

# Agenda

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## SANTA FE REGIONAL JUVENILE JUSTICE BOARD

Thursday, October 18, 2012

5:00-7:00 P.M.

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1920 FIFTH STREET

- I. Call to Order
- II. Roll Call
- III. Approval of Agenda
- IV. Introductions of Board Members and Guests
- V. Approval of minutes of September 20, 2012
- VI. Financial Report – Richard De Mella
  - A. Budget – Detailed Budget and Financial Report
  - B. Program Committee
  - C. RFP Committee
- VII. New Business
  - Youth Development Program- Mr. Pablo Sedillo
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# **SANTA FE REGIONAL JUVENILE JUSTICE BOARD**

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## **MINUTES**

### **I. Call to Order**

The meeting was called to order by Mr. Mark Caldwell at 5:00 pm, a quorum was declared by roll call. The stenographer noted that the Chair was not present at the time of roll call.

### **II. Roll Call**

#### Present:

Anthony Trujillo, Chair (arrived at 5:30 pm)

Tommy Rodriguez

Mark Caldwell

Councilor Bill Dimas

Jim Bianca

Mary Ellen Gonzales

Mark Dickson

Jennifer N. Romero

#### Not Present:

Boni Armijo

Judge Marlow Sommers

#### Others Present:

Richard DeMella, Staff Liaison

Tita Gervers, Director of Student Wellness, SFPS

Jack Ortega, Staff Person to the Board

Linda Trujillo, SFPS, Board of Education

Sam Jackson, Day Reporting

Pablo Sedillo, III, Santa Fe County Public Works Director

Dick Lindahl, CYFD

Mary Louise Romero, Independent Contractor

### **III. Approval of Agenda**

*Ms. Mary Ellen Gonzales moved to approve the agenda as presented, second by Councilor Dimas, motion carried by unanimous voice vote.*

### **IV. Introductions of Board Members and Guests**

Introductions were verbal around the table.

## **V. Approval of minutes of September 20, 2012**

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## **VI. Financial Report – Richard DeMella**

Mr. Lindahl reported that basically what the State Juvenile Justice Advisory Committee is doing is that they currently received an amended contract from July 1, 2012 to December 31, 2012. Six months dollar amount that will continue with the same dollar amount of January – June, 2012. Another 6 months, another amendment to the contract; they will issue the RFP mid-November, probably due end of January, early February for next FY. Couple of continuing sites like Jim Kirk in Los Alamos asked us to do that because of the holidays and the long process, it takes a while and we did not want to have a break in services. The amended contract with the same dollar amount that you are getting for these six months, it should be signed, sealed and delivered by January, 2013. Mr. DeMella asked by when does the spend- down have to be completed? Mr. Lindahl said that Arturo, the Program Manager at CYFD should be contacted for the answer. Last FY you could not carry over money in to this FY. This is an amendment now in this current FY so I am not sure what Arturo's answer will be. The question was asked if the RFP would be for 1-year. It was noted that the RFP for the contract would be for 4-years but it will be year-by-year. Each year dollar value could change depending on the legislature and the federal funding available.

Mr. DeMella informed the committee that there was no need to worry about spending down as they are spending right now. There is a \$37,500 bill from Day Reporting and he has also started paying Mary her ICF money which was \$6,400. Youth Works, waiting for a PO to make this payment, the Program Committee, still working on a Tutor – and that tutor is for Cesar Chavez. Tita Gervers is assisting in finding a tutor. Jack's consulting services are done, Day Reporting is done and stipends, (2) PO's are ready to go out. Mr. DeMella also asked the committee to make it a priority to decide how the roll out would take place for the theater tickets, they have been sitting in his office since last year. Ms. Gonzales made the suggestion that for next month we have this as an action item and I would request that the Program Committee meet and make a suggestion on how to do that. I have spoken to Deacon Anthony and he wants to have a committee and do this again so we will have about \$600 in Applebee tickets and \$472 for movie tickets.

Ms. Gonzales stated that the Program Committee also did an edit of the by-laws and I know that as an Action Item to the Board we would need to put this on the Agenda in advance. I think they would like to recommend that the Board review to vote on the first reading of the by-laws next month. I understood from the last meeting that we had to present that to the Board as a suggestion a month in advance.

Ms. Gervers recommended to Mr. DeMella that the Program Committee do some preliminary work thinking about the incentives so they can have a recommendation to make to the board.

Mr. DeMella said he believes we will spend everything, he thinks there will be a \$30 return like we did last time but he thinks he can get rid of the \$30 at Applebee's, (3 - \$10 gift certificates).

Mr. DeMella will keep the Board informed by e-mail once he makes contact with Arturo at CYFD to see if they will give an extension on the cash.

Ms. Gonzales had a question on the Pilot Program Committee; I know I am on the FYRA Committee – am I on the Program Committee too? Yes, they are the same committee.

#### **A. Reporting**

##### **Program Committee: Tommy Rodriguez**

We met yesterday with FYRA, which is the program that we have at Cesar Chavez Elementary which is working with students who are at risk elementary students. Hilda could not be here tonight. She is working with approximately 15 kids; she has also started a Mother's Club. We are in the process of trying to hire a tutor. We had one applicant but will probably not go with that applicant at this point, we will advertise in-house at Cesar Chavez Elementary for a teacher who has been specially trained in reading math and connect the dots after school with these kids as well.

We met on the by-laws and we did update them. It was noted that they would e-mail the by-laws to the committee for review prior to the next meeting. We went over the old by-laws and changed and tightened up some things.

ICM: Mary can report and Mr. Jackson can report on Day Reporting.

Mary Louise Romero: Stated that due to some health matters, Juan Carlos has been helping her. She explained that she may have surgery on the 30<sup>th</sup> and I spoke to the Judge today and Juan Carlos will fill in for the Courts. I won't be able to work 80 hours a week any longer but I will continue to do my best. Mary Louise shared that kids she worked with many, many years in the past have been so supportive and have given her the inspiration to go forward and fight this health battle. I always tell the kids, "You are in Charge of your Future. When you keep your power and believe in yourself, I am going to believe in you whether you believe in yourself or not." Thank you for allowing me to be a part of this for the last 7 years.

Deacon Trujillo and the committee expressed their thank you to Mary Louise for her hard work.

Mr. Jackson: It was noted that Mary Louise wasn't with us for about 2 months. We met and tried to define the lag time for the time she hasn't gotten paid. We had to go back to the State and try to work this out on payment. It was asked that whatever the Board could do to facilitate the payment for Mary Louise, it would be appreciated, we need her

and this problem has happened in the past. The court needs her services. She helps those kids make it at school when they come out of court.

Ms. Romero added that for the last several years there has always been a lag in her getting paid. This was the first year they required her to have insurance. I would be in contact with the kids by phone only, so I didn't drop the kids, they didn't stop getting services but they weren't the type of services I am accustomed to giving in working with the kids due to the insurance problem. So in the past, at least 4 months out of the year, I have worked without getting paid. This year was different because of the insurance I need to buy in order to follow with what the city requires.

Mr. Ortega explained that this year was unique because we are transitioning Mary from her old status which was an independent contractor. Last year we went with her because of Insurance, when things changed and insurance was a requirement, that is what turned things around. What we use to do in the past and if there was lag time – is she would work without receiving a pay check – but then the city would make it up during the time that remained. For example, if the contract lagged for 6 weeks, she wouldn't receive a paycheck for 6 weeks, but if she was getting \$40,000/yr. that was paid over the remaining time of the year. What hurts right now is the transition from Youth Works back to her being a Contractor and then having her to acquire professional liability insurance which sets us back a little bit. That was the unusual delay this year. However, the way the contract is set up, she will get paid the full complement of dollars that have been approved by the board for this fiscal year. So if the City doesn't just increase her bi-monthly payment so that we can catch up and she can get paid her full complement that the board has approved.

Mr. DeMella said that this is a \$46,000 line item; we have never in 11 years given back a nickel of ICM money.

The Board said that is all well, but if there is anything that the Board can do to get her paid, that is important. Not having income for 2 months is not fair.

Mr. Ortega said that every single continuum goes through that problem. Depending on CYFD at its very best will kick out an RFP and an Award Letter in 90 days. That is lightening speed and after that then the contract goes to the City. The city goes through their process of Finance, getting approval there, then that bounces back to CYFD and then that goes to DFA. Mr. Rodriguez added that it isn't only our continuum, it is transportation, DWI, whoever it is, and they take those contracts one at a time and it takes time.

Ms. Gervers: Part of the problem is that the board hires individual contractors because if funds were given to the City and the City hired the people that we wanted to do the work. Just like the County, the Day Reporting program the money goes to the County, the County takes care of the overall budget update reporting, they get money to the school district, we have funds that we can carry if we have an award. Because of this situation and now that it is here, technically everyone of these contracts you are having with these

people is illegal because they are working before the date of the initiation of the contract and if they bill for those services, they actually violate state procurement laws. There is a lot of fudging going on here and I don't think it is good for the Board to continue that nor is it good for the contractors to go in to contract with the Board to do things like that. One thing to consider is to consider developing a relationship with an agency, whether the county or the city – that is why we attempted to connect with Youth Works is because the assumption was that Youth Works was a larger entity that has more money than Mary has, could carry her salary until the money came in just like any other grant award. We get grant award letters all the time and hire people before the money arrives but we can't do it if the money doesn't arrive within our own fiscal year. And that is another problem that you have with JJAC because your fiscal year doesn't always match the fiscal year of other people who are trying to hire other sub-contract to a contractor. That is one of the reasons why you guys started a budget committee and I think rather than just looking at money you should be looking at how you can untangle from this situation more legally. Because the Board has a reputation for not paying on time. The CFO for the school district told me 2 years ago – no more contracts with the Regional Juvenile Justice Board because they don't pay on time. We had a contract with the Juvenile Justice Board that was given to us in October and we didn't get the check until June 15<sup>th</sup>. Even the school district can't tolerate that length of time to initiate a contract. Someone like Mary Louse would have gone and that situation would have gone more than 2 months without a salary. She would have worked all year without payment and would have had to bill you for all those hours after June; that is not legal. I think the Finance Committee should be looking at those issues and trying to find a better way to manage their activities of the Board because of this complication of having 2 different fiscal agents the fund has to go through so you have to approve, JJAC has to approve the city has to approve, that is way too complicated and maybe there is a better way to do it.

Deacon Trujillo said that this was very valuable information and to be honest I was not aware of a lot of what you stated. I would like to ask you to be a part of this Finance Committee.

Ms. Gervers said that it has broken open because we were trying to protect Mary Louse by giving the contract to Youth Works so that she could have a regular monthly salary. The complications of that were way more involved, but that would be the ideal thing. Day Reporting, the money goes to the county; they have this umbrella that protects them from interruption of services. A single contractor, that is her only pay check and that is what we have to prevent.

It was asked if this has always been an issue.

Ms. Gonzales said yes, that it has always been an issue with CYFD every year.

Ms. Gervers said it isn't just JJAC or CYFD, this year the school district, for example we have contracts with the County and with the State to do prevention services. One of those contracts still has not gotten to us and they expected us to initiate services June 30<sup>th</sup>, July 1<sup>st</sup> this year and we still don't have a contract. This is an issue, I think as a Board

and the continuum sites could raise to the state level and say, “OK, you are forcing us in to a position where you’re causing us to go in to a situation that could cause us problems. If the state continues to behave this way it is going to be a problem for every agency, every entity that gets funds from them.

Ms. Gonzales stated that she agreed as a recipient of a CYFD contract; we go through this every year. Some years are worse than others. What can we do to put pressure on the state to get their act together?

Mr. DeMella commented that there are procurement laws that the state has to follow, the city has to follow and that is the way it is.

Ms. Gonzales answered that they understand this, but it is tough.

Mr. DeMella added that they have been through a CYFD audit and he documented everything we are doing and they found that a grant wasn’t signed.

Chair: A very good point was made here; the State officials and I’m talking about ....., it seems to me, Jack, we need to address this.

Jack Ortega: I hate to be the bearer of bad news. My last department was CYFD and I handled all the contracts for them, \$12 million dollars worth of contracts. We had the same problem then; it is DFA who is the final approval. What happens with budget, our budget is just a decimal point in the selection process – less than \$2 million dollars. When that runs through, people have to verify that the dollars are available, so the first thing that is verified is through what the legislature has said, this is a CYFD budget and within that budget there is a line item for the continuum sites. Arturo breaks that down, the \$1.7 by individual sites; that constitutes 19 different contracts that arrive at the \$1.7 million. Those go through the same process as inter-state contracts. You are looking at those contracts going through the same process as all the contracts that go to CYFD of fiscal review by budget saying “do we have the budget”, goes to legal “is everything in here in terms of boiler plate”, then that goes to the Department Secretary legal counsel who does another double check of those two departments before it is sent out. They are not about to send anything out that they can’t verify within the budget. That is then sent out to individual sites, depending how much review they put in, and they probably do the put the same thing through their legal and financial process to assure they can do what is mandated by the State. They then send it back to their governing body for approval after they received approval from legal/finance. After it is signed it goes back again to CYFD; CYFD checks it out and then they may or may not be told by DFA – you can’t send us that until such a date. That is done for all the departments so consider yourselves Santa Claus for receiving huge number of contracts within a 7-day period, because that is what they allow. Then DFA has to go through the process of doing a second check within the individual budget and that is the reality of the checks and balances. That State protects what they release and approve in the event of an audit.



Ms. Gonzales: I know this because we go through this every year. What doesn't make any sense to me is that all those contracts come in the last week in June. What would it take to change the process so that you get 1/12<sup>th</sup> of the contract the last week in June, 1/12<sup>th</sup> of the contract the last week in July; why can't they stagger them? I feel for both, I know what they are going through.

Jack: That is a conversation someone needs to have with the Governor or the head of DFA, which is way beyond even the authority of a Cabinet Secretary. DFA which is their own entity, which handles public school funding, and everything related to state money – they are not about to change what they do.

Ms. Gonzales: There should be something we can do, Government should be responsive to its citizens and that would solve the problem.

Sam: Speaking as a member of the Finance Committee, I hope there isn't a test to what you just said. Mr. Dickson brought one question to the table, we tried Youth Works last year and it didn't work. It seems to me, Mr. Chairman, as Chair of the Finance Committee, the Finance Committee needs to get together and research what might work since Youth Works did not work and make a proposal to the Board. I can't change what the state does. The one problem that Mr. Dickson brought to the table as a member of the Finance Committee.

Tommy: One of the other things it boils down to was that the city requested the RFQ and people are forgetting about that. I went with some other people; the Judge, Mark and a representative from the District Attorney's office to advocate on Mary's behalf to Dr. Melville Morgan who is the CFO for the city. He got on his computer and the money was sitting there waiting to be accessed but the city wanted an RFQ process to be done so we had to go through that which delayed things a little bit more. We finally accomplished that and started to roll out the money. The problem is, and we have run in to these delays in the past and I agree with Jack, I doubt there is anything we can do. DFA and every entity have a checks and balance process they have in place to assure that money isn't used inappropriately. That last thing we want is for the media to say, \$180,000 missing from the Santa Fe continuum sites. The thing we have to try to avoid and I think we have to work with the City on is we don't need this RFQ every six months. We need to do it just when the RFP comes out, once a year.

Mr. DeMella: Confirmed that it is once a year and prior to Youth Works – Mary worked directly with me, she was the contractor, she would invoice me every two weeks and we got everything taken care of.

Mr. Bianca: By you, do you mean the city?

Mr. DeMella: Yes.

Mr. Bianca: This is important because I think that is why we always get mixed up. We don't know you the "you" is. You are talking about contracts between the city and a private contractor.

Mr. DeMella: So, the RFQ came out of left field. I have been doing this for 11 years and I never had to do any type of RFQ positions. The positions come from the Board, the Board gives me direction on who to hire and that is what I do. I take direction from this Board and it gets done. When they throw curve balls at me, I have to deal with this and the Board has to deal with this and the project has to deal with this. Starting June 1, I start to get my contracts rolled out to have them ready and all I have to put in there is the amount of money that the contractor is going to get, I wait for the agreement I and put it through my end for processing and I get the contracts going. I can't get a contract in process without the agreement being signed because there is no money there until it is finalized. It takes me anywhere from 3 to 6 weeks to get the agreement signed. Once it is signed it comes back to me then I can deal with the contractor.

Mr. Bianca: But there is a problem that we are having people work without a signed contract between the City and CYFD.

Mr. DeMella: People are not working. We have stopped that. No one works until the contract has been signed. It is not going to happen again.

Mr. Bianca: So we are dealing with a past problem in which Mary has not gotten paid.

Mr. DeMella: Mary is getting paid what she is owed through the contract. My agreement is from July 1<sup>st</sup> through June 30<sup>th</sup> of every year. CYFD tells me, I am going to pay you this money in this time period. They are going to pay that to the city; that is their agreement. So, Mary worked until the middle of August and submitted payment to me and she got compensated. She got compensated and like I said it is \$46,000 a year so she got \$46,000. There was no money given back to CYFD for any line items.

Mr. Bianca: We aren't concerned about any money going back, we are concerned about an individual not being paid.

Mr. DeMella: They are being paid the amount of money that they are going to get for that contract.

Mr. Bianca: For that year – when, at the end of the year? I am trying to understand the problem then.

Mr. DeMella: When the contract is signed. I don't know what the problem is, you are telling me she isn't getting paid, she is getting paid. There is a six week lag. But in that six weeks period, she isn't working for free, she is going to be compensated but after the 6 weeks lag.

Mary Louise: What I was explaining is that I don't get paid during that time. I don't get a paycheck for 3-months.

Mr. Bianca: That is what I do not understand. He seems to be saying that there isn't a problem. What I want to say again is that we are providing services when a contract has not been signed.

Mr. DeMella: We have been doing that to keep the continuum going.

Mr. Bianca: No, I am trying to find out.

Tommy: You know what, I think we need to have this go back to the Finance Committee because we are going around in circles and we are wasting time. We need to let them look at it; I don't think we are going to be able to answer all the questions at hand. We need to move forward, it has been working for 10 years and I agree it is not perfect, but let's direct that the Finance Committee look at it.

Jack: One quick comment before we get off Finance, recommendation and I know I am not a Board Member; Mary Louise as we know is going to go through a change as she says a "bump in the road". I would make a recommendation to the Board, if someone could make a motion, to make an additional change to her contract to put in consultation services in ICM which would allow us to continue to pay her. She continues to provide service through the phone and if she feels that she has to do face to face contact as she has done in the past, legally we can continue to pay her until she gets back on her feet.

***Mr. Bianca moved to make an additional change to her contract to put in consultation services in ICM which would allow us to continue to pay her. She continues to provide service through the phone and if she feels that she has to do face to face contact as she has done in the past, legally we can continue to pay her until she gets back on her feet.***

***Died for lack of a second and not being listed on Needs Action portion of Agenda.***

Ms. Gonzales brought to the attention that this is an action item and it is not on the agenda and it is also a Personnel Issue.

Councilor Dimas: The problem is too, it has to be an action item because you are talking about money and you are talking about it has to be published on the agenda if anyone from the public wants to appear at this and give their concerns as this is a committee.

Ms. Gonzales, this is an important thing that we need to deal with real soon. The way that we can deal with it would be to have a special meeting published to deal with this one thing and we would have to get a commitment to have a board quorum.

Ms. Gervers: Be careful, I think someone should investigate whether or not an amendment to her contract will interrupt her contract until it is approved. Because if we submit an amendment to her contract and we have to go through the same process we are

talking about to get approved that might make the situation worst. I think that the whole purpose of the Finance Committee is to educate the board more deeply about these issues so we can avoid problems like this but I don't think that as a group we really understand the ramifications and decisions like, we are just going to amend the contract so that it works. I think that she has a contract and I believe the language in her probably includes language seeing kids and as acting as consultants and it is probably already in her contract.

Mr. DeMella: I am not too sure about that.

Ms. Gervers: I think that all along the bump in the road that we had last summer with her salary effectively; lead us to say that we needed a Finance Committee to learn more about this so that we can advise the Board appropriately in response to these types of decisions. My suggestion would be to allow the Finance Committee to spend this month looking in to this and deciding what is best so that going forward there isn't a bigger problem. Does Mary Louise have a contract for this 6 month's or for the whole year?

Mr. DeMella: Only for 6 months. We do the contracts for the amount of money and time that CYFD gives me.

Ms. Gervers: Ok, so we need to submit to the city a question on whether they want an RFQ and we need to let her know now that an RFQ is required so that it can be delivered on the day it is due so that there is no lag time. I am assuming that if they said in June that an RFQ is needed that that is true going forward forever until they change their mind. That is one thing we have to find out; another thing that concerns me was I heard Mr. Lindahl say, "it's ok you are going to get your money, you can go ahead and plan for it", but we don't have an award from CYFD for the 1<sup>st</sup> of January do we?

Mr. Lindahl: No, once the CYFD Contract Bureau kicks it out, you will get it.

Ms. Gervers: And when do you expect that to be?

Mr. Lindahl: The Contracts Bureau at CYFD already has the amendments for all the continuum sites. Arturo is very closely watching the timeframes but he doesn't control the contracts.

Ms. Gervers: There again, the state has the funds but they can't give us a date that the city will receive an award that will allow them to issue an RFQ for Mary Louise. So this is again what happened in June, again, and so this is why the Finance Committee has got to sit down and have some really rapid thinking about what is going to happen, how will this happen, what are we going to do about it, because we clearly care and we don't want to see her go through this again. This is what we hear every year, is we really appreciate the funding, we really do, but because the Board is directly contracting with individuals, we are creating part of the problem because we don't have a larger fiscal fund that can bridge those times when the funds are not available. And because of that we do this hand shake kind of agreement that creates problems for individual contractors.

Mary Louise will go without payment, Hilda will go without payment, and any tutor we hire will go without payment for as long as it takes for CYFD to issue the funds, the city to issue the RFQ, the RFQ get approved and the budget goes back and forth between DFA, twice before they start getting payment.

Chair: I am going to go back to what Tommy said; I am going to end this discussion here so that we can continue. I want to ask the Fiscal committee members, Mr. Jackson, Mr. Armijo, Judge Marlow, \_\_\_\_\_ Ms. Gervers and himself to look at this.

Ms. Gonzales: There is still another issue, she is having surgery on the 30<sup>th</sup>, and will she continue to get paid while she is down a little bit. It was my understanding that was what we were concerned about right now.

Chair: We do need to address that and deferred the question to Jack.

Jack: Let Richard look at her contract and maybe we can focus on one thing in the contract that she could use so we can get her paid. If we can identify one item in the contract then we can see what we can do.

Chair: There were many points brought up tonight in terms of contracts and other topics of concern that maybe we as a Board have to understand to feel better about our decisions. As I mentioned earlier, I don't understand all the technicalities. I would like to see if it would be possible for those of you who know what this is all about to spend some time with the Fiscal Committee, if nothing else to explain all of this to us in more detail. Any member is invited to come to that meeting.

Ms. Gervers: Because of the funding situation across the country, state, county, city – budget – everything is tightening up. All it takes is to have every single entity to tighten up until it really becomes hard to move. I would suggest that one of the things the Fiscal Committee does is meet and brainstorm with the person who handles the funds for this Board which is really the CFO for the city. Again, Dr. Morgan, if anybody knows Finance, he does and he may be able to help brain storm this situation and help you to figure it out. His financial relationship with the state has been there for years, he knows how to work funds. If anybody can help us figure out how to make this work more appropriately, he would be the one I would recommend.

Chair: What I would like to suggest as we move off of this topic right now, those of you who are interested to meet.

Mr. DeMella suggested that we meet with the Finance Committee and have this on the agenda for the Board for next meeting.

Mr. Dickson said that they should schedule a special meeting for this topic alone; otherwise we will consume the next meeting with one single topic.

Mr. Bianca: I would like to get back to Tita's suggestion because I think Dr. Morgan is an important part in this. I think the Finance Committee should meet and make some decisions, but I don't think anything can be done without meeting with Dr. Morgan. We are not dealing with the person who is most involved in this, because otherwise we are always dealing with what so and so said, such and such. This has come up constantly, we are dealing with Mary Louise' problem all summer.

Tommy stated that the City has contracts and they can't hire or be responsible for all these people. Ms. Gonzales clarified that this is not what they expect. Tommy continued by saying, "if they do it for Mary Louise so then what if someone says, why shouldn't they hire me too so I don't have to provide insurance." You can't do it for one. Ms. Gonzales said it was not about that and Tommy responded that it is all about that. The city cannot just hire one person.

The Chair asked if those interested could meet Monday morning and look at who the players are that we need contact. It was agreed that Monday afternoon would be the time and Mr. DeMella will organize.

Linda: It was noted that this Saturday evening there would be a Breast Cancer fund raiser on Mary Louise behalf; it is the girls' volleyball team. There will also be a bank account opening up; although she has insurance there are many costs to this disease that are not covered by health insurance, including her travel to and from Houston. We raise the possibility that this Board may want to pool and make one large contribution from the Santa Fe Regional Juvenile Justice Board. She has given us so much. I don't know if other people want to do that, want to pool or individually make donations. The Chair said that once the information is received we could send it to the Board members; it would be an individual decision. The banking information will be gathered and sent to Richard DeMella to send to the board.

#### **B. RFP Committee by Jim Bianca**

We met and we did a cursory review of the old response to the former RFP. It was decided per Jacks' request that we wait until Jack receives all the year-end program reports and/or the reissuance of the RFP funds. Mr. Ortega said he is getting the list now and 70% of what is going to be required and whether it is going to be the assessment that he will work on with Tita and then the budget. We have a little bit more time but need to keep in time that it also falls over the holidays. Information will follow early next week.

### **VII. New Business – Youth Development Program**

#### **Mr. Pablo Sedillo, III, Public Safety Director, Santa Fe County**

Thank you for allowing me to speak before the Regional Juvenile Justice Board here in Santa Fe. Something that we continuously talk about is how we can help with prevention and intervention for our kids in the State of New Mexico. My responsibility is to oversee the Corrections Department, the Fire Department as well as RACC which are the Regional Command Center - 911 Call Center and prior to that I was the Juvenile Justice Director for CYFD. This is the same topic that we have over and over again on what to do with our kids. I know Mary Louise, she comes to the juvenile facility; it is a travesty

that we have individuals who are so committed and dedicated in our community with our kids for prevention and intervention that deal with this type of problem. It really breaks my heart because we are so committed within our community to help our kids today. I am changing my presentation a little bit because I think this is an impact in our community. Financially it is an impact with Mary, but most importantly it is the dedication and commitment that people like Mary with what she gives to our kids that we don't see too often from many people. I am a very candid person and I apologize if I ruffle anybody's feathers. I am the type of person that when I sit at a board or community meetings, I don't like a lot of lip service. I like action plans, I like what are we going to do and what are the deadlines to meet those action plans. If we don't have those kinds of things we are just going around and spinning the same wheel every day. I see that very often. What we are trying to do within Santa Fe County and me being a part of the County and the Juvenile Justice system, but I also sit on the House Joint Memorial Bill sponsored by Representative Wanda King. What are we going to do with our kids, what do we need to do with our kids today. We need to make our kids successful, we have to have people who have vested interest in their success and that cannot be accomplished unless we have a collaborative effort on what we are doing. One of the things that I would like to see is that we always have to have the continuum of care of our kids. Tommy knows that during my short tenure there that it was very important to have the Juvenile Probation Department start it at the front end and went through the whole process. This is part of the Joint Memorial Bill 21 that we are looking at; what can we do. I want to make sure there is continuum care from start to finish and that is getting involved with the kids and their family. I call it CCP which is Continuing Space Planning; we should have space plans, treatment plans for these kids to be successful. One of the things that I think is very important that we sometimes push to the back burner and that is everybody is willing to talk about what is good for us but we need people to step up to the plate and say, this is what we need to do in our community because this is a community problem. Boards like yourself and other committees have to be an active participant in our kid's success. Mary is a prime example of what she does. I was at one meeting where she had brought in an individual kid that was a success story and I was really touched by that. In our line of work in corrections is that you are not going to touch everybody. It is that one person that you touch that makes a big difference in your life. I think it is so important that committee's like this one takes that approach to work more for our kids. Prevention and Intervention is just a reality that we have to deal with. Jennifer and Teen Court, I sit in Teen Court, it is amazing how active kids are with each other. Kids mentoring kids is very important and we kind of lose focus of that. I think kids relate to kids and kids relate to those individuals who are the success stories. In our Juvenile facilities I know our Day Reporting Center is very active in their success. I went to the SFPS Board and I talked about that, I talked about what needs to be integrated in regards to being successful. One issue we are having at the Santa Fe County Detention Center is getting somebody to do GED testing. I met with the Cabinet Secretary for CYFD last week and we talked a little bit about that. I ran in to that obstacle with our secured kids, because it says that it is mandated up to the age of 21 years old that they have to go in to high school. I argued this point for 3 months and I said, "you are going to tell me that you have a 19 year old kid with 3 credits in the system three or four times and you are going to tell him to go back to high school." Trust me that is not going to

happen. So we need GED Testing in our secured facility. When I left I think we graduated 44 people. That piece of paper that those kids achieved while they were in secured care meant more to them. We had a ceremony where they brought their families in to their graduation. They had never achieved anything in their lives. I think we are doing a disservice in regards to obstacles that people put in our way about providing the educational proponents to our kids. Unfortunately, reality is these kids come from broken homes. Generational individuals who have gone through the system; mom, dad, brother, sister, aunts and uncles. We are putting them right back in to that environment. We need some positive mentors for these kids. I am running in to an obstacle right now at the Juvenile Facility where they say they can do GED testing but it will cost \$700 a pop to do that. It won't happen in Santa Fe County, I will not pay \$700 for them to administer a GED test. I am scheduling a meeting with the Santa Fe Community College President. I don't believe in obstacles, I will either go around it or knock it down. When it was brought to my attention I kind of said, what are you talking about? I understand that we did this whole process with CYFD for the GED's and it was a little different because we are an accredited school within our secured care facility within the state. This is a little bit different. I am here to speak to you today and tell you that I have a vested interest in the success of our kids, even though my role is a little bit different overseeing those departments. We have to touch the juveniles first - we have to lay our hands on that problem. I remember at one point, and I am from Santa Fe, I was at the Juvenile Detention Center when I first started my career. We had DARE programs, we had Crime Stoppers, and we had different programs within our community to have that intervention and prevention for these kids getting in trouble. Where do we start? We start at the elementary level. People say that is a little bit too young. You have to start at the elementary level because if you really look at the reality if some of these kids at the elementary level have issues in the home already. Whether it is domestic violence, single parents, a generational issue related to crime and sometimes school is the only peace they get. It is the only sanctuary that they have when they go in to the school. You know what, we don't want teachers to just say, put them in the corner – we want them to be actively involved as well because this is where it starts. I am a big advocate of what we can do for our kids and this is why I am active with the House Drug Memorial 21 with Representative Rhonda King. She was very passionate, very committed in regards to what we want to do with this intervention and prevention of these kids of today. There are so many avenues that we can touch for these kids. I am just ecstatic about Mary Louise. Someone giving that much dedication and commitment to our community should be recognized and should be assisted in any way we can. I am going to try to refrain from a comment that I want to make because I want to talk to somebody first before I make a commitment in regards to the issue that you are having in regards to billing. If I can talk to that person first and that person is willing to assist you in this endeavor, I will make sure that that person can go to that meeting on Monday. That person is very well versed in the process. I will offer that, I can't make a commitment until after I talk to that individual. At this point, it has been a long day and it is very heartfelt to hear about Mary Louise. I stand for any questions regarding our juvenile facility or our kids in general.

Mr. Dickson: I don't have a question now; please give it a lot of thought because with someone of Mr. Sedillo's capacity – we are all situated to assist this board in any



direction we want to go to help these juveniles in our community. Not only here – this continuum could impact kids realistically speaking in Northern New Mexico as a whole and these continuums are like – I have been exposed to a couple more outside of Santa Fe and really are used in that capacity. I would like to see us as a Board, all participants really embrace that. We have talked about reinvigorations and so forth; I think this is a big opportunity. I really implore you to think of questions, any questions you have regarding juvenile services – whether to impact credit services, to create new ones. I am not saying we need to have dollar amounts – but if we can agree to bring people together to speak about it – to be the one to bring different entities and I think we owe that to our kids, like the Director said, Tommy, everyone in here as always agreed. From elementary on up, that would be my hope.

Mr. Sedillo extended an open invitation at any time to come and visit the juvenile facility as well as the adult facility. Come and visit us, talk to the kids, we have a treatment team that we have; we have a multi-disciplinary team that we deal with. Sit down and come as an observer.

Tita Gervers: In my role I am often called in to meetings where we are problem solving children younger than those in the juvenile setting. Historically this board was involved in that project we called TCAP (Targeted Community Action Planning) and we brought all the entities from the Juvenile Justice System to that table to talk about specifics about children problems and try to solve them before they got to the jail. I am aware that we have in the schools problems with kids under 12 yrs. of age and one case that I reviewed this week was so severe that it was clear this kid was headed for jail if something doesn't happen. It is hard to get the services that we need together to help. It is a case where this person is at Teen Builders and they can't handle it and they know how to handle these things. They really can handle behavioral kids. It is just this side of a lock up situation over there and here is a kid that is busting out, he is going beyond what they can manage and yet we can't figure out how to get a treatment team of the community together to sit down and say, "How are we going to help this student." We can't find the rationale for calling Child Protective Services in, we can't find the rationale for calling the Police Department in, it is just on the edge. From what is being described, this student is going to hurt someone in the community because the people there know how to control a violent student and they can't stop him. That means that at some point in the weekend someone is going to blow his fuse and maybe be severely harmful. This is an area even we were doing TCAP meeting that we needed to deal with the younger, and younger and younger. We have to start younger but the schools report that they have students in kindergarten that they are too violent to be in school and we don't know what to do. We don't have the community support structure to help us with that. It is really amazing.

Mr. Sedillo reiterated that it is really important to have that support within our community. We have to look within the family structure as well. What is going on in the family is where we identify the need and correlate it to what they are doing.

Tita: How can we manage these individual families better so that the children at such a young age don't have to go through all these years of trauma until they are 13 and then they do something that brings them to juvenile justice system?

Mr. Sedillo: That is an issue, that is a problem and it is harder to really grasp that problem because they feel they haven't done anything wrong. You can't force anyone in to family treatment. This is why we have to have our hand extended in to our educational arena and try to do some preventive intervention counseling. Tommy, you deal with this quite a bit. That is the problem and it is weight that is tying us down that we need to cut off.

Tommy: First of all I want to say how fortunate we are in Santa Fe to have this detention center here. I think it is the best detention center in the state and I really do mean that. The services that they provide there are equivalent to an RTC facility. They are not all kids with serious delinquency; some of these kids are in there because they are threats to themselves. If you look at the number of incidents they have there, it is minimal considering the clientele they have in that facility. My hat goes off to them and all the hard work they do, they have a fine staff out there. Another thing, I cannot tell you as a field office, how happy we were when kids got their GED at YDDC. We would have kids we were working with and they had completed all of their tests except for one while they were on probation. They were sent to YDDC and they wouldn't let them take the last test they would make them start high school all over again. You talk about frustrating for the kids, frustrating for the field office and for the teacher, I can't tell you what a big difference that made, Mr. Sedillo, we appreciate it.

Ms. Gonzales: Linda can probably speak more to this than I. I know that we attempted public schools – they do offer a GED program and they do the GED testing – SER is part of the SFPS, and they have a graduation ceremony. It might work better and it might not. That would be something to look at.

Mr. Jackson: Day Reporting has been operating as kind of a step down program as well as the other things that we do. I believe last year we had 14-16 kids go to Santa Fe Community College and work on their GED. We have had a lot of support from the schools. We have a lot of success stories and that is great, it is important to talk about success stories. Tita was talking about the individual in elementary school, I have a girl in the program right now who was violent at Ortiz with the teacher, she has been snorting heroin, 13 yo. I just say that following on what you said; I always want to remind everyone that we are dealing with individuals. We can deal with the system, everyday people that work with the kids 1:1 are working with individuals and saying, what do we do for this person. I want the committee to keep that in mind. You need to listen to the people who are working everyday with the kids who walk in the room with those kids everyday all day long. That is one of the things that makes it such a great detention center because we know the kids and we treat them as individuals.

The Chair expressed his thanks to Mr. Sedillo. The Chair reiterated with all the discussions that were held today they have a lot of work ahead of them.

**VIII. Announcements from the Board**

None – noted within context of minutes.

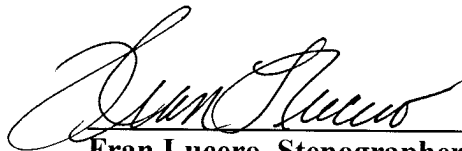
**IX. Adjournment**

There being no further business to come before the Regional Juvenile Justice Board, the Chair called for adjournment at 7:10 pm

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**Chair – Deacon Anthony Trujillo**



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