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CHILDREN AND YOUTH COMMISSION MEETING

Tuesday, October 23, 2012
Historic Preservation Division Conference Room
Second Floor, City Hall
200 Lincoln Avenue
4:00-6:00 p.m.

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2. Approval of Agenda
3. Approval of Minutes: September 25, 2012
4. New Business:
 - a. Fall Needs Assessment
Richard DeMella, SF Regional Juvenile Justice Planner
Anthony Trujillo, SF Regional Juvenile Justice Board Chair
Karen Rowell, Youth Shelters and Family Services Director
Melynn Schuyler, YouthWorks! Director
City Councilor Bill Dimas
 - b. Debra Oliver, Common Ground request for support
5. Comments from the Chair and Commissioners
6. Staff Report
 - a. Follow up on After School Programs
 - b. FY 12-13 Contract Status
 - c. Update regarding hiring staff for the Commission
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4:00-6:15 p.m.**

1. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order by Sue Hermann, Chair for the Children & Youth Commission at 4:35 pm. A quorum did not exist at the time of roll call.

PRESENT

Sue Anne Herrmann

Ms. Dolores Fidel

*Ms. Ernestine Gallegos de Hagman (arrived at 6:00 pm)

Mr. Thomas Bustamante

Dr. Suzanne Gebhart

NOT PRESENT

Ms. Joanne Lefrak

Mr. Michael Multari

STAFF PRESENT

Ms. Terrie Rodriguez, Staff Liaison

Richard DeMella, SF Regional Juvenile Justice Planner

OTHERS PRESENT

City Councilor Bill Dimas

Karen Rowell, MA, LPC, Youth Shelters

Dan Bailey, Youth Shelters

Melynn Schuyler, Youth Works, Director

Debra Oliver, Common Ground

Fran Lucero, Stenographer

Note: Action on Agenda and Minutes took place as quorum was created).

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4. New Business:

a. Fall Needs Assessment – Discussion was a group discussion.

Richard DeMella, SF Regional Juvenile Justice Planner
Commented that money needs to be put into other programs.
Anthony Trujillo, SF Regional Juvenile Justice Board Chair (not present)

Councilor Dimas addressed the Children and Youth Commission and shared with them the reality of how accessible drugs are to our youth today. Not only in his capacity as a past Judge and now as a City Councilor, but as a parent who experienced a great loss first hand, he reiterated how severe the drug problem is in all communities. Mr. DeMella who is staff liaison for the Santa Fe Regional Juvenile Justice Board shared the sentiment of many of the agencies they serve who provide services to our youth and yet, there are not enough hands and money to provide the service needed for those who want to be helped. Both Councilor Dimas and Mr. DeMella stressed that drugs are being offered to our kids at a very young age. Very young! The problems are starting at home; there is no safe haven for the kids.

Karen Rowell, Youth Shelters and Family Services Director
Stated that there is so much trauma; abuse and neglect and individuals don't know how to navigate the system. We want to provide the alternative form of support until they can walk on their own. It was asked, "what is alternative form of support?" If they do reach a problem stage again, say they become homeless again; they need someone to turn to in times of need. There is now a screening process being conducted which rules out many of those in need. Santa Fe Community College is also screening and if their reading level is below the 8th grade they are not allowed to take the GED. These kids are so over-layed with trauma and yet they are so ready to accept help. There was one kid that was sleeping behind a dumpster and he/she scored a 98 on one of their tests. The resources we are providing are a strong lifeline.

Dan Bailey, Youth Shelters Development Dir.
We see kids who come through the door with such massive disadvantages.
Through the funding that the commission provides, we are able to provide some

equalization to help them succeed. We have kids come to us through multiple points of entry. Thank you for supporting us.

Melynn Schuyler, Youth Works, Director

Base line funding is really important and helps us. With a 50% drop out rate our kids are looking for another path. We need to address that; we can't shove them back and call them truant because they don't fit anymore. The organizations you are talking to right now are picking them up. Substance abuse resources are small and needed badly; we provide services without funds. The Chair asked: When you say alternative paths, what are you talking about? I don't name one organization over another. Kids need the ability to look at their lives and say how can I be valuable? It is a combination of things, when they get GED certificates they still don't know what to do. They need guidance because some of the decisions they have to make are hard. We aren't talking about 18 and above, this is happening very young. You have the substance abuse problem and SER works with them but they also need support. SER is screening the educational levels and they are not allowing anyone under 8th grade level. The School Superintendent says he will not allow any more students to drop out. They are sending these students back in to the schools that have actually failed them. You want to look at legislative dollars and at different sectors.

All agencies echoed what Mr. DeMella reiterated; all programs are running short on funding and need more money.

The Chair expressed her thanks to all and informed them that they are still looking for a replacement for Dr. Lynn Hathaway. This new person will work to put services together.

It was noted that the City has done a wonderful job in streamlining the grant process. Thank you.

b. Debra Oliver, Common Ground request for support

Ms. Oliver provided a letter to Ms. Terri Rodriguez on October 18, 2012 (Exhibit A) which provided an overview of the services offered by Common Ground and a special request to the City for a grant award, outside of cycle, for \$5,000.

Justification for this request is that they are in need of additional funding because their grant was cut in half due to budgetary issues statewide. Yet, the burgeoning number of referrals is such that they will likely run out of fund by February instead of June. She noted that their 501c3 fiscal agent is the Solace Crisis Treatment Center.

They see kids who have a large language issue. Some of the students can't read or write Spanish. 30% of the conferences are done in Spanish and they do have staff that are bilingual. Ms. Oliver proceeded to explain the demographics utilizing a pie chart as the descriptor. *(More detailed information along with the referenced pie chart can be viewed in their end of year report on their website).*

The blue shows total of clients and red are clients of special needs (49%) of 49 clients served. Special needs are more defined as IEP's.

The Chair asked if they do referrals for the kids who are not receiving services. Ms. Oliver said, yes. Common Ground is not a non-profit but SOLACE is their 501C3 who we refer to. There are statistics that 3 out of 5 people coming from Mexico have PTSD.

The Chair asked how many people are on staff. 5

Mr. Bustamante asked; how do you work with the families who are addicted to drugs. The example given earlier was actually related to an individual who had overused pain drugs. The individual has to come to Common Ground clean.

Dr. Gebhart asked Ms. Oliver to explain her reference to Pro Bono services; is there a cost? Dr. Gebhart stated that she was hesitant to consider a request outside of the grant cycle. She asked Ms. Oliver; "why should we make an exception for your program. What is your rationale as to why we should break this rule?"

Ms. Rodriguez offered the response: CYFD awarded a grant to Common Grounds for their services. I thought you might consider this since the funding coming from CYFD was cut in half and their funding was going to other parts of the state. We had some funding that has been recouped from the one of the schools and doesn't go back to the general fund.

Q: What percentage of your kids are city vs. county?

A: The majority as indicated on the pie chart are in the city limits.
(Approximately 95%)

Chair: If we could give you money this year, can you replace it next fiscal year?

No. Ms. Oliver answered the above question from Dr. Gebhart regarding Pro Bono services; they were provided to the JPO's and they offered 10 cases pro bono. By the time the contract was awarded they had a case load that they needed to proceed with.

Ms. Oliver noted that their Final report could be accessed through Terri Rodriguez. The Commission expressed their thanks to Ms. Oliver for the work they do.

Further discussion will be deferred until next meeting to include all members of the Children and Youth Commission.

5. Comments from the Chair and Commissioners

The Chair and Ernestine met with Ike Pino and had a very good meeting regarding the open position. He will revisit the applicant list with their comments and concerns in mind without adding in the summer piece. Site visits use to be done and they haven't been done since she left. When referring to the summer piece, this is not to include any oversight of summer programs.

6. Staff Report – Terri Rodriguez

a. Follow up on After School Programs

Mr. Rodriguez reported that this report was prepared based on a request from Michael Multari. (Exhibit B) Note that Adelante did not report. The report is broken down by – After School Child Care Programs, Number of Days, Number of Children, Amount of C&Y City Funding, Average per Child and Per Day cost. Total number of children reflected is 503 at \$194,000.

Other schools outside the funding group were also listed. Most all have a waiting list. These school programs listed – Number of Days, Number of Children – Weekly Fee/Paid by Parent. Nava has a waiting list of approximately 80. Sweeny reflects just the After School Program, they do two other programs.

b. FY 12-13 Contract Status

Quarterly Report (Exhibit B – back side)
SFPS brought in a request for payment for Adelante.

Breakthrough Santa Fe – (Narrative provided by Talia Winokur, Executive Director – Exhibit C)

Ms. Rodriguez attended the Breakthrough Santa Fe 2012 program this summer and was happy to see this program running almost to the amount funded. Breakthrough middle school program is more than just a place where students learn vital academic skills. It is a place where students feel safe, supported, and excited to learn. They look forward to working with students for the next 6-years, helping them prepare for college. They extended their thank you for the support and endorsement.

**c. Update regarding hiring staff for the Commission
(provided above)**

d. Meeting calendar for 2013. Deferred until next meeting.

7. Matters from the Floor

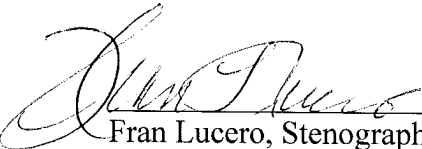
None

8. Adjournment

There being no further business to come before the Santa Fe Children & Youth Commission, the meeting was adjourned at 6:15 pm.

Signature Page:

Anne Herrmann, Chair



Fran Lucero, Stenographer



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Sue Ann Herrmann, Chairperson
Children and Youth Commission

October 18, 2012

Dear Ms. Herrmann:

At the suggestion of Terri Rodriguez, we write to ask you to consider our program for an exception to the Commission's grant cycle.

Common Ground Restorative Justice (CGRJ) has been a provider of Restorative Justice Services (RJ) to the Children, Youth and Families Department for the last three years. Our contract has been renewed for an additional four years, as of the 2013 fiscal year.

We believe RJ complements the mission of the Children and Youth Commission by providing intervention and prevention of recidivism for juveniles who have broken the law and harmed themselves and their communities.

Youth crime and gang activity is on the rise in New Mexico due to a confluence of systemic breakdowns. Our families are increasingly at risk due to economic and social pressures; our schools are overburdened and underfunded, and our children struggle with a sense of diminishing options that can lead to despondency, delinquency and crime.

Restorative Justice is a philosophy that redefines the nature of crime, wrongdoing, violation and conflict. RJ views crime and wrongdoing in a social or collective context rather than an isolated act or violation; offenses both arise from—and in turn foment—imbalance in a community. Rather than view offensive acts as primarily a violation of laws, codes, statutes or rules, RJ stems from traditional roots that view offenses as violations of the very web of relationships in a community. In RJ, the person who tore the social fabric can repair it; and the person who is harmed is in the best position to say how to affect that repair.

Sentencing and incarceration have been the customary remedies for juvenile offenders. RJ requires them instead to meet directly with the persons they have harmed—and their families—to take accountability, to develop empathy for those they have harmed and to perform measures to repair the harm, often directly serving the family or neighborhood they have harmed. With these measures, the relationship between the offender and affected community is repaired and balance is restored.

By definition, RJ enhances community capacity-building. In indigenous cultures, to banish an offender is the action of last resort. Every possible measure is taken to restore relationship. Today, in our fast-paced throw away culture, isolation and imprisonment are often the first actions taken. With the new, pioneering interest in RJ in the state of New Mexico, we are re-embracing the ancient principle that every human being deserves our best efforts toward their reintegration into the community. Current RJ practices are innovative, creative and evolving, with each community bringing its unique insights and resources to bear upon the challenges we face.

We have served 123 juvenile offenders in the last 3 years. On average, 82% fulfill all agreements made in RJ, and our recidivism rate has fallen dramatically, from 25% in the first year to 12% last year.

We are in need of additional funding this year because our grant was cut in half due to budgetary issues statewide. Yet, the burgeoning number of referrals is such that we will likely run out of funds by February instead of June. Therefore, we ask the Commission to consider a grant of \$5,000, to help keep services flowing. Our 501c3 fiscal agent is the Solace Crisis Treatment Center.

We would be very happy to come and speak to the Commission. We have so many inspiring stories of youth whose lives have been turned around. Also, the impact of community engagement in RJ is so outstanding. The Mayor of Santa Fe, together with the Superintendent of SFPS, several city counselors, teachers, police officers, a district court judge and other city officials have participated in our RJ program, to the great benefit of our youth.

We would be most grateful if the Commission would consider our request. If you have any questions, or if you would like a copy of our final report, please do not hesitate to call.

Sincerely,

Debra Oliver
Common Ground Restorative Justice Project Manager

AFTER SCHOOL PROGRAM COMPARISON

After School Child Care Programs	Number of Days	Number of Children	Amount of C & Y City Funding	Average per Child	Per Day
Agua Fria Elementary	180	86	\$50,000	\$581	\$277
GCCC	189	50	0	\$1,085	\$5.74
Monica Roybal Youth Center	189	80	0	\$450	\$2.38
Salazar Elementary	180	84	\$25,000	\$297	\$138
Santa Fe Boys & Girls Club	189	139	\$45,000	\$323	\$238
Sweeney Elementary	180	32	\$54,000	\$1,687	\$300
YMCA at Pinon	180	32	\$20,000	\$625	\$111
TOTAL:		503	\$194,000		

- Antiochia School year

After School Child Care Programs	Number of Days	Number of Children	Weekly Fee/Paid by Parent
Amy Biel	180	125	\$40
Atalaya	180	12	\$55
Cesar Chavez	180	100	\$40
Chapparral	180	27	\$55
EJ Martinez	180	90	Sliding Fee
Eldorado	180	70	\$64
Nava	180	38	Sliding Fee
TOTAL:		462	

Exhibit B

Children & Youth Commission Quarterly Reports 2012-2013

	Organization	Total Award	1st quarter received	2nd quarter received	3rd quarter received	4th quarter received	Total amount paid out to date	Balance Remaining	Percentage Remaining
1	Big Brothers Big Sisters	\$ 10,000.00					\$ 3,000.00	\$ 7,000.00	70%
2	Boys & Girls Club of Santa Fe	\$ 45,000.00					\$ 11,250.00	\$ 33,750.00	75%
3	Citizen Schools/DeVargas School	\$ 15,000.00							100%
4	Cooking with Kids	\$ 30,000.00	10/12/2012						100%
5	Earth Care	\$ 8,000.00							100%
6	Fine Arts for Children & Teens (FACT)	\$ 25,000.00	10/15/2012				\$ 2,465.18	\$ 22,534.82	90%
7	First Serve	\$ 8,000.00							100%
8	Gerard's House	\$ 22,000.00	10/15/2012				\$ 5,500.00	\$ 16,500.00	75%
9	Girls Inc. of Santa Fe	\$ 30,000.00	10/09/2012				\$ 10,000.00	\$ 20,000.00	67%
10	Girls on the Run of Santa Fe	\$ 3,000.00	10/15/2012						100%
11	Las Cumbres Community Serv.	\$ 45,000.00	10/15/2012				\$ 7,732.00	\$ 37,268.00	83%
12	Museum of International Folk Art	\$ 20,000.00	10/10/2012						100%
13	National Dance Institute	\$ 10,000.00	10/15/2012				\$ 1,625.00	\$ 8,375.00	84%
14	NM Center for Therapeutic Riding	\$ 8,000.00	10/10/2012				\$ 4,650.00	\$ 3,350.00	42%
15	NM Suicide Intervention Project	\$ 60,000.00	10/09/2012				\$ 12,930.18	\$ 47,069.82	78%
16	New Vistas	\$ 20,000.00					\$ 5,101.61	\$ 14,898.39	74%
17	Odd Fellows SFPS Music Program	\$ 10,000.00							100%
18	Partners in Education Foundation/SFPS	\$ 35,000.00	10/15/2012				\$ 1,750.00	\$ 33,250.00	95%
19	Planned Parenthood of NM	\$ 6,000.00	10/17/2012				\$ 1,500.00	\$ 4,500.00	75%
20	Presbyterian Medical Services	\$ 25,000.00	10/15/2012						100%
21	Randall Davey Audubon Center	\$ 27,000.00	10/15/2012				\$ 5,967.73	\$ 21,032.27	78%
22	Santa Fe Children's Museum	\$ 45,000.00							100%
23	Santa Fe Prep/Breakthrough Santa Fe	\$ 8,000.00	10/15/2012				\$ 8,000.00	\$ -	0%
24	SFPS Adelante Program	\$ 52,000.00					\$ 22,185.59	\$ 29,814.41	57%
25	SFPS Agua Fria Afterschool Program	\$ 50,000.00							100%
26	SFPS Salazar Afterschool Program	\$ 25,000.00							100%
27	SFPS Sweeney Early Intervention Program	\$ 54,000.00	10/15/2012						100%
28	SFPS Teen Parent Center	\$ 50,000.00							100%
29	SF Teen Arts/ Warehouse 21	\$ 49,000.00					\$ 8,874.59	\$ 40,125.41	82%
30	SF SER Jobs for Progress	\$ 30,000.00	10/09/2012				\$ 7,496.52	\$ 22,503.48	75%
31	YMCA of Central NM	\$ 20,000.00	10/15/2012				\$ 2,550.00	\$ 7,450.00	100%
32	Young Fathers/ Partners in Educ.	\$ 10,000.00	10/15/2012						75%
33	Youth Shelters and Family Services	\$ 10,000.00	10/15/2012						100%
34	YouthWorks!	\$ 50,000.00	10/15/2012				\$ 12,500.00	\$ 37,500.00	75%
35	Zona del Sol	\$ 10,000.00	10/18/2012				\$ 1,539.94	\$ 8,460.06	85%

Breakthrough Santa Fe
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Exhibit C

**Children and Youth Commission
Quarterly Report**

Narrative prepared by Talia Winokur, Executive Director

We are excited to report that the Breakthrough Santa Fe 2012 summer program was a huge success. We served 60 middle school and 72 high school students. Middle school students came from 8:00-3:45 each weekday for six weeks. They were taught Reading, Writing, Math and Science by top high school and college students from Santa Fe and around the country. In addition to academics, middle school students learned study skills, organization, and social skills they will need to be effective self-advocates in high school in college. Our students grew an average of 6% on a nationally normed algebra readiness test, and by 8th grade 87% of our students are proficient in expository writing.

But the Breakthrough middle school program is more than just a place where students learn vital academic skills. It is a place where students feel safe, supported, and excited to learn. One 8th grade student wrote about how Breakthrough helped her confidence, "When I present on a stage I am nervous, but after presenting a lot a Breakthrough, I gained confidence." Another student remarked that because of Breakthrough, "Now I'm not scared of being myself." A third student wrote of the program, "My biggest accomplishment is not being afraid of writing. I used to not like to write. Now I do." But perhaps the best summary of what Breakthrough means to our middle school students came from a 7th grader who wrote, "The very best thing about Breakthrough is that there's people that care for you and understand you and also don't care how or who you are. Breakthrough is a family; that's what I like about Breakthrough." We know from research¹ and experience that students will put more effort into their academics when they feel known and cared about by their teachers and peers.

We also continue to be excited about our new "College Bound" high school summer program. Beginning in the summer of 2011, we now invite all our high school students back to Breakthrough for an intensive session. Rising 9th graders attend for two weeks, and other grades attend for one week each. Each of the 72 students who attended this summer took classes in ACT preparation, expository writing, and college preparation. Each group also visited a college campus in New Mexico, set academic goals for the upcoming school year, and fulfilled leadership responsibilities within the middle school program.

In addition to College Bound, several Breakthrough students served as full-time teacher interns in our middle school program this summer. 3 of our high school students and 2 of our college students

¹ (Ryan, A., and H. Patrick. 2001. "The Classroom Social Environment and Changes in Adolescents' Motivation and engagement during Middle School ." American Educational Research Journal 38(3): 437-60.)

were teacher interns this summer. They were responsible for lesson planning, advising a cohort of middle school students, serving on a committee, and teaching 3-4 classes each day. These students prove the power of the Breakthrough students teaching students model. As one of the high school age teachers put it, "I think now I'm changing lives. I want to be a role model for the younger kids the way my Breakthrough teachers were for me."

All in all this summer was a great success, and we are eager to continue working with each of our new students for the next 6-years, helping them to prepare for college. We are so grateful for your support and endorsement.

Children and Youth Commission

Meetings for 2013

The meetings are scheduled from 6pm to 8pm on the fourth Tuesday of the month in City Hall, the Councilor's Conference Room or Historic Preservation Conference Room.

January 29, 2013

February 26, 2013

March 26, 2013

Provider hearings: April 9, 10, 11

April 23, 2013

May 28, 2013

June 25, 2013

July 23, 2013

August 27, 2013

September 24, 2013

October 29, 2013

November 26, 2013

No meeting in December

*Postpone action until next
meeting.
Motion:
Second:*