



Agenda

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SANTA FE REGIONAL JUVENILE JUSTICE BOARD

Thursday February 19th 2015

5:15-6:15 P.M.

CYFD Offices

1920 FIFTH STREET

- I. Call to Order
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SANTA FE REGIONAL JUVENILE JUSTICE BOARD

Thursday, February 19, 2015

5:15 pm – 6:45 pm

CYFD Office, Santa Fe, New Mexico

MINUTES

I. Call to Order

Deacon Trujillo called the meeting to order at 5:15 pm at the CYFD offices on 5th Street, Santa Fe, New Mexico. A quorum was present at the time of roll call. Judge Sommers resumed chairmanship at 5:30 pm, a quorum was declared.

II. Roll Call

Present:

Judge Mary Marlow Sommers, Chair
Deacon Anthony Trujillo
Jennifer Romero
Ted Lovato
Sarah Jacobs
Sam Jackson
Mark Dickson
Aaron Garcia

Not Present:

Linda Trujillo

Others Present:

Richard De Mella, Staff Liaison
Jack Ortega, Staff
Mary Louise Romero, ICM
Richard Lindahl, Community
Mary Ellen Gonzales, Restorative Justice
Todd Lopez, Inspire Mentoring
Seth Peterson, Inspire Mentoring
Martine Soto, Inspire Mentoring
Stephanie Gonzales, Brain Education
Diane Catron, Brain Education
Sylvia Li, Brain Education
Owen Kunkle, Brain Education
Beth Castoria, Brain Education

Fran Lucero, Stenographer

III. Approval of Agenda

Amendment: VII-D & E will be heard at next month meeting.

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

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

V. Approval of minutes January 15th, 2015

Mr. Ted Lovato moved to approve the minutes as presented, second by Mr. Mark Dickson, motion carried. 3 in favor two abstentions due to board member absence at January 15th meeting.

VI. Financial Report – Richard De Mella

a. Budget – Detailed Budget and Financial Report

Mr. De Mella reported that the program Invoice presented reflects total contract amount, previous balance, amount of this billing, and contract balance. Contract Balance as of February 13, 2015 is \$176,330.80. The \$25,000 expenditure for Restorative Justice was reflected in this invoice. Mr. De Mella said that there will be no problem in spending down the contract balance before end of fiscal year.

Judge Sommers inquired about the status of \$7,000 to be used for tutoring. Mr. Ortega noted that tutoring and any CYFD funds need to go through the Day Reporting Program.

CIS, ICM and Day Reporting documentation was provided to the board for review. This is information that is needed by CYFD and will be sent to the board members electronically for comments to be sent back to Mr. De Mella. These reports will be prepared on a monthly basis for CYFD.

b. Approval of Financial Report

Mr. Jackson moved to approve the financial report, second by Deacon Trujillo, motion carried by unanimous voice vote.

VII. Presentations

a. Day reporting Update – Richard De Mella

Day Reporting Program is up and running. There are approximately 5-7 kids in the program. Wrap around services are being provided by Brain Education, Youth Works and SFPS. Mr. De Mella said he has supplemental programs every day and takes them out on Friday as well. Mr. De Mella said that the positive results and comments received from the kids after they participated in the Equestrian program were great. Mr. De Mella stressed that he wants to make sure

that he takes the kids out of the facility so they can be exposed to outside services and places they may not have an opportunity to go to.

The Chair and the Board re-emphasized the importance of maintaining the reports on match of services for funding.

Mr. Aaron Garcia said that the facility is tracking information on which programs the kids are participating in and are also tracking the complimentary services for matching purposes. Mr. Garcia said that the Day Reporting Program is from 8:00 am – 5:00 pm with wrap around services starting at 3:00 pm. Mr. Garcia said that the program is working nicely thanks to the collaborative relationship with the city and the service providers.

Deacon Trujillo asked what it would take for the board members to visit the Day Reporting Program. Mr. Garcia said that there is necessary paper work that has to be completed for clearance.

The Chair asked Mr. De Mella to send a schedule to the Board Members for Friday so they can plan to participate and to process the clearance with Mr. Garcia.

b. Inspire Mentoring – Todd Lopez

Mr. Lopez provided information on the program who is working together with the Academy with Love of Learning. Seth Peterson, Inspire Mentoring Martine Soto, Inspire Mentoring accompanied Mr. Lopez. Inspire Mentoring is presently servicing 50 kids in 7 different schools. The mentors are very happy about the program results. Mary Louise Romero from ICM has also brought in a young person who wanted to seek information to become a lawyer to participate in the mentoring program. Mr. Lopez said that they are experiencing issues due to the inconsistency of attendance from the kids who are not stabilized in the program yet. Mr. Lopez informed that board members that they would be meeting with Chris Sanchez from Children and Youth and Mr. De Mella along with other program leads on February 20th in order to discuss the investments in our kids and how they could work together. The Chair asked Mr. Ted Lovato from the Board and JPO if he could attend this meeting. Mr. Lovato is not available with short notice. The Chair feels strongly that if you are working with the at risk population then Juvenile Probation staff should be there. Mr. Soto reiterated that a few months back when they presented to the Regional Juvenile Justice Board they asked for help from the RJJJB and wanted to reiterate they need help with the at risk population. Mr. De Mella will report to the RJJJB at March meeting and will keep the JPO informed. Mr. Lopez clarified that they are not having problems with the kids they are having problems with how the program is designed.

The Chair refreshed the conversation stating the last time Inspire presented to the RJJJB they asked for individuals to be in the program and from the bench the

Judge has designated individuals to the program and to have the JPO involved. Now she is hearing that the JPO has not been invited to participate.

Mr. Jackson said that this population needs to have a plan and the JPO's attendance is critical.

Mr. Lopez said they are reaching out to all programs in the community.

Ms. Gonzales also said that in the Restorative Justice Program they accommodate the needs of other programs.

Mr. Soto said that this is a pilot program, it is the first year and they need feedback and connection to all programs. Support is needed from every part of the community and direct involvement and commitment is needed.

Deacon Trujillo and Mr. Ortega suggested postponing the planned meeting with Mr. Chris Sanchez on 2/20/15. "It might be better to have the meeting when you get all concerned individuals at a meeting."

Mr. Lovato from JPO is grateful for the work that Inspire Mentoring has done, unfortunately tomorrow is not a date that will work for the JPO to attend.

Chair expressed her thanks for the perseverance and work done to date.

c. Brain Education (BE) – Stephanie Gonzales

Brain Education was created to provide individuals of all ages and backgrounds with tangible tools for personal growth and fulfillment. Beginning with a foundation of physical well-being, Brain Education enables individuals to transform their stress response. Component programs teach how to improve the brain's potential, through physical conditioning and balance, sensory awareness, emotional regulation, concentration, and imagination. Research on Brain Education has shown that this combination of practices result in improved focus and improved memory power. These are benefits everyone can appreciate, but they are most useful for school age children and for seniors.

Beth Castoria - Presenter: The Pilot Project has been in effect at Day Reporting for the last 2 weeks. Brain education is a combination of physical exercise, emotional and character exercises, cognitive strategy, better memory and reducing their stress. Ms. Castoria introduced the team working at Day Reporting 3-days a week.

BE works with the individuals to help them set their goals and to master what they put their mind to. BE uses positive tools for example; first you smile and tell your brain "I can do it" and breathe.

They do a lot of games and they receive good principles as the end result.

Ms. Catron explained that the project started on February 5th and the program is Monday, Wednesday and Friday. Ms. Catron explained the program techniques used with the individuals and the results attained. They encourage the participants to – “just relax and have fun”.

Ms. Gonzales said that when they started at the facility, even the correctional officers participated. BE has also teamed up with the SFCC who is helping with the data collection. There is a questionnaire that the kids answer both pre and post participation. Dr. Gonzales from SFCC will provide BE a student who is interested in gathering this type of information. Ms. Gonzales said that this program has received great success at Zuni Pueblo. Ms. Gonzales said that the curriculum and its levels provide success stories at the end of the program. Ms. Gonzales welcomes the positive feedback and as one young person commented – “we love the energy you brought us”.

Mr. Owen Kunkle noted that these young people challenge themselves and they feel their self-worth and confidence.

Thank you to the Brain Education staff and volunteers. Mr. De Mella said that this is a 3-month city pilot program and it is a free service to those who would like to participate.

d. CIS – Hilda Perez-Vargas (re-scheduled for March meeting)

Informational: Announcement: Last night at the SFPS it was announced that Community in Schools received an award from the Daniel Funds in the amount of \$225,000. CIS is presently in 10 schools and this will allow them to hire additional tutors. Congratulations.

e. Tutors – Judge Marlow (re-scheduled for March meeting)

VIII. Matters from the Board/Staff

Mr. De Mella announced that the city owns the Zona Del Sol building and new projects and programs are forthcoming.

3 graduates from ICM went before the City Council to talk about their accomplishments. The City Council was very impressed with Ms. Mary Louise Romero and thank you to Deacon Trujillo for attending.

Mr. De Mella reiterated the thank you to everyone who provides services. Thank you so much.

IX. Matters from the Public

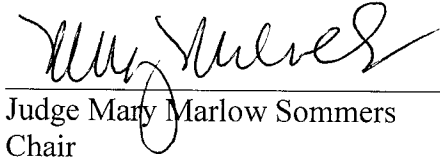
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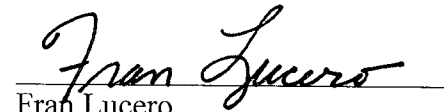
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Signature Page:



Judge Mary Marlow Sommers
Chair



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