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## MAYOR'S YOUTH ADVISORY BOARD MEETING

Thursday, February 24, 2011

Solace Crisis Treatment Center

6601 Valentine Way

4:45 – 6:00pm

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5. New Business:
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  - B. Solace Education & Prevention School Curriculum - Meg Panichelli
  - C. Review Recommendation to Mayor on New Board Members - Board Discussion
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  - A. Review of PYE Implementation - Alex Wirth
  - B. Mentorship Festival - Kamon Tari
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7. Discussion items for next meeting and choose next meeting place.
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**MINUTES OF THE  
CITY OF SANTA FE  
MAYOR'S YOUTH ADVISORY BOARD MEETING  
FEBRUARY 24, 2011**

**CALL TO ORDER**

A regular meeting of the Mayor's Youth Advisory Board was called to order on the above date at approximately 4:45 by Caitlin Smith, Vice Chair at the Solace Crisis Treatment Center, 6601 Valentine Way, Santa Fe, New Mexico.

**ROLL CALL**

Roll call indicated a quorum as follows:

**Members Present**

Vaughn Fortier-Shultz  
Caitlin Smith  
Nick Gordon  
Adrian Salazar  
Kamon Tari

**Members Absent**

Alex Wirth, Chair (excused)  
Adrianna Torres  
Moises Tarango  
Lauren Buchanan

**Staff Present**

James Garduno, Teen Center of Santa Fe  
Terrie Rodriguez, Director, Youth and Family Services

**Others Present**

Terésa Candelaria, Solace, Manager, Education and Prevention Department  
Megan Panichelli, Solace, Education and Prevention.  
Celina Coss, Solace Prevention/Education  
Deputy Chief Abram Anaya, Santa Fe Police Department (SFPD)  
Nicko Butler, SFPD, Positive Youth Interaction Officer  
Jacqueline Padilla, nominee for the Board  
Charmaine Clair, Stenographer

Those present introduced themselves.

*The meeting began with New Business while awaiting quorum.*

**NEW BUSINESS (Revised Agenda Order)**

A. Overview of Solace –

Ms. Candelaria provided an overview of the Solace Center. A summary follows:

- The Center is divided into three sections: Clinical, the Family Advocacy Center, and Administration/Education and Prevention. All of the Center's services are free.
- The Solace Center programs are: Project Aware, Amigos en Acción, PASA (Partners against Sexual Abuse) and a program that works with children with disabilities, YODA (Youth Organizing)

- Diversity for All.) Stop It Now is a program to teach adults about how to prevent child abuse.
- From 10,000 to 12,000 people are seen face-to-face during a school term.
  - The Clinical Department has 6 therapists that provide short term therapy for traumatic events. The clinicians are very skilled and perform cognitive and art therapy and hypnosis and therapy is catered to the needs of the client.
  - The Family Advocacy Center works with families in trauma. Most of the clients are ages 3 to 17 that were sexually and/or physically abused or neglected or had witnessed a violent crime.
  - The Center is a service to law enforcement, Children, Youth and Families (CYFD) and the District Attorney's office. Interviews are taped to reduce the number of times a child has to tell their story.
  - Four officers from Crimes against Children, Santa Fe Police Department have offices in the Center as well as the Sexual Assault Nurse Examiner, who examines the majority of crimes against children in sexual assault, in the building rather than at the hospital.

*Ms. Smith entered the meeting at this time.*

Ms. Rodriguez asked the split between adults and children that were seen by the Center.

Ms. Candelaria said children were the majority; about 8,000 children were seen in the schools. She said they haven't been able to get into the high schools but have a heavy presence in the elementary schools and puppet shows were done in preschools. She said Solace has been asked now to do sexual harassment for third grade at a couple of the schools.

Ms. Candelaria said an immigrant specialist was on staff and could do all of the programs in Spanish and all of the Education and Prevention teams were also advocates. She said they answered phones Monday through Friday from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. and trained volunteers answered the phone after hours and weekends.

Mr. Fortier-Shultz asked if the overall goal for the sexual violence prevention/education program was to stop the abuse or was it to have the abused come forward.

Ms. Candelaria said to stop the violence is the main goal and was why they have a 1 ½ to 2 hour presentation directed at adults; it is up to the adults to stop the abuse. Adults learn what to do, the signs and symptoms and how to pay attention to their children and have face to face. She said technology has cut off communication and parents often were not aware of what was happening with their children until too late.

Ms. Coss said they were beginning to talk to parents at preschools on Parent/Teacher night.

Mr. Gordon asked how Solace wanted to present in the schools. He said he worked on a teacher workshop on domestic violence and would contact Solace on that.

Ms. Coss said she has an appointment at Santa Fe High to discuss how to help teachers. She said she would go into health classes and hopes to have more than one 55 minute class. She said an hour of time was barely enough to dig into the surface and doesn't give time for her to get to know the kids and get them to open up about issues. She planned to start with the freshman and see where else she should go.

At this time the Board took a tour of the Solace facility. It was noted that artwork was donated by local artists.

*Ms. Tari entered the meeting at this time.*

#### B. Solace Education & Prevention School Curriculum

Ms. Coss said the brochure doesn't explain what she does. She said she doesn't have an actual curriculum; she has a guideline based on the class.

Ms. Panichelli said her program works with fourth graders and child sexual abuse prevention and she has a session curriculum. Sessions were one hour for each class with focus on body boundaries, things the child could do, who the child could talk to, how to listen to their gut and how to talk to a trusted adult. She said the kids were given tools if they or someone they knew was experiencing sexual abuse.

She said Solace starts with a preprogram survey that asks questions to see how much the kids know. She said many of the children believe strangers do the abuse. The program tries to get across that abuse was often by someone the kids trusted.

*At this time Caitlin Smith, Vice Chair called the meeting to order and returned to the Agenda action items.*

#### **APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

Old Business: Item A, PYE Implementation and Item C, Teen Center Funding was removed from the agenda.

**The Agenda was approved by consensus as amended.**

#### **APPROVAL OF MINUTES – January 20, 2011**

**Mr. Gordon moved to approve the Minutes of January 20, 2011 as presented. Mr. Fortier-Shultz seconded the motion and it passed by unanimous voice vote.**

#### **NEW BUSINESS**

##### C. Review of Recommendation to the Mayor on New Board Members

Ms. Rodriguez explained that the Board reviewed the applications and made decisions on everyone except the representative for St. Michaels. She said the Board agreed to talk with every person who applied from St. Michaels. One nominee was present.

Ms. Tari said she was unsure about some of the people confirmed and discussed that with the Chair. She said Chair Wirth said he would have a phone conversation with the nominees and they may be asked to attend a meeting before their positions were confirmed.

Nominee Ms. Jacquie Padilla provided her background for the Board:

Ms. Padilla said she was 16 years old and a junior at St. Michael's High School. She said she has done a lot of community work and was a member of the Kiwanis Club and assisted with traditional events. She has worked on a community board in California and had been the youngest member of a board similar to City Council.

Ms. Padilla said she coaches a dance team at St. Michaels and is familiar with working with others her age and helping in the community. Recently she volunteered at the Children's Museum with her school and in her free time and would possibly intern with them in the summer.

The Board members asked Ms. Padilla questions:

*Q: What is the most important extracurricular activity she was involved in?*

A: Volunteering, because she was involved with the community and met amazing people in different areas. She works with the psychologist that works with kids and also works in the office and sees the business side of things, while providing help to the community in a nonprofit organization.

*Q: What does she most look forward to working on with MYAB?*

A: To see how the political side of Santa Fe works. She wants to see how she could make a difference and what steps to take to get there.

*Q: Seeing the work with Solace and the community outreach, would she be interested in promoting that in the schools?*

A: Absolutely. Relationship violence and harassment was a big issue for their age. She thought it would be great if the work could be expanded-specifically into the high schools.

*Q: What would she like to achieve by being on the Board?*

A: She was interested in hunger. Her school works a lot with food donation and works with grocery stores to get donations. She said food and shelter were very important and she has seen a lot of kids their age (with that issue) that she wanted to find an alternative for. She visited Saint Elizabeth's Shelter and learned adults were welcome but not overnight. She said more research should be done to find places for teens to stay overnight.

*Q: With regard to human rights lobbying; providing shelters for the homeless, etc., what things could she do on the Board?*

A: She would look at fundraisers or set up meetings with companies about getting donations or sponsors that could help spread the word.

*Q: What sets her apart from other applicants?*

A: She said she was good at communication with others of any age and also could voice her opinion and tries to make change. She was good at organizing events and setting and accomplishing goals.

*Q: Does she consider herself open-minded? Does she defend her opinions?*

A: Yes she considers herself very open-minded but she does voice her opinion. She believes

there is always compromise to include others opinions and find a good medium.

## **OLD BUSINESS**

### **A. Review of the PYE Implementation**

Mr. Nicko Butler said he could talk about PYE. He said he started at Santa Fe Prep because it was a small private school with different control issues.

Mr. Butler said when he went to Santa Fe High he stopped by the Assistant Principal's office who seemed surprised he was there. He thought the program was making a difference but Santa Fe High was slower than at Santa Fe Prep because of the size. He thought the program was good and had noticed positive things from it.

The Board members talked about the reactions of students. Mr. Fortier-Shultz said some of his friends had asked who the cop was he was hanging out with. Ms. Smith said she overheard some of the Prep kids say they thought the program was cool. Mr. Butler said he ran into kids he knew from teen court and they thought it was great. He said at Santa Fe High School they have three lunch periods and he was able to stay for all three.

Deputy Chief Anaya said Ben had been to Capital High School. He said Ben told him the experience was very positive and the relationship with the students was great and they were very forth coming and approached him to talk.

Deputy Chief Anaya said Sergeant Carlos went to Ortiz and DeVargas and talked with kids. He said Sergeant Carlos told him he had received positive vibes from the kids and it was working well.

Mr. Butler asked the Board if they would be okay if the program moved into the elementary (schools), etc.

Ms. Tari said she wanted to be sure the program was in the high schools approved by the Board.

Deputy Chief Anaya said all of the high schools were done with the exception of St. Michael's. He said all of the schools identified by the Board were visited and had been positive.

Mr. Butler asked the Board members if officers should communicate with them and the Board members agreed that was a good idea.

Ms. Smith said she tried to email the officer for St. Michaels, Sgt. Carlos and thought her email might have gone to spam and he never received it. She would try again.

### **B. Mentorship Festival-Kamon Tari**

Ms. Kristen Slater Huff was introduced. She said she was with the City of Santa Fe in Senior Services and oversaw RSVP (Retired Senior Volunteer Program) and the Foster Grandparent Program. She said the two programs had potential to recruit volunteers for the Mentorship Festival and Senior Services would love to

support MYAB and participate.

Ms. Slater Huff explained her programs supported their volunteers and volunteers age 55 and up could join to get benefits. She said the RSVP program counted for almost any volunteer for any amount of time and the Foster Grandparent Program the volunteers that qualify received a small stipend. She said the program was seniors that worked with kids in elementary and middle schools and childcare head starts.

Ms. Slater Huff said she writes a newsletter that goes to seniors throughout the County and City. She thought that would be a good way to get the word out about the Mentorship Festival.

Ms. Tari said Ms. Slater Huff would be willing to provide advertisement and recruit mentors. She said the Festival would be planned for June. She said she had talked with Ms. Slater Huff and Mr. Simon Brackley (Chamber of Commerce) and they asked some good questions that should be addressed. She said the Board could discuss them at the next meeting.

She said the plan was to hold the event at the Rail Yard and have booths and tables. Teens could move among the tables and find mentors they liked and the mentor and kid could coordinate their times and schedules.

Ms. Slater Huff said from the mentor's perspective this could sound overwhelming. She asked if MYAB would offer the mentor a guideline and if follow-up to keep the mentors in the loop would be done.

Ms. Tari said MYAB wanted to make the festival biannual. She said mentors would be welcome to come back.

She talked about a schedule for the mentor and mentored and suggested they should meet frequently; once a week, throughout the summer, June, July and August.

Ms. Rodriguez said that would be good because from a mentors position they would only need to commit to three months and that wouldn't be overwhelming. She said if it worked out between the mentor and the child, they could then re-sign or work with a different child or possibly two.

Ms. Slater Huff asked if criminal background checks would be done before the mentors participated and if there would be guidelines regarding money; some of the mentors were income challenged. She asked if there would be an expectation the kids had to be taken somewhere.

Ms. Tari said the mentor's responsibility would be to teach about their career, skill or talent. She said the mentors would need to have skills etc. that the kids would be interested in.

Ms. Tari asked the status on contacts.

Ms. Smith said she was working on hers.

Mr. Fortier-Shultz said he left a message for Kate Noble. Ms. Rodriguez explained that Ms. Noble worked part-time and suggested a call in the mornings. She said also Fabian Trujillo could be a contact.



Mr. Fortier-Shultz agreed he would contact the Santa Fe New Mexican and the Reporter about advertising.

Ms. Tari said she called the main office of the Boys and Girls Club and they wanted to do a background check. She said she sent an e-mail at their request but hasn't received a reply.

Ms. Rodriguez suggested she resend the e-mail and provided Ms. Tari with contacts.

Ms. Tari said Mr. Brackley was interested in working with them. She said he had asked about insurance in case a kid was hurt.

Ms. Rodriguez said if the Festival was held close enough to Warehouse 21, they could sponsor the event and it would be under their liability insurance.

Ms. Tari she wasn't sure of the status of Chair Wirth's contacts; the most important was Mayor Coss. Ms. Smith offered to contact Chair Wirth on the status.

Ms. Tari suggested the Festival be held on a Saturday or Sunday.

The Board discussed dates and times for the Festival and decided on Saturday, *June 4, 2011 from 2 p.m. to 5 p.m.*

Ms. Tari said she would contact Chair Wirth about meeting informally. She reminded everyone to make their contacts by then.

#### **DISCUSSION ITEMS FOR NEXT MEETING AND CHOOSE NEXT MEETING PLACE**

Thursday, March 17, 2011 is the next meeting; Southside Library was mentioned as a possible location. Mr. Fortier-Shultz said Chair Wirth wanted to wait on items for the next agenda.

#### **MATTERS FROM THE COMMITTEE**

Ms. Tari said she and Mr. Fortier-Shultz were having a party Saturday, March 12 from 7 to 10 at NMSA and the party was open to anyone. There was a \$3 admission and the details would be on Facebook.

#### **MATTERS FROM THE FLOOR**

There were none.

#### **ADJOURNMENT**

**Mr. Fortier-Shultz moved to adjourn the meeting. Mr. Salazar seconded the motion and it passed by unanimous voice vote.**

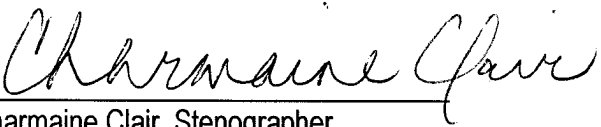
*Having no further business to address the meeting adjourned at 6:13 p.m.*

Approved by:

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Caitlin Smith, Vice Chair

Submitted by:

  
Charmaine Clair, Stenographer