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SANTA FE REGIONAL JUVENILE JUSTICE BOARD

Wednesday
August 17th, 2011
3:00-5:00 P.M.
CYFD OFFICES
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MINUTES OF THE
SANTA FÉ REGIONAL
JUVENILE JUSTICE BOARD
August 17, 2011

1. CALL TO ORDER

A meeting of the Santa Fé Regional Juvenile Justice Board was called to order by Deacon Anthony Trujillo, Vice Chair, 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 present as follows:

Members Present

Deacon Anthony Trujillo, Vice Chair
Bonifacio Armijo
Kit Ayala
Jim Bianca [arriving later]
Mark Caldwell
Mary Ellen Gonzales
Tommy Rodriguez

Members Absent

Judge Michael Vigil, Chair
Carmichael Dominguez

Others Present

Patricia Innes, Tutor
Alice Sealy
Barbara Goodwin, SFPS
Shelley Mann Lev, SFPS
Mary Louise Romero, ICM
Sam Jackson, Day Reporting
Richard Lindahl, CYFD
Janice Quinn, CASA
James O'Neill, CASA
Karen Longenecker, United Way - First Born
Annabelle Romero, Day Reporting
Mary Beth Brady, SFPS

Staff Present:

Richard De Mella
Jack Ortega

3. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Vice Chair Trujillo added a CASA report under 5. Under 7, Youth Works would not be present. In their place would be a presentation on the United Way's First Born Program.

Ms. Gonzales moved to approve the agenda as amended. Mr. Armijo 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

July 20, 2011

Mr. Armijo moved to approve the minutes of July 20, 2011 as presented. Mr. Caldwell seconded the motion and it passed by unanimous voice vote.

A. CASA Report.

Mr. Bianca arrived at this time.

Ms. Quinn passed around a written report. She explained that one handout was a volunteer time sheet. They wanted to stress referrals because mentors wanted to get kids involved in activities to move toward their goals. She provided a handout on the mentor's worksheet toward goals. She said they used a graphic tree because kids related to it better than other ways. The narrative attached to the time sheet was to help the Board understand the mentor's relationship with the youth. She commented that one of them ended up in jail for 3 months; one was taken to personnel at LANL, dancing lessons, animal shelter, etc.

The challenge was to keep the youth doing what they did with Ms. Romero. They might need more umph behind the court appointment. Judge Vigil wanted the CASA to come to the courtroom with the youth. Hey were meeting with JPO staff and with Ms. Romero every week.

Ms. Romero appreciated the CASA program. It helped her to know they could bridge with the CASA program. So after she worked with the young person after court it was the last time she met with them. This helped the youth to be embraced with the same things.

The Judge couldn't be here but wanted her to emphasize how important CASA was to him.

Mr. De Mella noted that the City was starting a mentoring program at Boys and Girls Club and Carlos Ortega Teen Center. Secondly, in the Children and Youth program, that person was retiring. Two of the councilors want 10% of the referrals to be to our programs so they would have a list of activities for these

kids to be plugged into.

Ms. Gonzales said it amazed her how clueless the kids sometimes were.

Mr. Ortega said as soon as that program became official the Board should send a thank you to the City Council and follow up with a paragraph on how the Board could link up with the City.

Ms. Ayala said she understood the CASA volunteers were primarily for abuse and neglect victims and now she understood they were working with delinquent kids too going through children's court.

Ms. Quinn agreed. Judge Barbara Vigil asked and Judge Michael Vigil asked when CASA had enough mentors to take these on also.

Many of the children were in both courts so it was helpful for trained volunteers to work in both courts.

Ms. Ayala asked if they were finding that those abused sometimes become delinquent. Ms. Quinn agreed.

Mr. Lindahl thought it was a wonderful program. They all had JPOs.

Mr. Rodriguez didn't want the JPO to play the role of heavy so he didn't want to force them. They had to get the kids to want to do this. Many of them didn't want to go to counseling or school or talk with their parents. Using pressure didn't work.

Ms. Quinn agreed. One of the kids was very good at manipulating everyone around her. But she wanted the youth and the parents to know that it was court-ordered.

Mr. Rodriguez said the JPO let the kids know how important it was. It was court ordered so it was a condition of the probation.

Mr. Bianca asked if they understood what that meant.

Mr. Rodriguez said they did because we explain it to them.

Mr. Bianca talked briefly about helping those with some leadership skills start to become a leader.

Ms. Quinn said they used people from other agencies to foster good relationships. She would love to see some of the youth become youth mentors.

Mr. Bianca said mentoring to him was on the same level (meaning not adults).

Mr. Ortega countered that the reason why they funded CASA was because they struggled for a long time with follow-up to Ms. Romero program. They tried to replicate with some part-time positions and that

didn't work well. Ms. Romero felt they were moving on quite well but after 6 weeks had to say goodbye to them and they needed continued adult role models. So CASA helped lengthen that relationship. The JPO was the hammer. CASA could establish the mentor relationship to help them experience positive things.

Mr. Bianca thought they should be encouraging Ms. Romero to give the youth those elements that would encourage leadership roles.

Mr. Ortega disagreed. The kids she got were going to delinquency court. Some might have leadership potential and given the right atmosphere might develop it. But the court was not picking potential leaders.

Mr. Bianca didn't see where that could be done in the programs offered.

Ms. Gonzales agreed that it took a while to develop trust with them and sometimes for us, calling on the JPO for help with their responsibilities to show up. She understood how important that was.

Mr. Caldwell said there were kids at every level. Every program was on target for where the kids were. For advanced kids - basically they could development those leadership skills but could direct kids in other directions. The adult mentors were perfect for some. It took an understanding of the full juvenile justice spectrum. At the Boys Training School a young man got his GED while incarcerated and later became a Superintendent. We don't stop trying.

6. FINANCIAL REPORT – Richard De Mella

A. Budget – Detailed Budget and Financial Report

Mr. De Mella handed out the financial reports. Amendment Number Two was to extend the contract term through September 30, 2011. They increased the budget by \$54,000 to \$287,364. They should have all of this spent by September 30.

Vice Chair Trujillo said after reviewing the minutes he sent an email to Annabelle Romero who would come later today.

Mr. Armijo said he spoke to Commissioner Vigil to make sure the billing would take place. They missed the boat. He let her know that they needed to get it billed right away.

7. REPORTS

A. First Born Program.

Ms. Karen Longenecker made the presentation. It was a home visitation program for first time parents and was a prevention program. The goal was to reduce their ACE score (adverse childhood experience). 4

or higher meant they had been exposed to different types of abuse or household dysfunction. Then their tendency for drop out, alcoholism, etc. was higher.

The program worked with children 0-3 in ways to keep the ACE scores low. The program was almost 3 years old. It was completely free and voluntary. They took high risk families and families that might not appear to be at risk.

They worked with them from, during pregnancy or dad's first child. After the child was 2 months old they could not enroll them. They worked with the family until the child was 3 years. The program dealt with bonding, nutrition, screening for violence and substance abuse, post-partum issues, etc.

She came to the Board for 2 reasons. The first was to improve networking.

The program started in Grant County (Silver City) in JPO. They could talk about family planning and spacing their children out and were sensitive to their belief systems.

If a family didn't like the program, they could stop at any time. She really believed in the preventative nature of the program.

She had lots of information and business cards to share. She invited referrals of anyone who qualified. It was an easy process - one-page and fax it in.

At the first visit they could decide whether to participate or not. They had a very short waiting list. So it was important to get them in while the mom was pregnant. With a referral she was confident they could get the family into the program.

Ms. Ayala liked the idea because it spoke to the cradle to prison pipeline philosophy. The families we identify need services all along the continuum.

Vice Chair Trujillo added that Ms. Longenecker was very bi-lingual.

Ms. Longenecker said most of her staff were also. She also had a staff member fluent in Hindi as well.

Mr. Rodriguez was not aware of this program and was definitely interested in having her talk to the JPOs. He always thought they should look at a risk needs assessment for OB/GYNs with people about to have a baby.

Ms. Longenecker said the hospital was their #1 referral source and they had a great relationship with many OB/GYNs. They didn't label families and could work with all of them.

Mr. Armijo asked her about their budgeting.

Ms. Longenecker said CYFD was their biggest funder. Most United Ways didn't do direct service but

UW Santa Fé did. If they got more money they could serve more families. They had been looked at as a best practices program (out of California). She hoped federal funds would open up when they got that designation. The legislature gave them 3 years of funding. They were currently serving over a hundred. Families come in and out all the time. TANF had not been a referral source and didn't provide any funding.

There were some other First Born programs in the state. The curriculum was called First Born. She mentioned a community school that followed up after the First Born program.

A. Report Disparities – Mary Beth Brady

Ms. Brady passed around a printed Powerpoint on her program and briefly reviewed it.

She mentioned how they handled the situation when a gun or knife was brought to the school. When the kids came back who had brought weapons, they had to be part of that class. The kids decided how to deal with those two kids when they came back. That was how Restorative Justice worked.

Mr. De Mella asked why they brought weapons to school.

Ms. Brady said it was to gain social status and to show off.

She broke the report out by educational level and said she would email the report to Mr. De Mella to be shared with everyone. Peer panels was what the Board funded this year. She described what the peer panels did. 241 kids were serviced this year.

Restorative Justice was a mindset more than a program. It was what they did with conflict when it happened. Restorative Justice was not supported at the high school with funding last year. Restorative Justice gave kids a sense of self-worth and that they could effect positive change.

Ms. Ayala said some of the concern Mary Louise Romero raised was that possibly Santa Fé high school staff were not supportive.

Ms. Brady said Capital HS had two classes taught by a math teacher and there were no reports. She thought they did not get training.

Mr. Rodriguez said his department had their own Restorative Justice program.

Ms. Gonzales said the crossover caused huge confusion.

Ms. Brady explained that the program ended in May. There would be a Task Force to consider what might happen in the future and hopefully would make good plans for the future. What was presented in June was what needed to happen.

Ms. Mann Lev thought what was built by Ms. Brady was good but the resources were not available to continue.

Ms. Brady said it would continue at DeVargas and Eldorado. People would have to be trained. But this could not just be assigned for someone to do. It was not like teaching math.

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Disparities -

Ms. Brady said in 2009-2010 she worked with 30 kids at DeVargas and had a 40% drop in serious incidents and suspensions. All but 3 passed their classes and she tracked them the next year. Of 14 freshmen, 7 were still freshmen but 21 of 24 were registered for school this year. 6-8 were not attending school at all at the end of the year. It was very hard to track these kids.

Ms. Ayala said they were missing a part of continuum because the compulsory attendance law was not being enforced. It was a big hole in what the Board was trying to do. Truancy was a gateway crime. The DA and public defender's office were not here.

Mr. Rodriguez said he had contact with the DA's office and she could not attend on Wednesdays. It was the same reason for the Public Defender.

Jennifer said they didn't have court tomorrow but changing the date would help greatly.

Mr. Rodriguez said they had one DA for three counties. There were a bunch of schools in those counties. He agreed that truancy was a big problem. If parents cared about education, the kids would care about education.

Mr. De Mella added that putting them in jail didn't work. It meant nothing to them.

Mr. Rodriguez said putting the only employable person in jail didn't help them either. The schools were referring to JPO and there was a program in Teen Court to help. The DA's role was to bring the family to the judge.

Ms. Mann Lev suggested the Board have that as a presentation item soon. Mr. Rodriguez agreed.

Ms. Brady said Restorative Justice was about violating community norms. The community norm was that it was okay to skip school and be truant. It was not just about families. The Youth Development Fund of \$4,000 helped support Aikido for Ortiz students, cooking for the Youth Shelter as an alternative to suspension, purchase of art supplies our T-shirt program. The program had disappeared and was kind of sad.

She thought the Board should make a commitment to support positive youth in the community. The T-

shirts really worked well.

Mr. Rodriguez thanked Ms. Brady for all the work she did in the program. She worked very hard with families.

Mr. Ortega agreed. It had kids involved in the panels and having those two groups meet and discuss had positive outcomes.

Mr. Bianca agreed Restorative Justice was good. It was a philosophy of life for community and family which often was missing today. The program had to be about changing one's life.

Ms. Gonzales thanked Ms. Brady for her wonderful program.

Ms. Innes thanked her too. She saw what Ms. Brady did. It was hard to get grownups on board at Capital for restorative justice rather than punitive action.

Mr. Lindahl said JJAC believed in Restorative Justice. There were several models. Peer Panels was one model. He thought Ms. Brady did a great job with the kids.

Ms. Mann Lev said the District also appreciated her work. Hopefully at some point later on they would be able to implement the program they envisioned. It was still part of the school's code of conduct.

B. Girls' Circle Gender Specific – Youth Works

This item was not considered.

8. NEW BUSINESS

A. Budget 2011/2012 – Jack Ortega

Vice Chair Trujillo invited Annabelle Romero to address questions from the Board.

Mr. Armijo said his concern was the deadline that the County missed. He had asked for several meetings to find out why they were not billing. He called commissioner Vigil about it. When money was available and the recipient missed the boat on \$75,000 it was a big deal.

Annabelle said they typically billed at the end of the year and they believed the contract was through September 30, the end of the federal year.

Mr. De Mella said the year ended in June. Even though they didn't bill, the services were provided. Mr. Jackson gave him the monthly reports. There was a program and kids were helped.

Mr. Armijo said they just needed to make sure it didn't happen again.

Mr. De Mella explained that in the past there were two contracts - one for the city and one for the county. This year it was to be done through an MOU and the County told him not to worry about it.

Annabelle said that person left and she should have made sure that it had happened. It didn't happen but they did get it done. She knew that they had until end of the federal fiscal year. She was not making excuses and promised it wouldn't happen next year. She had far less staff and they had to pick up extra pieces. It was tough.

Mr. Armijo asked if the county could bill on a quarterly basis.

Mr. De Mella said they could do that. There was no problem with the service. They could put in the next MOU that the County would bill us monthly.

Annabelle was grateful that they didn't lose the money and appreciated everyone's concern. She would like to keep doing it the way they were doing it.

Mr. Ortega explained that there were two parts to the fiscal. One part was the MOU which required two governments to agree. You were right that the invoice could be sent at the end but the MOU had to be completed and signed off within 60 days and then you could invoice as you please. He would prefer the County not wait until the end of the year. But the Board needed to have the signed MOU first.

Regardless of whether it was state or federal dollars, the Board operated under the state fiscal year July 1 through June 30. So he urged them to get the MOU signed and then the county could invoice after the fact of services rendered. The Board would prefer quarterly or semi-annually but before that, they needed to get that MOU in place. If there was a boilerplate for that, they could just change the dates and get it signed.

Annabelle agreed that was the stumbling block. Up until this year they were doing a contract rather than an MOU. The person working on it left and she should have followed up. That did have to be in place.

She disagreed with Jack about the contract year.

Mr. Ortega explained how JJAC did it. The only reason they got an amendment this year was because the Governor had not named a new JJAC. Otherwise the contract would have ended on June 30 and the money would not have been paid.

What he got from JJAC today was that services would terminate on September 30. CYFD would issue another amendment for the next 3 quarters. He got assurance today that the money left now could be carried over to June 30 through the other amendment.

Mr. Bianca said they needed some sort of formality that the MOU was accomplished. That was not the

work of this Board.

Annabelle said they had the MOU over to the City now.

Mr. De Mella said he would walk it through the Finance Committee. If they blessed it, it would go to City Council and get the signatures. Then he had to do a PO to pay them \$93,750 and then Annabelle would send him a bill and the City would pay the County and then he had to bill CYFD to pay back that amount to the City.

Mr. Bianca said the Board needed to know the money was being expended. He suggested they bill every quarter. Nobody ever questioned that the work was not being done. But they didn't want to be in this predicament again. We can't depend on staff always being there. It should be done. MOUs were done every day.

Annabelle said it was well under way before the staff member left.

Ms. Gonzales moved to encourage the City and County to complete the MOU within 60 days of the CYFD award and to bill the City quarterly. Mr. Bianca seconded the motion and it passed by unanimous voice vote.

Mr. Ortega said he could not run through the budget in 5 minutes and they were at 5:00 now. He recommended that a subcommittee be created to come up with a recommendation.

Vice Chair Trujillo asked if they could have a special meeting a week from Friday at 3:00 with this as the only item.

Mr. Rodriguez said they should also consider possibly changing of the date of the monthly meetings.

Mr. De Mella reminded them that they moved it to Wednesday to accommodate Judge Vigil. It didn't matter to him when they met.

Mr. Bianca said they needed to make sure those absent people would attend on the new day chosen.

Mr. Rodriguez said it couldn't be on Thursday. He agreed to check with them.

9. ANNOUNCEMENTS FROM THE BOARD

There were no Board announcements.

10. NEXT MEETING – August 28, 2011


11. ADJOURNMENT

Ms. Gonzales moved to adjourn the meeting. Ms. Ayala seconded the motion and it passed by unanimous voice vote. The meeting was adjourned at 5:10 p.m.

Approved by:

Anthony Trujillo, Vice Chair

Submitted by:



Carl Boaz, Stenographer