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SANTA FE REGIONAL JUVENILE JUSTICE BOARD

Thursday September 18, 2014

5:15 P.M. - 6:15 P.M.

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- II. Roll Call
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- V. Approval of minutes of August 21st, 2014
- VI. Financial Report – Richard De Mella
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SANTA FE REGIONAL JUVENILE JUSTICE BOARD
Thursday, September 18, 2014
5:15 pm – 6:30 pm
CYFD Office, Santa Fe, New Mexico

MINUTES

- I. Call to Order
Judge Mary Marlow Sommers, Co-Chair for the Regional Juvenile Justice Board called the meeting to order at 5:15 pm at the CYFD offices, Santa Fe, New Mexico. A quorum was present at the time of roll call.

II. Roll Call

Present:

Judge Mary Marlow Sommers, Co-Chair
Mary Ellen Gonzales
Mark Caldwell
Councilor Bill Dimas
Ted Lovato
Sam Jackson
Sarah Jacobs
Deacon Anthony Trujillo

Not Present

Linda Trujillo
Mark Dickson

Others Present:

Richard DeMella, Staff Liaison
Mary Louise Romero, ICM and Felicia, Intern
Jack Ortega
Shelly Mann-Lev, SFPS
Todd Lopez
Seth Reterman
Anna Serrano for Fran Lucero, Stenographer

- III. Approval of Agenda
Discussion of Retreat
Children's Cabinet – Matter's from the Board

Mr. Jackson moved to approve the agenda as amended, second by Ms. Gonzales, motion carried by unanimous voice vote.

IV. Introductions of Board Members and Guests
Reflected in Roll Call

V. Approval of Minutes, August 21, 2014

Corrections: Approval of July 17, 2014 minutes not reflected in the minutes of August 21, 2014.

Ms. Gonzales moved to approve the minutes of August 21, 2014 as amended, second by Ms. Jacobs, motion carried by unanimous voice vote.

Motion and second to approve the minutes of July 17, 2014 should be placed on Agenda for October for formal approval. Sam Jackson said he had abstained on the vote as he was not present at the July 17, 2014 meeting.

VI. Financial Report – Richard DeMella

A. Budget – Detailed Budget and Financial Report

In the month of August nearly all contracts are complete. Strengthening Families with SFPS – scope of services for contract is being worked on with Shelley Mann-Lev. Ms. Mann-Lev asked for clarification that the money is not available until January, 2015. Mr. DeMella confirmed that is correct but he would like to have the contracts in place.

Ms. Gonzales asked if the contract for Day Reporting is in place.

Mr. DeMella said that it is in the works, the MOU went through Finance on Monday, and it was pulled back as there are questions from the City Council. Mr. DeMella did explain to the City Council that he is working with the Children and Youth Commission on requiring services for the kids. Mr. DeMella explained that the city councilors had to be brought up to date on what is being done. The MOU did get approved and will go before the City Council on September 23, 2014.

Judge Sommers asked for an update on Mary Louise Romero's waiver.

Mr. DeMella informed the board that Ms. Romero did get insurance and she paid for it personally. The cost was \$900 vs. \$5,000.

B. Approval of Financial Report

No formal action required on financial report.

VII. Presentations

A. Inspire Santa Fe, Todd Lopez, Seth Reterman

Mr. Lopez, resident of Santa Fe and former Attorney is now the President of Siete del Norte based out of Embudo, New Mexico and also the New Mexico Area Manager for Chicana's por La Casa, third largest Hispanic owned and operated

non-profit in the country, based out of Phoenix, Arizona. Mr. Lopez is working in partnership with the Academy for the Love of Learning, represented by Seth Reterman as well as a number of community partners, the City of Santa Fe as the primary partner in this effort and to launch a new city-wide youth mentorship program. The program is called Inspire Santa Fe, more information at www.inspiresantafe.org. Work is in progress with Mr. DeMella to insure that students who are participating in the day reporting program will be provided with access to this mentoring program. Mr. Lopez said that they are committed to accommodating at least 5 students within the mentorship program this year. The students are paired with a mentor in the community and the student is then required to spend at least 2 hours a week with their mentor in an area of shared passion and interest. Mentorships have ranged from Engineering, Architecture, Art, Music, etc. The program was originally started back in the 80's out of the University of New Mexico called "Celebrate Youth". It has now found a home at Monte del Sol Charter School where it has been in existence for about 15 years.

This program gives kids a chance to say what they want, learn and explore what they want to do in life. Mr. Reterman talked about how great it was to follow the kids all the way through the program and to see them grow and succeed with what they chose to learn. Success stories were provided to the Board members. Mr. Reterman said that they have met with many teachers at the different schools and the kids that they have talked to are excited about being in the program. Mr. Reterman said that their goal is to have 50-60 kids this year; plan is to get them together in a cohort situation where they can get for example the day reporting kids with the kids from Prep in a structured way to break down some of the barriers.

Judge Sommers asked if Mr. Lopez and Mr. Reterman could attend a meeting on Monday with the Care Providers in the community who are interested in helping day reporting kids. Mr. Lopez and Mr. Reterman will not be able to attend but they definitely said they could be counted on.

Mr. Lopez said it was important to distinguish this program from Big Brothers Big Sisters. There are different types of mentoring; this type of mentoring is based on that passion and interest of the kids.

Judge Sommers asked, "when the kids go on different sites who carries the liability, who is responsible if something happens?" Mr. Lopez said that Siete del Norte is the fiscal agent and they are overseeing the administration of the program, they carry the liability insurance, which covers all participants. All the mentors will also go through a screening and background check. Mr. Reterman said that at Monte del Sol the insurance works through the school like a field trip.

Judge Sommers stated that day reporting is short term; if the individual wants to continue with Inspire Santa Fe, do they have that option?

The answer was yes; it is essential that the mentor and the child be together for a minimum of 8 months.

Reference was made to a recent article in the New York Times where many of the successful students in the workplace were students who had received some type of mentoring and apprenticeship.

Ms. Gonzales asked if matches are being made now, if an individual enters day reporting in October, November, and December, how they will be paired with a mentor.

Mr. Lopez said that they are working with Mr. DeMella on how to integrate Day Reporting. There may be students who have been through the program already and will they be re-enlisted. Mr. Lopez said it is important to be consistent throughout the year.

Judge Sommers asked what the closing date is for new attendees.

Mr. Lopez said approximately October 15th and it could be extended for Day Reporting. It is understood that students may not be going in to day reporting right now.

Judge Sommers said that she has not assigned anyone to day reporting because the program is not in place.

Mr. DeMella said they could be assigned to the mentorship or ICM program. It would be good if they could assign 4-5 kids and consider it a pilot program to see how it works.

Judge Sommers said she could add it to their probation. How will these individuals be able to identify what their passion is?

Judge Sommers explained the requirements that these young people would need to meet in the Inspire Santa Fe program. Mr. Lopez said that he would commit to work with them. Ms. Mary Louise Romero said she could work with the kids to identify their passion. Judge Sommers said if Inspire Santa Fe wants to start the program in line with their timeline that Mr. Lopez could go to her courtroom when she gives the kids their probation terms.

Mr. Lovato said that there are several kids that would be good candidates that are on probation.

Mr. Reterman said that the kids sign a contract; the program has its requirements and expectations. If they don't meet the requirements of the mentorship then it goes in to a probation period.

Ms. Mary Louise Romero took the opportunity to introduce Felicia, her intern that will shadow her in the ICM program.

Councilor Dimas took time to welcome Felicia who he knows very well. She was a star basketball player at Santa Fe High School. Congratulations on working with Mary Louise in the ICM program.

It was noted that there was an event coming up on Tuesday evening, Carl Dennis who is the guru of wrap around services for kids and families is doing a community presentation at the Convention Center from 4:30 pm to 6:30 pm. The hope is to have several hundred community leaders and community members participate.

Thank you to Mr. Reterman and Mr. Lopez for the details on the program with the Board members.

VIII. Matters from the Board

A. Day Reporting Update – Ted Lovato

Mr. Lovato reported that they have had movement in the planning of services and programming for Day Reporting. A meeting has been scheduled with Santa Fe County on Monday at 3:00 pm. with possibly 8-9 providers from the community to discuss the development of life skills, support system, behavioral health and other things that can be brought forth to work with the kids.

Discussion will be around calendaring during the day reporting time. Judge Sommers, Deacon Trujillo, Ms. Gonzales, Mr. Ortega, Ms. Jacobs and Mr. Lovato met earlier this week to discuss the details between the city and the county in reference to the MOU. Mr. Lovato said that after Monday they will develop an Action Plan for the agencies to support the services of Day Reporting and delineate who will do what and when.

Judge Sommers informed the Board members that a letter was received from Santa Fe County outlining their concerns. The biggest issue in that letter was the teacher portion. The county was very clear that they want a commitment, letters, dates and times as to who is going to provide the services. We will have a certified teacher instead of a proctor.

Mr. DeMella distributed Page 3 referencing C. of the MOU outlining what Santa Fe County is requesting. The quote referencing the certified teacher requirement was read aloud. Judge Sommers clarified that there would not be summer school and it should not be in the MOU. Mr. DeMella said that the MOU would have to be amended.

Mr. Lovato said that Dr. Sanchez from SFPS would be at the meeting on Monday to describe the education piece as well as Ms. Mann-Lev from SFPS.

Ms. Mann-Lev stated that since this does not include summer school, it might be helpful to talk about what the program will be for summer as programming for the morning and afternoon will be needed.

Judge Sommers said they did not have a program this summer and that kids were placed in community service.

Mr. Caldwell asked Judge Sommers if she was recommending that the kids who didn't go to summer school, if the understanding and preference is for Day Reporting not to operate in the summer and the kids to do community service?

Judge Sommers said that this is what SFPS is telling them. If that is true there are alternatives to that.

Mr. Caldwell reiterated, is there a possibility that day reporting would not operate in the summer?

Judge Sommers said there is a possibility.

Mr. Caldwell said that it was his understanding and he stated that Dr. Sanchez would repeat, 3 certified teachers that are there right now on the detention side, she is proposing is that the 3 teachers and 1 tutor rotate. Their academic hours are going to be 8:30 am – 3:30 pm with 1 hour break for lunch. Mr. Caldwell has spoken with one of the teachers and in conversation she confirmed the above. Mr. Caldwell asked if she could follow up and send an e-mail to him on these details.

Judge Sommers confirmed that this was also confirmed at the meeting.

Mr. Caldwell made mention that he and Mr. Lovato have talked about the different meetings that Judge Sommers has set up the meetings to advance the day reporting issue. Mr. Caldwell said, "even though it has taken a while, the closer we get the more exciting it is because it is going to be what we want." Mr. Caldwell complimented Mr. Jackson on his accomplishments at Day Reporting; he did so much for the kids. "There is no greater honor than the kids being put in our care."

Mr. Caldwell said, they never really discuss juvenile detention at this meeting. He understands that they are concentrating on catching the kids at the youngest possible juncture, providing services and so forth so they don't end up in detention. Mr. Caldwell said, "I think it bears some kind of presentation so people can be assured that those children in detention are well taken care of. If it seems that there continues to be in the impetus, I am not sure, my concern is those kids, the safety of those kids, the well-being of those kids. I am privileged to still be associated with that operation even though I am currently posted elsewhere. I can't thank you enough, your Honor

for your concerns. There is no hesitation to let us know directly, I think that is the proper way. I really do. I am not saying that just because you do that. That gives us the opportunity, number one to address and fix it. What isn't productive is when issues are taken everywhere other than, for example, I am on this board, and I am intimately connected to that facility. I can tell everybody and anybody what they want to know, that continues to happen. I do feel that I need to say in this formal setting and address it that we are taking care of children by virtue of the career field of some of the kids that go there. It is inherently dangerous, it can be. I want to say a couple of things in this regard; training, I think it will last 3-4 months. We have completed a total of 1,121 hours of training for 21 staff members there which encompassed at least 40 hours of in-service training for each individual as well as an additional 21 topics that were trained on, the entire compliment of staff. We also did some joint training through the Association of Counties. Pre-op through Bernalillo County – Pre-op is for those who on the prison rape elimination act and that is fast and should be coming to every facility, adult and juvenile in the nation. Right now it is what is considered an unfunded mandate, but regardless the importance can't be emphasized enough and we are all doing it. We spent at least 16 hours; leadership staff attended a day and a half of training to make sure we incorporate that. We have placed a coordinator who will in any regard, anything of a sexual nature will be reported and vetted thoroughly. Again, we only have 200 adults in our care and of course children. I also want to say this, in terms of research, audits, surveys, we receive those. For example, Ted was part of this recertification body. Those children were placed there, the vast majority of them are CYFD kids at some point. Let me say this, probation handled them, Ted and his folks so we have to be certified. The people who certified us to hold these children are CYFD and that is not a very easy process, it is very stringent for a reason. I am glad to report that we did that in April, we were recertified and there were some very good comments that were given back to us by the professionals who know this business. US Marshal, for those who don't know, we do contracts with the US Marshal, so they came in, they do that all the time. They do a very formal audit every year. They came in and did that this year and we were again complimented on our operation, our programs, and our care for the kids, our safety, everything from A-Z. Somebody went to our Federal District Judge, Martha Vasquez and said how unsafe we were, how there were no programs. The US Marshal for New Mexico, Conrad Candelario came personally and assured me that he was very pleased because everything we say we are doing is being done. That was 2 months after the formal audit and NCCHC (National Commission on Correctional Health Care), the juvenile facility is accredited by NCCHC. The adult facility is not, we are going in that direction however, because we are caring for people. The NCCHC came in six years ago to do the initial accreditation. We were awarded that and again that survey done by medical professionals is very tough. They come back in 3 years for a re-accreditation, which is more difficult than an initial because you have to show practice and documentation for a 3-year period. They don't just look at your files and say ok, they go back and take you through the whole drill again and they take administrators and drill them too. They came back this year in July and I am very happy to say we received glowing comments and are re-accredited by the NCCHC. I say that again because it seems to be a choice to take issues everywhere

and I never had the opportunity to be questioned here about in depth, other than by the Judge on other occasions about operation and safety of the kids and I just wanted to assure those, on this committee, who have concerns that those kids are being treated well, they are taken care of so any allegations or feelings or perceptions that it is unsafe and that we have gangs ready to mark or whatever is being said, I dispute that. Again, I can point to the professional accrediting bodies, recertification body's who have come in and thoroughly examined, they know what to look for, they do it all over the United States and time after time, we know there are issues and we always struggle to stay on top of those issues. Because again as I said earlier, there is no more sacred honor than having kids placed in your care and we take that serious as it is meant to be. I needed to say that."

Judge Sommers appreciated the comments and told the members of the Juvenile Justice Board that they could speak with Mr. Caldwell directly and if they felt uncomfortable with that and wanted to send an anonymous note, even if repeating something that you heard or sharing something that you have seen, the Judge would be happy to pass it along so there isn't any unnecessary tension. Judge Sommers commented that although this item was not on the agenda, people who are in the detention center or parents of those in the detention center; they get hit up by their parents or themselves, or we see something and we want an explanation to always be available. Judge Sommers invited the Board to tour the facility.

Mr. Jackson stated that having worked in the facility for a length of time, what people forget is unless you work in a hospital or a hotel or someplace like that, if you are running an operation that is 365 days a year, 24 hours a day, feeding people, taking care of them, there are going to be issues like Mr. Caldwell said. Some of those issues arise from those constant, never ending flows of effort and we can't predict that.

Mr. Ortega asked if the Program Committee has been a receptor of any complaints. Mr. Ortega would like to schedule time to discuss further the accreditations received by the detention center and to let the commission know that is where their money is going.

Mr. Caldwell said that he would be happy to continue the conversation.

Judge Sommers expressed her thanks to Mr. Caldwell for speaking openly today and the message she got is that he is very approachable. Thank you.

VIII. Matters from the Public/Staff

Judge Sommers asked the board to send Mr. DeMella an e-mail as to their availability for a new date (retreat), 1-5 pm at the Courthouse.

Mr. DeMella provided information on the creation of a Mayor's Children & Youth and Family Community Cabinet. The proposed executive leadership team was shared with the Board and includes Judge Sommers. Mr. DeMella referenced the goal and

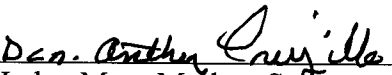
objectives of the cabinet in a document provided to the Board. One major topic of concern is early childhood education. The kids who need the services will benefit from the creation and collaboration of the community with the creation of this Cabinet.

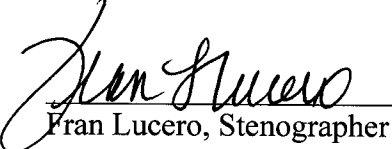
IX. Next meeting October 16, 2014 at 5:15 pm

X. Adjournment

Co-Chair, Judge Sommers, called for adjournment at 6:30 pm.

Signature Page:


Judge Mary Marlow Sommers


Fran Lucero, Stenographer