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## SANTA FE REGIONAL JUVENILE JUSTICE BOARD

January 19, 2012  
5:00-7:00 P.M.  
CYFD OFFICES  
1920 FIFTH STREET

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- II. Roll Call
- III. Approval of Agenda
- IV. Introductions of Board Members and Guests
- V. Approval of minutes of November 17, 2011
- VI. Financial Report – Richard De Mella
  - A. Budget – Detailed Budget and Financial Report
- VII. New Business
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SANTA FE REGIONAL JUVENILE JUSTICE BOARD  
January 19, 2012

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**MINUTES OF THE MEETING  
SANTA FE REGIONAL JUVENILE JUSTICE BOARD  
Thursday, January 19, 2012**

**I. CALL TO ORDER**

A meeting of the Santa Fe Regional Juvenile Justice Board was called to order by Anthony Trujillo, Vice Chair, on Wednesday, January 19, 2012, at the CYFD Offices, 1920 Fifth Street.

**II. ROLL CALL**

**MEMBERS ATTENDING:**

Deacon Anthony Trujillo, Vice-Chair  
Kit Ayala  
Mark Caldwell  
Mary Ellen Gonzales  
[8 Vacancies]

**MEMBERS EXCUSED/ABSENT:**

Jim Bianca  
Tommy Rodriguez  
Bonifacio "Boni" Armijo

**OTHERS ATTENDING:**

Richard DeMella, Staff Liaison  
Jack Ortega, SFRJJB  
Deborah Boldt, Reel Fathers  
Mark Dixon, Public Defender's Office  
Kate Greenway, SFPS  
Sam Jackson, Program Director, Day Reporting  
Karen Longenecker, United Way  
Catherine Pacheco, FYRA  
Hilda Perez, FYRA  
Sarah Piltch, District Attorney's Office  
Jennifer Romero, SFC Teen Court  
Alice Seely, Teen Court  
Allan Shedlin, Reel Fathers  
Mary Louise Romero, ICM  
Melessia Helberg, Stenographer

There was not a quorum of the membership in attendance. Vice-Chair Trujillo called the meeting to order for the purpose of receiving reports only, and the meeting was adjourned without any decisions being made or votes taken.

A copy of the "Quorum Establishment for the Juvenile Justice Board meeting of January 19, 2012," is incorporated herewith to these minutes as Exhibit "1."

### **III. APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

Mr. DeMella said he would like to add a presentation from Reel Fathers under New Business.

Kit Ayala said she has to leave at 5:00 p.m., for an appointment, noting she has a long standing therapy session at 5:30 p.m. She said she didn't remember this when the Board discussed the change in meeting time. She said if the Board stays at this meeting time, she may have to vacate her position on the Board, so you might think about appointing someone else who could be in attendance so there would be a quorum to conduct business. She said she will have to give some thought to this.

Vice-Chair Trujillo, responding to Ms. Ayala, said there are no action items other than approval of the Agenda and approval of the minutes.

It was the consensus among the members in attendance to proceed with the agenda as proposed, with the addition of a presentation from Reel Fathers under New Business.

### **IV. INTRODUCTION OF BOARD MEMBERS AND GUESTS**

Vice-Chair Trujillo asked everyone in attendance to introduce themselves.

### **V. APPROVAL OF MINUTES – NOVEMBER 17, 2011**

No action.

### **VI. FINANCIAL REPORT (RICHARD DeMELLA)**

#### **A. BUDGET - DETAILED BUDGET AND FINANCIAL REPORT.**

A copy of the *Santa Fe Regional Juvenile Justice Board 2012 Meeting Schedule*, is incorporated herewith to these minutes as Exhibit "2."

Mr. DeMella said he met with the other continuum sites last Friday, talked about programming, what's happening, the upcoming Legislature, and it appears we won't lose any money. He noted he believes CYFD will get more money.

Responding to Mr. DeMella, Mr. Ortega said the opening of two more sites is under study, and he is putting information together. He said the CYFD contracts weren't questioned. He said at best we will stay at *status quo*, and at the worst we might lost a little in the round-out of the numbers.

Mr. DeMella said there is \$148,583 left, and all of this money definitely will be spent by June 30, 2012. He said he has good news for the County. He said an MOU was done for the \$75,000 used for Day Reporting, noting the MOU currently is in the City Attorney's office. He said it will then go to the Finance Committee and then for final approval to the City Council. He said that contract should be fully executed by the end of February or no later than mid-March, and there will be no problems with CYFD in terms of payment.

Mr. DeMella said under Stipends and Mileage, he did a BAR with CYFD. The Board voted in November to give Mary Louise Romero and Hilda Perez \$1,600 each for mileage. The City pays 41¢ a mile. He said, however, we are unable to give them mileage because there is noting in the proposal which provides for mileage. He said to utilize those funds they will be giving a pay increase of \$1,600 each to Mary Louise and Hilda, which is easier. He said these two people will get their money, but in a different way.

Vice-Chair Trujillo observed that mileage isn't taxable, but the raise will be taxable, and a Ms. Longenecker pointed out that they can deduct the mileage driven on their tax return at 55.5¢ a mile.

Mr. DeMella said all contracts are done. He said we didn't bill down for the month of December, because he received no bills, but that doesn't mean the services aren't done.

Mr. DeMella said, with regard to the \$75,000, last year Day Reporting was late on submitting requests for payment. He said the City paid the County for Day Reporting, so they are square. The City now has to get the \$75,000 reimbursed from the State. However, because the \$75,000 is from last year, the State is willing to pay the City, if the City will back-date the invoices. He said the City refused to do so. He met with the City on January 9<sup>th</sup>, and he's in the process of getting that done. He said Mark has been helping been helping him with information to the City.

Vice-Chair Trujillo said if there are future meetings, he would like to attend and perhaps a board member could do so as well.

Mr. Caldwell asked if there is a difference in the requirements, and they are making it exponentially more difficult to be reimbursed. He said he understands there is a new person in the Finance Department who wants a lot more documentation and such, noting they want a lot more detail now. He said this has exacerbated the delay.

Mr. DeMella said he really needs everyone to submit their monthly reports, so we can get everything to CYFD and they can get paid.

*Kit Ayala left the meeting*

Mr. Ortega said he would like to advise the Board that it is imperative that the City bill and be on time. He said last year, with regard to all of the continuum sites, last year CYFD turned back \$210,000 because the continuum sites didn't use the money. He is concerned, if that happens again, that the Legislature may delete that, saying if we didn't use it, we didn't need it. He said he believes CYFD will be taking a very hard look at the percentage of expenditures at March 30, 2012, and if people aren't within 75% of the budget, they might take those funds and recycle them to the other sites. He said CYFD doesn't want to have to answer to LFC because the second year in a row that \$200,000 was returned. He said as a group we need to be up to date by March 30, 2012.

Ms. Gonzales asked if the funds can be encumbered and not yet spent, to meet the 75%.

Mr. Ortega said those have to be billed, and the services have to have been provided.

Mr. Ortega said CYFD is pushing for monthly billings to be submitted on time. He said for the past two years, projects have lagged behind. He doesn't believe we have a problem here, but pointed out that people will reach a point in their budget that they don't have time to spend all of the money.

Mr. DeMella said he believes we will meet the 75%, and sees no problem.

Mr. Ortega said, with regard to the \$6,000 stipend for kids, there are several committees in place, and asked the Chair if he would like to start a stipend committee to see how to spend that money.

Vice-Chair Trujillo said there already is a Committee doing that.

Mr. DeMella said some of Ms. Romero's kids will be eligible for these funds, as well as kids from other programs, noting this is a lot of money.

Vice-Chair Trujillo said we discussed that it isn't limited to Cesar Chavez Elementary and it would be open to all of the people in our programs, but it can't be used for programs outside of that.

Mr. DeMella said Hilda Perez asked him about snacks for kids, noting he needs to do a P.O. for \$500 for Sam's Club to buy snacks.

Mr. Ortega said he is unsure if this purchase falls under stipends, and he needs to check that out in terms of the budget. He said in Espanola, they purchased \$5 gift cards to Wendy's and McDonalds, and the kids were okay with that. He said it needs to be spent where, for example, Mary Louise or Hilda can say, if you do these things you get a certain amount of money cards. He will talk to Arturo tomorrow about this and report back to Board, but he believes these funds cannot be used for bulk food purchases.

Ms. Gonzales said these kids need food, a snack, but you said we can't purchase snacks with these funds

Mr. Ortega said no, clarifying that he isn't opposed to doing this, but it is not allowed under the contract.

Ms. Gonzales said the USDA provides after school snacks, and she doesn't know the process, but she can check into that.

Mr. Ortega said it is fairly easy, because they've done this in Espanola, and the snack is usually a drink, an energy bar and a piece of fruit.

Vice-Chair Trujillo asked Ms. Gonzales to take the lead in researching the possibility of doing this.

Ms. Perez said we need something simple for these kids to keep them from getting restless, noting we are asking them to work two more hours without food.

Vice-Chair Trujillo asked Ms. Perez to work with Ms. Gonzales to get this done, and Ms. Perez said she would do so.

Ms. Piltch asked if we can spend it ahead of time, and, for example, allocate memberships to the Teen Center.

Mr. Ortega said the funds can be used to purchase memberships as long as they can hold them with no expiration date.

Ms. Gonzales said she will need to check with her principal and call her if she needs help, and they will figure this out with the National School Board Association if necessary.

Vice-Chair Trujillo said, as Mr. DeMella said, we will spend all of the money.

Mr. DeMella said most money he has ever returned for a fiscal year is less than \$20.

## **VII. NEW BUSINESS**

### **A. FYRA [FAMILY/YOUTH RESOURCE ADVOCATE] UPDATE (HILDA PEREZ)**

Catherine Perez said they are getting to know the Community, introducing themselves to various entities, and reaching out to the community to let them know we are here. The main goal is to tie up loose ends, bring the parents into the schools, and make sure the parents know the schools is a safe place to be and that it's okay to come to us with problems. She said as of today there is a full load, 30 students in the program.

Mr. DeMella noted this started in October/November, and it took this long to get things moving. He said everything is in place, and the principal is an advocate.

Vice-Chair Trujillo said the biggest job for Ms. Perez and Ms. Pacheco was building relationships, and now that this is in place, we can begin to reap the benefits of this program. He asked what kinds of issues with which they are dealing.

Ms. Perez said some of the students were adopted by close family members, some are being cared for by their grandparents, and others we are unable to contact the parents. These kids are late, or not coming to school, and when in attendance they are angry and fighting with the other kids. There are a lot of behavioral and attendance issues. She said they will be offering tutoring to these kids.

Ms. Pacheco said it's not just helping with homework, but it is also working with them in areas, such as reading for those who don't read well. She said there are those who have no academic problems, but have behavior problems. She is working with one student to teach him, for example, how to become part of the class. She said they individualize what the students need. She will be tutoring kindergarten, 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> grade, 5 of each, noting there are two 5<sup>th</sup> graders and



one 3<sup>rd</sup> grader. She said they have students who have attendance problems, but are not struggling academically, and they are working to get the parents involved in getting these kids to school.

Mr. Jackson said we know that truancy is a problem in middle and high school, which leads to dropout in High School. He said it is good they are addressing truancy at that age, so the family doesn't get into a mind set that it's okay to miss school.

Ms. Romero said it's the parents when kids are that young, but in middle school, it's not always the parents who are at fault.

Mr. Greenway asked Ms. Perez and Ms. Pacheco to check in with the new counselor at Cesar Chavez, and stay connected, and they said they met her today.

Mr. Ortega is glad the numbers are up. He said he believes this program will be successful. He asked the Board if Ms. Perez and Ms. Pacheco can keep special statistics on reading improvement, especially for kids in grades 1-3. He said reading is at the top of Governor Martinez's agenda. It is very important, as we know in the cradle to prison effort, for kids to learn to read at an early age. He said with these numbers, we can start to make CYFD aware of what we're doing and place it in our proposal. If it works well, with support from the Courts, the schools and this Board, we might get additional funds to fund another position at another school.

Vice-Chair Trujillo asked how we can keep track of this.

Mr. Ortega said many of these kids have been tested, so that would give us a baseline score so we can see if they have improved significantly through this program, which would help us in our efforts

Ms. Perez said there is something like this in the file, noting they are starting to look at the students' records, and they do have a rating of 1-10 to put on the file. At the end of the year they will go back and look at these numbers.

Ms. Gonzales asked if they will be using test scores rather than their own subjective interpretation, and Ms. Perez said yes.

Ms. Romero said it is important to help kids build rapport with their teachers, noting it is important to do this at an early age. She said kids in the truancy program are required to talk to their teachers about how well they're doing, and what they can do to improve.

Ms. Perez said currently they are housed in portables, and the teachers are aware of what they are doing. She noted she and Ms. Pacheco attended the last teachers staff meeting, and the principal introduced them and talked about the program.

Vice-Chair Trujillo asked what resources they have available to give to parents to take home.

Ms. Perez said they are collecting those, noting Ms. Longenecker is their main source right now.

Ms. Longenecker, United Way, said their program serves 100 families, pre-natal to age 3, and they have "big huge binders at our office of community resources." She said they are looking into how to get more copies, saying she thinks the Department of Health prints those. She said Ms. Pacheco and Ms. Perez went there yesterday to look at what they have in this regard.

Ms. Gonzales said she believes it would be helpful for families to have copies to take home, and asked if perhaps we could use some of the \$6,000 to copy resources to give to families – maybe \$200.

Ms. Longenecker said the resource guides are printed by a public entity, and they will find out who that is, commenting she thinks they are free, so the Board doesn't have to spend its funds for this purpose.

Ms. Gonzales said if there is no way to get them free of charge, she would like to see the Board make a commitment to pay for that – she is making that proposal.

Mr. DeMella said he will work with them in this regard. He said he wants to work on getting the \$6,000 allocated in January/February so we know where it will be spent, commenting it can be spent only for kids in the program.

Ms. Gonzales said the parents with which they work need information on services for parents and kids.

Mr. Caldwell said this is true for the County as well, and all suggestions to the parties always helps.

## B. REEL FATHERS

A copy of *REEL FATHERS Phoenix Fathers A Multi-Media Program for Former/Offender Fathers* is incorporated herewith to these minutes as Exhibit "3."

Allan Shedlin, Founder and President, Reel Fathers, introduced Deborah Boldt, Executive Director of Reel Fathers here in Santa Fe. He said the mission of Reel Fathers is to celebrate involved and loving fathers, and to heal, renew and strengthen relationships that do that, and to provide skills to dads so they can be what they want to be. He noted that they cosponsor Fathers Day Fiesta at the Railyard. He said we know that fathers matter to children, and children matter to fathers, and everyone – families, communities and schools – is better off when fathers are positively involved in the lives of their children. And when that isn't the case, the opposite happens.

Mr. Shedlin said the New Mexico Alliance of Reel fathers was formed two years ago to get the White House to New Mexico to attend the forum in 2010, noting New Mexico was the only State that had a Fatherhood Forum. He said 4 weeks ago he went to the White House Office which sponsored the forums, and presented a report from that forum, noting no other forum had done that and they were circulating the report around the country.

Mr. Shedlin reviewed the information in Exhibit "3," which describes how the Phoenix Fathers Program works and tells about the background of Mr. Shedlin and Ms. Boldt.

Ms. Boldt said they started with a pilot in Albuquerque six months ago, working with men on parole, which was funded by the McCune Foundation. She said film is used for a reflective dialogue. She said the fathers watch a film on their own, and they then discuss the context and characters with a psychotherapist in a group, which quickly brings to light the personal issues of those participating in the group discussion. She said they have completed a 6-month pilot with the New Mexico Department of Corrections, working with men in level 2, which has been most successful. She hopes to get a federal grant to continue and expand some of the programs.

Ms. Boldt talked about the movie, "Becoming Eduardo," which is about a young Hispanic man from Hillsboro, in Southern New Mexico, who is at a crossroads in his life. He can follow an upward path or get deeper into drug dealing with a friend. Along the way, in the process of courting a college-bound young woman, he discovers he is a gifted poet, and the creative process which provides a way out for him.

Ms. Boldt said Bernalillo County Childrens Court Judge Monica Zamora saw the film and invited her to show it to Court officers, because these "characters" show up in the Court, and it humanizes young people. She said they are looking for resources to form new programs which

use film in this innovative approach to engage the interest of men, and as a springboard for the dialogue used to teach skills.

Ms. Boldt said they would like to bring the program to Santa Fe, and, if this Board thinks the program is worthwhile, they welcome this Board's support, noting the only barrier is finding sufficient resources to make the program work. She thanked the Board for this opportunity to share the work that they do.

Alice Seely asked how they select the movies for the program.

Ms. Boldt said they are selected because they think they will speak to these men, and that they depict either positive or negative models of what they teach.

Ms. Seely asked if they view the movies in the process.

Ms. Boldt said yes, and they also ask the men to indicate movies they would suggest. She said some of the films they've shown are *La Mission*, *The Professional*, *Sun City Island*, *Hook and To Kill A Mockingbird*. She said they choose the films for each program series. She said the past two pilots have been monthly sessions, noting the current program for the Penitentiary is a 5 hour session on Sunday afternoon, once a month for 6 months. They work with 3 films.

Mr. Shedlin said in the month they're not engaged in the program, the men keep journals which they can share or not share at the next meeting. They also have an assignment to come up with a goal of how they can do better with their children and families, which they review with each other. He said one of the joys for him, is to see how the men help each other and become a support group for each other.

Ms. Seely asked the amount of the financial support they need.

Ms. Boldt said they design the program and develop it in relation to the program.

Ms. Seely said the amount needed is very important.

Mr. Shedlin said they will create a program "with" somebody but not "for", so what they do is essentially collaborative, noting it is designed for the particular target group.

Responding to Ms. Seely, Mr. Caldwell said they have no budget for this. He watched the film which was great, noting it is great to see the reactions of the kids following the movie. He said they watch for, and have to be aware of the behaviors watching the film can bring up. He said there is a lot of preparation and after-care they provide.

Responding to Vice-Chair Trujillo, Ms. Bolt said, initially, they need \$1200 to \$1400 per session to set up the program, commenting the frequency of the program could be less than monthly.

Vice-Chair Trujillo noted there are limitations as to how we can spend our funds, and he doesn't know if something like this would fit into those guidelines.

Mr. Ortega said this is good knowledge to have. He said now that we know about Reel Fathers and what it does, there is nothing which precludes a discussion about this program by this Board. He said we now are aware of it, in the event a funding opportunity might arise. He said being here is a critical first step in that process.

Mr. Jackson said many teenage fathers with whom he works, tell him their child has been taken by the grandmother and the family doesn't want anything to do with them. He said Barry talks to them about how to overcome this. He is interested to know what part of the program would help with these issues.

Ms. Boldt said they would want to ponder and discuss with their third colleague, Don McAvinchy, a family therapist, with 20 years of working with adjudicated youth and their families. She said he was unable to attend this evening because of an ongoing Thursday night commitment at Sky Center. They can discuss it with him, noting it would have a bearing on the films they choose.

Mr. Caldwell said if they were able to do this program, they would want Dr. McAvinchy, to join our therapist in discussing the issues. He said they also would want to look at the movies they use more closely since these are juveniles, as opposed to what might be allowed for adults at the Penitentiary. He said they are very protective with the kids, because they need to be aware of things which trigger them, so they can look for certain behaviors after the film.

Mr. Shedlin said there is a discussion after the movie, because the idea is "first do no harm." He said it was clear to them at the Penitentiary after the first 5 hours, that the men were already changed, noting some of them couldn't see their children. He said their worry is that they have new dreams of what kind of father they want to be when they get out, but the family could be an impediment. He said they add a session so families can come and hear their fathers speak in a different way never heard before.

Mr. Caldwell perhaps we could do something in conjunction with Detention and Teen Court.

Mr. Shedlin said in discussions with Judge Zamora, one of the ideas is that this would be an appropriate program for a drug court.

Unidentified asked if the program requires the person already to be a father, or could they just be practicing.

Mr. Shedlin said they have to be a father.

Ms. Longenecker said the program with which she works has an extremely high number of fathers. She said many fathers tell her before their child is born that they don't know how to be a dad and what this means, noting these aren't people in the criminal justice system. She said if the Board is interested in Bringing Reel Fathers to Santa Fe, she would support this a community effort. She would like it to be open to anybody in the community and not only fathers already in the system, if possible, and United Way would be open to working with them if it is community wide.

### **VIII. ANNOUNCEMENTS FROM THE BOARD**

Mr. DeMella said there is a FYRA meeting on January 30, 2012, at 4:00, at City Hall.

Vice-Chair Trujillo noted that anyone is welcome to attend our Board and subcommittee meetings.

Mr. DeMella asked Mr. Dickson and Ms. Sara Piltch if this day works for them, and if they would like to serve on this Board, noting he will need a letter of intent and a resume. He said we do need someone from the D.A.'s office and the Public Defender's office.

Ms. Piltch said she will submit a letter and a resume.

Responding to Mr. DeMella, Ms. Seely said she would like to serve on the Board once she retires.

Ms. Seely asked, with regard to snacks for the kids, if we could pay in advance for pizza at Dion's, for example, and draw against when we need it.

Mr. Ortega thinks this is possible, but he will check with Arturo. He said as explained to him, the money has to be spent for things directly related to kids and families to act as incentive for something they've accomplished – rewards.

Mr. DeMella said we can set aside funds, and all that is necessary would be to get a PO to buy pizza, noting they work with Home Run Pizza.

Mr. Ortega suggested we talk to various establishments, and get the best deal for our dollars. He talked about a system they use in Espanola where kids earn tickets throughout the year to participate in a year-end raffle, for example, \$300 certificates to Foot Locker for shoes. He said that keeps the kids involved throughout the year.

Vice-Chair Trujillo would like to try to get food through the USDA before we move forward with pizza.

Mr. Caldwell said he would like the Board to present a plaque and letter of appreciation to Judge Vigil, commenting he is an incredible Judge. He said he will work on the letter and get the plaque.

It was the consensus among the Board to proceed as recommended by Mr. Caldwell.

Mr. Caldwell said, regarding Reel Fathers, volunteer programs have been the backbone of all of their programs. He said David Lesch of Outside In, since 1998, has been providing creative arts services which are invaluable to kids, noting he is very giving of his time, even on a shoestring budget, and often without charge. He would like him to be considered for funding as well.

Responding to Ms. Gonzales, Mr. DeMella said he will call her tomorrow and set up a meeting to discuss and develop the timeline for the RFP process. Ms. Gonzales asked Mr. Ortega to attend that meeting.

Mr. Ortega said Mr. DeMella will be providing a draft of the MOU and By-Laws tomorrow, noting we need to get everything in place prior to the end of Legislature.

Vice-Chair Trujillo said he is selling raffle tickets at \$5 each to benefit the Transformer Group, for donation of free braces each year by Dr. Thomas Ashbrook, to fund the program.

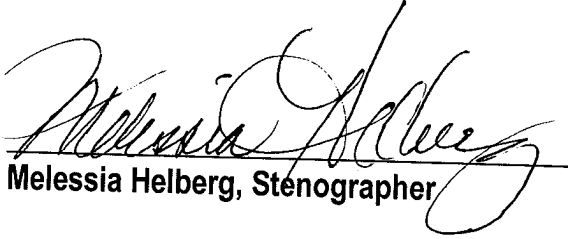
## **IX. NEXT MEETING – FEBRUARY 16, 2012**

## **X. ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting was adjourned at approximately 6:45 p.m.

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Anthony Trujillo, Vice Chair



Melessia Helberg, Stenographer