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SANTA FE REGIONAL JUVENILE JUSTICE BOARD

Wednesday

June 15th, 2011

3:00-5:00 P.M.

CYFD OFFICES

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MINUTES OF THE
SANTA FÉ REGIONAL
JUVENILE JUSTICE BOARD
June 15, 2011

1. CALL TO ORDER

A meeting of the Santa Fé Regional Juvenile Justice Board was called to order by Deacon Anthony Trujillo on the above date at approximately 3:00 p.m. in the Pojoaque Room at CYFD, Santa Fé, New Mexico.

2. ROLL CALL

A quorum was not present as follows:

Members Present

Deacon Anthony Trujillo, Vice Chair
Bonifacio Armijo
Kit Ayala [arriving later]
Jim Bianca
Patty Montes Burkes
Mark Caldwell
Tommy Rodriguez

Members Absent

Judge Michael Vigil, Chair [excused]
Carmichael Dominguez
Mary Ellen Gonzales [excused]

Others Present

Barry Macintosh, Boys Program
Sam Jackson, Day Reporting
Tita Gervers, SFPS
Detective, Robert Vásquez, SFPD
Jack Ortega, consultant
Shelley Mann Lev, SFPS
Mary Beth Brady, SFPS
Mary Louise Romero, ICM
Terrie Rodriguez, City of Santa Fé

3. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Mr. Armijo moved to approve the agenda as presented. Ms. Montes Burkes seconded the motion and it passed by unanimous voice vote.

4. INTRODUCTION OF BOARD MEMBERS AND GUESTS

Everyone present introduced themselves.

5. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

March 16, 2011

April 20, 2011

May 18, 2011

April 28, 2008

August 21, 2008

Mr. Armijo moved to approve the minutes of April 28, 2008, August 21, 2008, March 16, 2011, April 20, 2011 and May 18, 2011 as presented. Mr. Bianca seconded the motion and it passed by unanimous voice vote.

6. FINANCIAL REPORT – Jack Ortega

A. Budget – Detailed Budget and Financial Report

Mr. Ortega provided a written copy of the financial report for the period ending in May and went through the balances remaining. He said the County was in the last steps for drawing down the \$75,000 allocated for Day Reporting.

The \$15,000 for the Drop Off Center was now at YouthWorks and he would talk about it later.

He reported that by the end of June they should have a zero balance.

B. Budget Increase from CYFD

Mr. Ortega said part of the budget would show that original \$46,000 for the drop off center and Santa Fé wouldn't get that for next year because the program was canceled. He explained that CYFD did not allow the budgeted allocation to be used for another program. However, he begged and got them to provide \$10,000 in its place. He explained that federal funds for the continuum statewide were \$1.8 million and \$1.4 million of it were state funds. The rest was from federal sources and that had been reduced. So some sites

including Santa Fé would see some reduction.

Thus, the basis was \$181,000 and CYFD had already fronted a fourth of that money starting in July. Then CYFD would get the rest figured out in 90 days.

The rumor at CYFD was that since the Governor had not named new JJAC members, CYFD would roll out a quick RFP to offset that delay.

7. Reports

Mr. Ortega said if they could dispense with verbal reports this month, Mr. De Mella would present year end reports next time and they could spend more time dealing with lots of options for the budget.

8. NEW BUSINESS

A. Budget 2011/2012 [two handouts]

Mr. Ortega went through FY 11 items in the budget. The stimulus addition funded CASA for a total budget of \$233,031 of which the \$15,700 was a one-time funding.

In FY 12 the \$10,000 was unspecified.

Ms. Ayala arrived at this time.

Mr. Ortega said he had subtracted the \$15,000 twice and it was parked with YouthWorks. The mentoring line item at \$15,000 was also uncommitted.

Mr. Armijo asked about the tutor's comment last month about the tutoring program not working. Mr. Ortega said he would address that in a minute.

Mr. Ortega provided a second handout with three tables on it. The first table was FY 12 non-core activity funds. The Board had committed for Family Youth Resources (FYR) \$31,000 to go to the school board for funding the position. The RJJJB first talked about Agua Fria or Chávez Elementary as a location. They had a person at Agua Fria but Caesar Chávez had no resources. After much discussion the money was moved to Chávez. But there was some trouble recruiting and trouble moving the money. That \$31,000 was for SFPS right now and available for use next school year.

That meant there were a total of \$71,000 available funds for the Board to allocate. The next table showed the options. The two big ones were FYR and the other was the Restorative Justice program run by Ms. Brady for the last two years. Another choice was for CASA at \$15,000.

The third table showed the potential FY 13 funding.

Ms. Mann Lev said Restorative Justice had been active for four years at Santa Fé High School. It was originally funded by the state legislature. The program sought to repair the harm done instead of imposing punishment.

Two years ago the Board agreed through Disparities money to devote funds to high risk kids at DeVargas Middle School and 30 kids got intensive services. In the tracking they had not done well afterward although they did graduate from middle school. This year they decided to use a peer panel program (larger cohort) and Ms. Brady, with other funds from SFPS, became the full time coordinator and instituted the program at all 5 middle schools as well as at Agua Fria Elementary. At the high school level she focused on the ISS program to make it as restorative as possible. She also had mediation classes.

The school district had incorporated many of the components but much of them were personality driven.

She hoped for one more year in which SFPS would provide a match to support a full time coordinator and move toward more institutionalization. Ms. Romero was choosing not to do the work at the Santa Fé High School and the other person was moving away.

She read the letter to the executive team for the request. They approved the request. For the \$31,000 SFPS would provide \$40,000 to have the full time coordinator. All principals and vice principals would be trained in Restorative Justice. Circles would be implemented at the elementary school level and training of all school counselors. At middle school the program would continue training of peer panels. An elective teacher would be identified for full day training. It would also be comprehensive at both high schools.

The hope was that if Board could fund the pro-social activities (at about \$4,000) the program would be complete. She had an outline of the projected outcomes that would move them closer to institutionalization.

She asked that the Board allocate the \$31,000 to this program. They also hoped there would be money for the FYR specialist but without any guarantee of future funding, she thought they should focus on what was already working instead of on a new proposal.

Ms. Gervers reported a change in the FYR program. The person at Agua Fria decided to leave town. They were counting on that person to train the coordinator at Chávez but the institutional memory was gone. She had the training and was an MSW. Now they had to find a new resource specialist. She described what the program was intended to do.

Mr. Bianca said it was clear in the second table that the Board had \$71,000 to work with and he thought all of the options were possible to approve.

Mr. Caldwell agreed with Mr. Bianca. Maintaining something with juvenile justice, he would second that by keeping both programs.

Mr. Ortega said they could do that this year but had no guarantee for the following year. The continuum was preparing to meet with the interim committee and ask for a million dollars. The chances were about 60-70 in favor. Squeezing them for more money would not be difficult.

Mr. Armijo asked why it was a hard decision for the executive committee.

Ms. Mann Lev said they just found out about the staff changes. They were talking about asking principals to reallocate funds for this commitment. It needed a different commitment from the very top.

Ms. Gervers said up until three weeks ago they were expecting the DMC money for next year. These contracting budgets were shrinking budgets. She considered the places where they had already invested for training and professional development. It was not a time to start a new program. She was advocating for Restorative Justice because they already had a trained program but didn't for FYR center.

Mr. Ortega said what started the scramble was that up until 5 weeks ago Santa Fé thought we would get the \$46,000 but had to accept the cuts. So they lost about \$52,000 in one day.

Mr. Bianca said the only way to argue for them was to have them in existence. If not funded now, they wouldn't be in FY 13. If we didn't approve them, we would lose them. Both of them would have professional people providing professional services. They also brought three important entities together to them.

Mr. Armijo was concerned about the risk of losing both of them.

Ms. Romero said they had to look at what restorative justice did. It was written into the code of conduct by the school board. These kids, if suspended for 15 days, would drop out. This needed the buy in from principals. RJ was the foundation for helping kids recognize what they did wrong and how to make it right. Transformation happened. She would support Ms. Brady at Santa Fé HS.

Ms. Ayala felt there was something really backward about having the administration commit to this program when this Board had been doing it for a long time. The admin was lackadaisical about it. It should start at the top and go to the bottom. The article in the paper was very favorable on Ms. Romero's program but didn't mention Ms. Brady's program. The kids really liked the program and want to do it. It was a code of conduct that everyone should do. The letter was nice but a little too late - 4 years too late.

Mr. Rodriguez thought both programs were good and everyone agreed they were both needed. The JPO had been attempting to work with kids at a younger age. He asked if they were going to roll the dice or put all of their eggs in the same basket. He was willing to take the risk. He wanted to see us work in the elementary schools with the highest risk kids.

Detective Vásquez said RJ was probably the most heated subject in college. It depended on the personalities involved. This was his research paper. Without accountability from higher ups, it wouldn't work. They were investing money in a program that could go either way. It was most beneficial for younger children and not so much with adults. So he would ask for accountability in writing and consequences if not

followed.

He related how he was anti RJ in college and did the research and realized it would work but would take commitment and money. There were victims out there that didn't want the offender to be rehabilitated but just incarcerated.

He hadn't seen data in the four years to support the program.

Vice Chair Trujillo asked what institutionalization meant.

Ms. Mann Lev said that meant to become the norm for the school system. The article in the paper was about Ms. Romero's program, not about RJ. The school had not funded RJ. They did have data however to support the tracking that happened last year. A final report was being prepared. The Board would be contributing to the RJ program and to that coordination. This was where training of local administrators was the key.

There had been a growing body of literature on RJ. It was a field that was developing and getting recognition.

There would be recommended guidelines and accountability with tracking. The contribution from the Board would be about 40% of the cost of the program.

Vice Chair Trujillo said when he first started on this Board some members went to some big cities with lots of money to do wonderful things. And Santa Fé didn't have it but started and took some chances and now other sites come to Santa Fé to see what we were doing. We've had faith even when we took a chance. He saw both programs as very good. RJ was good but he heard what Mr. Rodriguez said about going to younger ages - the Family Resources. Sweeney pointed out that a lot of what the Board was doing was superficial. A family resource was going to be working intensively with them.

Mr. Ortega said irrespective of the worst scenario, there was money for 2011. Suppose one program goes by the wayside; they would only need to make up \$6,000.

He had talked with Patricia Innes, the tutor. They experimented a lot this year. The results were not great. She liked the idea of refocusing to what she did before - work intensively with the family resource person at Chávez. Her expertise was elementary education and she felt she could do a good job there. If she had time, she could also work with a few JPO kids. They were going to try for another million for continuum and if that happened, there would not be a problem.

Ms. Romero related why she was not doing her work at Santa Fé High any more. There was much less buy in from the principals.

Mr. Armijo agreed everyone wanted it to succeed but it should succeed in 3-5 years. If not, it was not going to succeed.

The Board continued to discuss the pros and cons of the options before them.

At approximately 4:45 p.m. the Board decided to go into executive session to consider the specifics of the options.

Mr. Armijo moved to go into executive session (pursuant to NMSA 1978 Article 10-15-1.H(6)) to consider allocations of funds to specific programs. The motion was seconded by Mr. Bianca and passed by unanimous voice vote.

The Board returned to open session at approximately 5:45 p.m.

Vice Chair Trujillo announced that during the closed session the following actions were taken:

A motion was made to fund neither the FYR nor Restorative Justice programs. The motion failed for lack of a second.

A motion was made to fund the FYR program, the Restorative Justice program and the currently funded core programs at 30% each of the \$71,000 available funds. The motion died for lack of a second.

A motion was made and seconded to fund both FYR and Restorative Justice at the levels proposed. The motion failed by a vote of 2 in favor and 6 against.

A motion was made and seconded to fund FYR at Cesar Chávez Elementary at \$31,000 and the remaining funds of the \$71,000 to be discussed by the Board for enhancing the FYR program or to be distributed to other core programs. The motion passed by unanimous voice vote.

9. BOARD ANNOUNCEMENTS

There were no Board announcements.


10. NEXT MEETING - July 20, 2011

11. ADJOURNMENT

Having completed the agenda and with no further business to come before the Board, the meeting adjourned at 5:45 p.m.

Approved by:

Submitted by:



Carl Boaz, Stenographer

Anthony Trujillo, Vice Chair