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SANTA FE REGIONAL JUVENILE JUSTICE BOARD

April 19, 2012

5:00-7:00 P.M.

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1920 FIFTH STREET

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April 19, 2012 – 5:00 pm – 7:00 pm

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1920 Fifth Street, Santa Fe, NM

I. Call to Order

Chair Trujillo called the meeting to order at 5:00 p.m.

II. Roll Call

Present

Anthony Trujillo

Jim Bianca

Mary Ellen Gonzales

Tommy Rodriguez

Mark Caldwell

Boni Armijo

Mark Dixon

Absent

Judge Marlowe Sommers

III. Approval of Agenda

Motion to approve the agenda as amended (include a report on the meeting with the Children and Youth Commission under New Business and the Public Schools) by Mr. Armijo, seconded by Mr. Caldwell. Motion passed by unanimous voice vote.

IV. Introduction of Board Members and Guests

Mary Louise (ICM Program)

Bill Dimas - (City Councilor (new appointment to the Board))

Katherine Pacheco (Cesar Chavez)

Carmichael Dominguez (City Councilor)

Juan Carlos Deoses (Intern)

Jennifer Romero (Teen Court)

Jack Ortega (Liaison to the Board)

Richard De Mella

Hilda Perez

Information provided to the Board regarding new members

Bill Dimas was assigned to the Board by Mayor Coss.

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V. Approval of Minutes – March 15, 2012

Jim Bianca is listed twice in roll call.

Motion by Mr. Armijo to approve the minutes as amended, seconded by Ms. Gonzales.
Motion passed by unanimous voice vote.

VI. Financial Report – Richard de Mella

A. Budget – Detailed Budget and Financial Report

Mr. De Mella provided information on the budget (handout). Reports a balance of \$95,361.44 in our budget. We will pay out David and Gender Specific. There is the \$6,000 stipend which was earmarked for purchasing “rewards” for kids. However, we are looking at utilizing \$3,000 of this to continue the internship for Juan Carlos Deoses.

Mr. Deoses: I am a graduate from the Santa Fe Community College (Human Services and Spanish). I will be graduating from Highlands University in May with a Bachelors in Social Work and will be completing my Masters in 2013 (Social Work). Most of my work has been done with the immigrant community. I have served as a student ambassador for SFCC and Highlands. I have worked as a resident advisor to prepare and coach young Hispanic students to become professionals. I worked to organize and educate our immigrant community regarding their civil rights and their right to an education. I currently serve as a mentor and coach. I also work as a statewide coordinator for NM DIA.

I am requesting sponsorship for DREAM Summer through the UCLA Labor Center. I was able to coordinate with them that they would invest \$3,000 if the ICM program will invest the other \$3,000. It is a 10 week paid internship to provide services to immigrant families and immigrant students (however is not limited to immigrant individuals). I have done two separate practicums and have worked on numerous issues.

Mary Louise: Mr. Deoses has been working with me as my intern and has helped so much. I have a very large case load and I would not have been able to do a quality job if it were not for him. He goes into the community with me. I can also send him to check on kids independently and we go into the schools together. We had a couple of families who were going to be kicked out of their home. With the help of Juan Carlos we were able to talk to the management and come up with a plan to use the restorative justice process. He is an element I wish I could have all the time. He has been an asset to this program. His approach is one that cannot be taught. You just have it. He has it. We would be investing in being able to serve more kids.

Mr. De Mella: I have provided you with Amendment Number Four to our original agreement. The budget shows \$550,000, which is cumulative money. We will be getting \$90,665.50. This was submitted to legal and will go to finance and then the City Council. I am looking at the end of May from the City's end. It will then go back

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to the State. It will be July 1 by the time we get it back. We will use \$23,000 for ICM; ½ of \$91,330 for gender specific; \$5,000 for tutoring; \$1,000 for admin costs; \$750 for consulting; ½ of 75 for day reporting. That leaves \$12,099 which I put in the mentoring line item. We can go over than next month and look at how we want to spend it. I want to make sure there is no gap in serves come July 1.

We will begin to work on the RFP in September/October.

Mr. Armijo: Questions the FTE for 3,200.

Mr. De Mella: Explains that is the money set aside for mileage. CYFD did not have a line item for mileage. Half of that is allocated to Mary and half to Hilda for driving. I cannot call it mileage.

Mr. Armijo: Questions the \$505,029 compensation total.

Mr. De Mella: Explains that is cumulative of all the monies received in the past couple of years. We had an original agreement and then they keep giving us amendments.

Mr. Ortega: Mileage will be included on the new RFP. We are anchored since it was not included in the original RFP. We need to make sure that the City and the County initiate the new JPA/MOU so we do not get behind.

Mr. Trujillo: When do they need to start working on that?

Mr. De Mella: As soon as possible. It will be half of \$75,000. I finally got the purchase order in April. We started this in October.

Discussion regarding the hiring of Mr. Deoses and where the money will come from. Concern regarding the use of the money for a stipend and not as originally planned. Request for a breakdown at the next meeting of how the \$90,655.50 will be used.

Mr. Ortega: Requests that the City representation advise the board on the MOU between the City and the County. Concerned that nothing has been done in the past 6 months.

Mr. Caldwell: Once the issue was identified we have not had any problems. We are way down the road and this is still coming up. As the County's representative I have ensured that this had been taken care of.

VII. New Business

A. FYRA – Hilda Perez

Ms. Perez: Reports that they are doing well. They are currently working with 17 students. They have 7 in tutoring and the rest are attendance and they are working with the parents. We have seen progress with tutoring kids. These kids were literally fist

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fighting after school and now they are talking about how they are the best friends anybody can have. The parents feel welcome to come into our office. We have domestic violence, sexual abuse, parents fighting, etc. Kids see that and report it to us. The parents come and tell us about it. They cry, need help, and want referrals. We have been referring them to counseling, referrals for food, anything they need. I think that is big progress that we have established relationships with families. The kids are working on building relationships and the teachers have noticed. Before they were the kind of kids that people ignored. The kids are taking extra steps to build relationships with others and are more open to learning.

Ms. Gonzales: I would like to report that after our last meeting we talked about having Hilda continue through the summer. The Superintendent has heard great things about Hilda and they would like her to be full time at Cesar Chavez during the summer. She would work with all the children in the summer reading program. Jack and I are working on that.

Mr. Bianca: How many children and how many hours? We need real statistics about the program. How many services, how often, what the problems are. We need to validate these programs more and we have not been doing that.

Mr. Rodriguez: I don't want to water down the program. They are focused on these 17 families and I want them to stay focused on them. These were the children giving the most problems. I envision them working with the same families throughout the summer. We should find money for Karen to work with them as well. I am concerned that the school district wants to usurp that and put it with the summer program. We have already established relationships with these families. I envision us working with them through graduation. Karen is going to be doing a parenting program. We discussed that at the committee meeting. We would like to use part of the \$3,000 to train in the parenting class.

Mr. Caldwell: I agree 100% with Tommy in keeping with the spirit and intent. We need consistency. It goes a long way with the families.

Mary Louise: It becomes quantity instead of quality.

Ms. Gonzales: We can make that very clear. I will call and set up a meeting. I believe the superintendent's perspective was that if Hilda was going to work throughout the summer at Cesar Chavez she could spend part of the time with our families. The rest of the time she will work with other kids. She would be paid full time but would be in two programs. We will make that very clear.

Mr. Bianca: We need better clarification. How many more people, what is the school district's contribution?

Sam: I am in support of what Tommy said. It is my understanding this was a pilot program that needs to be evaluated. It will be hard to evaluate if it gets watered down.

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Discussion regarding the current enrollment (17) and the original goal (30) and how reasonable going to 30 would be. Direction to explain to the superintendent that it is a pilot program and we cannot lose sight of where we are headed.

Discussion regarding the additional training and whether it is the Board's responsibility or the individual's.

Karen: Explains the Positive Parenting Program (PPP) and the training that United Way is offering. PPP teaches about parenting, positive relationships, behavioral modifications. It is a 3 day training with materials for two different levels (Powerpoints, bilingual DVDs, brochures) paid for by United Way. What United Way cannot pay for is salaries for individuals to be there. You would have more tools to deliver services that you currently provide. Once you facilitate PPP classes there is money available through Project Launch through September 2013. You get paid to teach these classes.

Mr. Armijo: These are great programs. However, I feel that we are taking stuff away from the kids by using their money. We were supposed to have programs and we were supposed to award these kids for reaching goals. No money is being spent on awarding the kids. I am all for giving the money to these very needed outfits but we put money aside so when the kids were doing great we could take them to a movie, a ballgame, etc. That still leaves money but we need to make sure some of that money is getting back to kids.

Mr. Ortega: I agree in the middle. I believe the addition of Mr. Deoses and giving these young ladies additional tools is a benefit for the kids. We have 3 energetic, smart people here and we will add more tools to their toolbox. I think the money – although not the vision in the beginning – will benefit the kids many times over.

Discussion by the board on how to best spend the money.

Mary Louise: We could be creative about it. It is good to have a celebration but meaningful interactions last longer. To use as a reward program would be better. Small little things – a little acknowledgment is important. It does not cost a lot of money. We need to set small goals and when they achieve them it is motivation to continue. Once they feel they are worthy of more they want to continue that. We need to be creative and not just spend money on things. We need to invest in relationships.

B. MOU Restorative Justice – Mary Ellen Gonzales

Ms. Gonzales: The Board signed an MOU with the Solice Center. Five years ago there were several of us that got involved in learning about restorative justice. We applied for the RFP from CYFD. We got \$30,000 to do restorative justice. It has been renewed every year. The new contract requires an MOU and we need to make reports to you. I want to make sure that I do not have a conflict of interest sitting on this Board. If there is a conflict I will resign.

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Ms. Gonzales passes out statistics and informs the Board that she will provide additional information.

Mr. Armijo: I do not consider it a conflict of interest on our part whatsoever.

Mr. Trujillo: I do not believe there is a conflict.

Mr. Dixon: No conflict unless we vote on budget and you could recuse yourself.

C. Internship ICM – Jack Ortega

With the current budget I believe we have enough to fund Hilda's activity through August 30th. When we speak to the superintendent if we can have SFPS fund the summer program we can have more of the money available. The contract ends in June but we will recontract with SFPS. FYRA is good through August 2013. The other sheet is a breakdown of what the Board will have to expend for the PPP training for Hilda and Katherine.

Ms. Gonzales moved to approve FYRA funding be used for attendance at the PPP training, seconded by Rodriguez. Motion passed by unanimous voice vote.

Mr. Armijo moved to approve funding for Juan Carlos Deoses, seconded by Mr. Dixon. Motion passed by unanimous voice vote.

VIII. Announcement from the Board

Mr. Rodriguez: We have taken on FYRA and it helps to reinvigorate the Board. For this Board to remain a positive force in the community we need to grow and push ourselves. We have some problems in this community (truancy) and no support for the high school kids. I send them back to their school and they have to deal with them. We need more monies and this Board needs to be creative on how we get those monies. We need to approach the City, County and look at grants. Los Alamos' Juvenile Justice Board is very proactive. They have put some really good programs in place. If we continue to only rely on CYFD we may be left high and dry some day. We need to develop more programs in the community.

Mr. Trujillo: Requests Mr. Rodriguez set up a meeting with appropriate individuals from Los Alamos.

Discussion held regarding acquiring funds, designing programs (specific to target truancy and dropouts), alternatives to incarceration, teen court truancy program.

Mr. Dimas: We have a drug problem in Santa Fe. The reason we have such a high crime rate is related to drugs. A lot of our youth are getting started at a young age. That needs to be addressed for our youth. We used to have programs through the police department. We had drug and alcohol abuse programs that are no longer being done. The police

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department has dropped the program. Somehow as a Board we need to ask them to bring the programs back. We need recovery centers.

Discussion on developing pilot programs and obtaining funding. Scheduling of meetings with Los Alamos, the City Council and County Commissioners. Research various granting sources to expand funding.

Mr. Dimas: I suggest that someone from this group make a presentation to the City Council. I did not have a clue what this board does. The Council, as a whole, probably does not have a clue what this Board does.

Mr. Trujillo: Can I task you with setting that up?

Mr. Dimas: I will bring it up on the agenda so we can get things started as a City. The Police Department is not getting things done. They have forgotten our youth.


IX. Next Meeting – May 17, 2012

X. Adjournment

There being no further business, Ms. Gonzales moved to adjourn, seconded by Mr. Dixon. Motion passed by unanimous voice vote. Meeting adjourned at 7:00 p.m.

APPROVED BY:

Anthony Trujillo, Chair


Fran Lucero, Stenographer