



# Agenda

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## CHILDREN AND YOUTH COMMISSION MEETING

**Tuesday, October 25, 2011**  
**City Councilors' Conference Room**  
**City Hall, 1st floor**  
**200 Lincoln Avenue**  
**6:00-8:00 p.m.**

1. Call to Order
2. Approval of Agenda
3. Approval of Minutes: September 27, 2011
4. New Business:
  - a. Annual Needs Assessment: Barriers for Children of Immigrants  
Presenters: Adelante SFPS – Gaile Herling or Israel Haros  
Catholic Charities of Santa Fe – Elizabeth Hemmer  
La Familia Medical Center – John Cassidy
5. Old Business:
  - a. Revision of financial section of RFP 2012-2013
6. Comments from the Chair and Commissioners
7. Report from Staff: Contracts: First Quarter Reports, Payment Report
8. Matters from the Floor
9. Adjournment

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# CHILDREN AND YOUTH COMMISSION MEETING MINUTES

Tuesday, October 25, 2011  
City Councilor's Conference Room  
200 Lincoln Avenue  
6:00-8:00 p.m.

**1. Call to Order – Roll Call**

The Chair called the meeting to order at 6:00 pm, a quorum was present.

**Present:**

Suzanne Gebhart, M.D., Chair  
Sue Anne Hermann  
Ernestine Gallegos de Hagman  
Michael Multari  
Dolores Fidel  
Joanne Lefrak

**Absent**

Rev. Jon Anderson

**Staff Present:**

Terrie Rodriguez, Director, Youth and Family Services Department

**Others Present:**

Elizabeth Hemmer, Catholic Charities of Santa Fe  
John Cassidy, La Familia Medical Center  
Isabel Ribe, Adelante SFPS  
Gaile Herling, Adelante SFPS  
Fran Lucero, Stenographer

**2. Approval of Agenda**

Ms. Hermann moved to approve the agenda as presented, second by Ms. Fidel, motion carried by unanimous voice vote.

**3. Approval of Minutes: September 27, 2011**

**Amendments:**

Page 3: 4-a Questions on funding of field trips: 6<sup>th</sup> sentence \$100 per person trip, 7<sup>th</sup> sentence, \$130 per person trip

Page 4 – Comments from the Chair – The Mayor Department Director

Ms. Gallegos de Hagman moved to approve the minutes as amended, second by Mr. Multari, motion carried by unanimous voice vote.

## 5. **New Business**

### **a. Annual Needs Assessment: Barriers for Children of Immigrants** **Presenters: Adelante SFPS - Gaile Herling or Israel Haros** **Catholic Charities of Santa Fe – Elizabeth Hemmer** **La Familia Medical Center – John Cassidy**

The Chair welcomed comments from our guests regarding the barriers for the immigrant population.

- Difficulty for those trying to acquire a state ID and/ or driver's license. There is a real hardship when they are working with the Motor Vehicle Department.
- Ms. Herling spoke about a bi-lingual resource list to provide information to those in need of help. What is important to mention is that there is a great need for food, housing, education, medical help, utilities and many more needs.
- Many of the community organizations are also operating with very little money and/or food to provide services for those in need.
- Families are very afraid of ICE presence in their neighborhoods. The whip lash effect of this is that parents will text their children not to come home and therefore the SFPS worry about providing a safe place for the children when they can't go home because of fear.
- There are problems with those who have over stayed their Visa's.
- The living conditions are very substandard. The people are afraid to report any of the problems that they are faced with, rodents, filth, etc., they don't want it reported to the Department of Human Services because of fear.
- Many of these families have lost their utilities which results in children sleeping together to keep warm.
- Language barrier is a big problem. When families are having serious health problems it is difficult for them to communicate to the doctor what their need is. Westminster Church started an accompaniment program and they have an interpreters program.
- There are many women who want to support their children. SFPS offers programs to assist the families. Guadalupe Credit Union is very much an advocate in providing resources for the immigrant families.
- La Familia Medical Center sees over 250 patients a day and half of those are from the immigrant community. The routine complaint is access to care. They see over 20,000 patients a year and there are probably another 10,000 that would like to receive care. La Familia has hired three new physicians effective September of this year. The reality is that if there was a way to hire 7 more providers they would be kept very busy. Funding is 50% from pet collections (Medicare/Medicaid), 25% federal health center grants and 25% from city county funding.

- Diabetes care and education is a big medical need for the immigration population. There will also be elderly health problems as dementia is now more evident. The worry is for the population that make very little to live on and cannot afford medical care.
- La Familia – 40% of the population are children, 40% are women and 20% are men. They have a CDE person on staff and they have a Promotora to work on the nutrition/obesity cases. They have held eye diabetic programs. The last time they did a free clinic the waiting list had about 150 people waiting for this eye examinations and treatment. In both the medical and dental care the goal has been to get more providers. La Familia is working with the Salazar partnership. There is also a need for behavioral health services and this is also being researched for care. Mr. Cassidy said that they do conduct immunization clinics and they will coordinate the date with the hospital so they won't conflict.
- Adelante: In regards to keeping kids in school it becomes difficult when they move around. It is important to keep them in school so they don't fall behind. Last year there was sufficient bus funding; this year the situation has worsened due to loss of funding. A request was placed with the city to secure free bus passes for the adults to ride the city transit since the youth can ride for free. The loss of the bus passes has been for at least the last 3 years and therefore families are walking in bad weather and at unsafe times. Adelante will issue a gas card valued at \$20 for gas to get their kids to school.
- Adelante: Child Care is a great need. There are a lot of people that can't work because they don't have child care. Early head start is such a great resource but they are at capacity. There is such a head for the children of the homeless. Ms. Herling provided program information on Cuidando los Niños out of Albuquerque. She will send information to Ms. Rodriguez for the board members. There is a need for Santa Fe to do a version such as Cuidando los Niños.
- There is a great need for family law. Catholic Charities provides immigration law. Families struggle with divorce or domestic violence.

The speakers/presenters expressed their thanks for the opportunity to speak to the commission.

Ms. Hermann asked how we are doing in bullying. Ms. Herling said she really couldn't answer that other than hearsay, we are not where we want to be. Ms. Herling said she would send a resource person to speak to the commission on this topic.

Ms. Hemmer said that the fastest growing population of immigrants are Orientals it is not only the Mexican population.

#### **4. Old Business:**

##### **a. Revision of financial services section of RFP 2012-2013**

Mr. Multari and Jon Anderson met with Ms. Rodriguez and have provided their input. The information will be provided for review at the next meeting. Ms. Rodriguez will

send the information to the commission members prior to the next meeting. Ms. Rodriguez sent it to the City Purchasing Department for their review of the language. Ms. Rodriguez said that there was not a non-collusion affidavit or EEOC document and the Purchasing Agent would like to see that in the packet. Mr. Rodarte also recommended that the list of things to judge the recommendations be outlined. Ms. Rodriguez created a form to assure that the calculations are inclusive. Dr. Gebhart would like to see the form Ms. Rodriguez has created and it should be compared to the form used in the past that Dr. Hathaway had created.

Dr. Gebhart would like for the commission to review the draft form that Ms. Rodriguez will forward on and provide feedback.

Mr. Bill Carson has requested time on the agenda at the next meeting.

Update on the Staff Position: Ms. Rodriguez stated that the Department Director has reviewed the request and it is still in the HR Department, it has not gone to the Finance Department. Councilor Romero will be contacted and asked to push this request forward in order to have a replacement by January, 2012. Ms. Rodriguez said that the Assistant position will not be funded. The discussion is that the job responsibilities for this new position are being refined. Ms. Rodriguez stated that as the staff liaison she can bring this request back to her Department Director and ask that it be accelerated in HR. The Commission members will also contact the city councilors that they know to assist in this matter. It is important for the council to know that the ordinance does specify a dedicated employee to the Children and Youth Commission.

Ms. Rodriguez provided the dates for the RFP process.

January 30, 2012, Due to purchasing office, March 5, 2012,

February 15, 2012 – Technical Assistant Review – South Side Library

March 5-26<sup>th</sup> – Commission Review.

April 10-12, 2012 – Commence the interview with the applicants.

April 13, 2012 – Final Recommendations

Justifications and final report are due by April 17, 2012 from the Commission per the Chair's direction.

**6. Comments from the Chair and Commissioners**

None

**7. Report from Staff**

Ms. Rodriguez noted that 12 organizations have not sent in their first quarterly reports with most of them being from the schools. They also have not sent in a request for payment. The Chair asked for a listing of those who have not reported. Ms. Rodriguez will do a mid-year report in November for the Commission. No communication has been sent to the 12 organization representatives; Ms. Rodriguez will send them an email to follow up. The Chair did reiterate that Challenge had been placed on notice that if they didn't comply they would be up for review.

The Commission reviewed demographic information for meeting notices to be sent by Ms. Rodriguez.

Next meeting is scheduled for November 15, 2011. Staff will assure that Mr. Bill Carson is extended an invitation.

**8. Matters from the Floor**

None

**9. Adjournment**

There being no further business to come before the Children and Youth Commission, the meeting was adjourned at 7:45 pm.

**Signature Page:**

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Suzanne Gebhart, Chair

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Fran Lucero", is written over a horizontal line.

Fran Lucero, Stenographer