

CHILDREN AND YOUTH COMMISSION  
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March 24, 2015

6:00 PM - 7:30 PM

### MINUTES

1. **The Children and Youth Commission meeting was called to order by Joanne Lefrak, Chair at 6:00 pm. A quorum was declared by roll call.**

#### **Roll Call**

##### **Present**

Joanne Lefrak, Chair  
Thomas Bustamante  
Catherine (Katie Dry)  
Allegra Love  
Gus Martinez  
Lisa Salazar  
Jill Reichman

##### **Advisory Committee**

Paige Aarniokoski - Absent

##### **Staff Present**

Chris Sanchez, Staff Liaison

##### **Others Present**

Shelley Mann-Lev, SFPS, Prevention Alliance Director  
Ramona Flores-Lopez, Alliance Chair  
Anna Serrano for Fran Lucero, Stenographer

Introduction of Guests reflected under Others Present.

2. Approval of Agenda  
Ms. Dry moved to approve the agenda as presented, second by Mr. Bustamante, motion carried by unanimous voice vote.
3. Approval of Minutes: February 24, 2015  
Ms. Dry moved to approve the minutes of February 24, 2015 as presented, second by Ms. Salazar, motion carried by unanimous voice vote.
4. New Business: Santa Fe Prevention Alliance – Presentation
  - a. Ms. Mann-Lev and Ms. Flores-Lopez presented on behalf of the Santa Fe Prevention Alliance. Power Point is attached as Exhibit A.

VISION – Santa Fe County – where no one drinks alcohol before the age of 21, where adults model low risk use, no one drives while impaired and no one abuses drugs.

MISSION – The Santa Fe Prevention Alliance collaborates to prevent and delay the onset of underage drinking and other youth substance use by leveraging resources to implement culturally appropriate, evidence-based best practices in education prevention and policy to positively change community norms and youth behavior regarding alcohol and other drug use.

Ms. Flores-Lopez made reference to the results graph on page 4 showing two different trends. It is important for the community be informed that this results in a 4<sup>th</sup> degree felony.

Ms. Reichman had a question on this graph regarding the drop ratios.

Ms. Mann-Lev said that Nationally, New Mexico is higher amongst kids and marijuana use. This is a tracked trend for the in school population, out of school youth have not been surveyed. The same goes for the % of age group enrolled in school statistics. Ms. Mann-Lev noted that the graph does not show heroin or met use.

Mr. Bustamante asked if this survey is driven. Ms. Mann-Lev said, yes.

Ms. Flores-Lopez said that the percent of crash deaths is coming down but 13% are still drinking and driving.

It was noted that recently the City of Santa Fe voted on banning the sale of liquor miniatures in the city limits. It was also mentioned that the sale of miniatures is already banned on Airport Road. The Mayor and Council will take a formal vote on April 8<sup>th</sup>.

Ms. Mann-Lev stated that there is school policy enforcement on distribution of medications to students. The problem is that kids get the medication at home.

Ms. Flores-Lopez said that this is part of the education initiative to get the word out not only to educate the community but the students as well. They are focusing on doing a mail-out to parents to provide them information on the 4<sup>th</sup> degree felony charge.

Ms. Mann-Lev said that the Coalition was recognized in Washington, DC and received the 2015 CADCA (Community Anti-Drug Coalition of America) Chairman's Award. Ms. Mann-Lev asked how they could be a

resource to the Children and Youth Commission. Ms. Mann-Lev said that non-collaboration leads to problems.

The Commission members expressed their thanks to Ms. Mann-Lev and Ms. Flores-Lopez for the presentation and look forward to collaborating.

- a. Crime Task Force Update – Jeff Ethan Green  
Not in attendance.
- b. Review and Approval of Children and Youth Renewal Funding Process Schedule

The members reviewed the Renewal Funding Process schedule; March 27<sup>th</sup> is the deadline for packages. March 30<sup>th</sup> is the date to pick up all organization renewal packages.

The Chair asked if we have \$30,000 to reallocate. Mr. Sanchez said yes, funding is the same as last year.

Ms. Salazar asked if there is a guideline that members follow. Mr. Sanchez said yes, there is an evaluation tool and he will meet with all new members to review this process.

Mr. Sanchez asked all members to block April 13<sup>th</sup> or 17<sup>th</sup> at 9:30 am to review documents.

Mr. Sanchez shared with the members which programs he would be meeting with. Ms. Reichman asked Mr. Sanchez if he would provide her with his electronic notes so she could research the data. He said yes.

Mr. Bustamante moved to approve the Children and Youth Renewal Funding Process Schedule, second by Mr. Martinez, motion carried by unanimous voice vote.

5. Old Business: None

6. Comments from the Chair and Commissioners:

a. Mayor's Youth Summit

The Chair informed the members that the Mayor's Youth Advisory Board will conduct a community survey regarding the need for a Community Center for the South Side. The survey will also include information on the bullying campaign. A request will be sent to SFPS to get the survey completed before the end of the school year. Based on the results it will be a Fall Youth Summit. The focus is to create task forces and to follow with another survey next spring.

b. Mayor's Campaign to End Bullying

Mr. Sanchez said that the ICM Program run by Mary Louise Romero is the only program that is intervening with bullying. There is a big need for support systems for those who are being bullied. Mr. Sanchez talked about two specific incidents where two students have tried to commit suicide due to bullying. There is a dire need for SFPS to have a Policy and Procedure that can be enforced. The Mayor is partnering with the School Board to get a sound Policy and Procedure to end Bullying.

Ms. Salazar, CYC member said that through PED (Public Education Department) there will be a portal where all schools will have access to discuss their needs. This is still in its pilot stages and is important to have a mechanism to report early warnings throughout the state.

Mr. Sanchez said that more and more cases of bullying are popping up. Mr. Sanchez said that recently Chief Garcia has spoken about cyber bullying and that there must be charges for these crimes. This is a growing concern in our community.

7. Report from Staff:

a. Children and Youth Commission Grantee Quarterly Report

Mr. Sanchez reported that all agencies have submitted good reports and are on time.

b. Update on Data Project Professional Services Grantee Quarterly Reports

Mr. Sanchez recently sent the CYC members an updated version of the scope of services. The professional services agreement has been approved by the City Manager and will go forward to UNM.

Ms. Reichman asked which agencies will be covered by this agreement. Mr. Sanchez will send the list to all CYC members.

c. Zona del Sol Update

Zona del Sol is the actual project. The lease agreement has ended and the city has taken over the property. The plan is to allow organizations to utilize that space which will be helpful to the south side families. It was noted that space may become a problem; Adelante, Communities in Schools, Youth Works and Boys and Girls Club have all asked for consideration to use this space. Councilor Dominguez is seeking input from the community on what the needs are for our kids and families on the Southside.

8. Matters from the Floor

Ms. Dry talked about the Fiesta de Bebe's event to be held on May 2, 2015 at Sweeney Elementary. The Chair extended her thanks to Ms. Dry for the bio's and head shots.

9. Adjournment

There being no further business to come before the Children and Youth Commission, the meeting was adjourned at 7:30 pm.

**Signature Page:**

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Joanne Lefrak, Chair

A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "Fran Lucero", written over a horizontal line.

Fran Lucero, Stenographer