antidote to depression and anxiety, social emotional learning strategy. JJAB currently provides funding for materials and daylong retreats for LAPS staff. Kristine explained that the current applications of mindfulness are building resilience and the development of social emotional intelligence.

Danielle Sutherland presented on the Girls Circle and Boys Council programs. The programs are

gender specific groups and follow a set curriculum. However, adjustment is made if a youth is having an issue. The sessions include an opening ceremony to get students in the moment, a check-in with a talking stick, and an activity. Danielle provided several examples of activities that are used. Donna Casados comment that DWI funds might be available for Girls Circle and Boys Council sessions.

Program Updates

Carie Fanning, Family Strengths Network – Love and Logic was successful for early school age and they are re-evaluating the approach for high school sessions for next semester. New coordinator of Chit Chat and new support group for grandparents raising grandchildren.

Kristine Coblentz and Brandi Seekins, Healthy Schools Initiative – Brandi recently attended strategic prevention training, Girls Discovery Workshop was held 10/20 and had 39 girls in attendance, LAPS staff mindfulness retreat was 10/27, also held RAPS retreat and the group will be presenting to the school board meeting on 11/29. Kristine is piloting Alcohol Literacy Challenges are high school with 5 classes, transgender 101 presentation was 11/27 and Unity Day was a great event to focus on inclusion and unity.

Jordan Redmond, Youth Activity Center – YAC had 114 youth attend on Wednesday 11/14. The Rotary Club will be funding breakfast to serve the youth during the Christmas break.

Sylvan Argo and George Marsden, Teen Center – Leadership Los Alamos Youth Sessions was hosted at Teen Center with great engagement and the group really listened to the youth. The upcoming County Council presentation on Tuesday 12/4 stemmed out of the LLA session. Holding distress activities last two weeks of school, fundraiser selling warm beverages before light parade, looking for a 20-25 hours per week Admin Assistance, and looking to hire a part-time coordinator to oversee diversity inclusion with teens.

Kurt Steinhaus, LAPS – Providing suicide prevention (Cognito) training and are providing incentives to staff and schools to complete. The Middle School reached the goal of 80% of staff having completed the session so they will be getting lunch. The program is available to community members. The Healthy Schools Initiative has grown, and Kristine/Brandi have also grown their skill set. The legislative session will include a platform to promote what schools should be doing and Health Schools Initiatives statewide. LAPS hired a native American liaison, Laura Wagner.

Charolette Gonzales, Youth Rep LAHS – Pep rally on Friday and LAHS is doing well

Ellen Ben-Naim, LAPS School Board and First-Born Program – Barranca school rebuild is on schedule, next will be Sullivan field build out of a field house.

Sharon Hurley, UNM LA – Spring schedule is published and have a new class “How to Design Your Life”, Friday 11/30 LAMS students will visit the campus.

Chris Ross, LAPD – SRO Jay Eakins was asked to help with Natural Helpers at LAHS, SRO Adele Mackenzie is working on an anti-bullying initiative, Safety Town will be at Aspen ES this summer. Please look out for others and know that stress is high during the holidays, there were four adult suicide attempts on Thanksgiving night.

Rose Nyenhuis, LAMS Truancy Liaison – started two weeks ago, learning and training with Jane.

Santina Shije, Resource Specialist Program – working on distribution of winter coats, current case load is 37 elementary, 33 middle school and 42 high school.

Alicia Justus, LANL – Working on 11/1 contract transition and helping parents deal with stress. Planning

brown bag sessions for Spring 2019.

Tracy Stidham, LAFD – Deal with kids in crisis and it is good to learn about programs in the community.

Catherine Taylor, Teen Court – Running Teen Court every Wednesday, HS students are very busy so fewer volunteers but lots of volunteers from the MS, no youth showed for the last attorney training so will try again in Spring and reconsider approach.

Donna Casados, LAC Social Services – Have been with LAC for 3 months and working on building relationships.

Sylvie Johnson, Teen Center Youth Mobilizers – Black light Halloween party was a success, looking at laser tag and escape room, 12/10 will be Teen Recognition event.

Carter Payne, LAHS – JJAB programs continuing, Natural Helpers has run for years with ups and downs but recently has had very positive activities.

Jane Johnson, HS Truancy was not able to attend but emailed Lisa Zuhn information – 589 letters sent this semester, very high number, the most ever sent in one year was 912.

Nicole Ferry, Faith Based Rep was not able to attend but emailed Lisa Zuhn information – conducting Biblical Burritos sessions at the HS, do not have to belong to the church to attend. Working with Resource Specialists on coat drive.

Judge Kirk announced his resignation from JJAB as both a member and the Chair effective November 30, 2018, a letter was emailed out to the Board. He will continue to serve on JJAC. He stated that he is leaving the organization financially sound and is proud of everything that has been accomplished. There was discussion if a meeting should be held in December to discuss the Chair position. David Woodruff stated that there are no outstanding issues, the two Coordinators would keep daily functions running, and he and Sharon Hurley would continue to assist as the Executive Committee. Based on that his recommendation was to not rush and wait until at least the January meeting to discuss options.

Not holding a meeting in December 2018 was approved. David Woodruff motioned, Catherine Taylor seconded. The next meeting will be Wednesday, January 16, 2019.

Meeting was adjourned at 6:57 pm