

Valencia County Juvenile Justice Executive Board Meeting

Meeting Minutes

January 28, 2021

Present: Father Mundy, Victoria Flores, Patricia Gregor, Bart Regelbrugge, David Hyder, Ruben Barreras, Diana Good, Estevan Gallegos, Jeremias Silva, Beatrice Chavez, Melanie Wood, Ann Edenfield, Noelle Chavez, Kelli Vigil, Yvonne Chavez, Linda Montaña, Tina Hite, Francesca Kegler, Phillip Montaña, Lucas Dimas

Next meeting: February 25, 2021, 11:30 am-12:00 pm, via Zoom

Call to Order at 11:30 am

I. Approval of Agenda

a. Agenda approved Motioned by Patricia , Seconded by Heather Motion carries

II. Approval of Minutes

a. Meeting minutes approved- Motioned by Bart , Seconded by Victoria

III. Nomination of Deeann Sanchez to Executive Board

Deeann is a District Attorney who is interested in serving on the Executive Board. Motion to nominate Deeann Sanchez by Bart, seconded by Heather. Motion to close nominations and elect Deeann Sanchez made by Bart and seconded by Patricia. Motion carries.

IV. Other Conversation

Good news is that friend of Father Mundy's, Daniel Cave, might be able to get semi trucks of food each week into Valencia County. This with the Food Taskforce means we could end up bringing in 2 semi trucks of food weekly to Valencia County.

Patricia-First Choice in Belen gives out food every Wednesday.

Between the Food Taskforce and what Daniel Cave is able to obtain, Valencia County can see about 2,500 boxes of food. This means we will need help with food distribution to avoid food waste.

It will take trucks and people to help distribute the food.

Heather is willing to help.

The Community Wellness Council will have an open meeting next week, Wednesday, February 3rd from 1:00-3:30 PM. Department of Health will be talking about YRRS and all JJB members are encouraged to attend. The Zoom information is as follows:

Topic: CWC February Meeting

Time: Feb 3, 2021 01:00 PM Mountain Time (US and Canada)

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Meeting adjourned at 11:50 am

Motion by Patricia, seconded by Bart

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Next meeting: February 25, 2021, 12:00 pm-1:30 pm, via Zoom

I. Call to Order 12:00 pm

II. Introductions and Welcome

All present introduced themselves.

III. Programs

A. RAC

Have approximately 210 open cases. Just received 151 from Belen high school and we are working on making contact with all referrals. All cases have been divided by 3 of the RAC Specialists and Angelina is taking all of the Los Lunas schools cases.

We will be meeting with the schools to determine our roles in the schools when they re-open.

Father Mundy-Are you comfortable with your current caseload?

Noelle-Yes, currently we have 70 open cases and we expect we will not make contact with 100% of all referred youth. It is anticipated that contact will be made with about 30 youth.

Father Mundy-Do you have any primary issues to report?

Noelle-There are high levels of anxiety and depression and kids are afraid to leave home for anything. This is primarily found in middle school to high school females.

Father Mundy-Do you know why there is a difference between girls and boys?

Noelle-Just a generalization that could be wrong, girls are typically more prone to anxiety. My opinion is that kids need community engagement.

Diana-There is good data to support Noelle's statements.

Father Mundy-What about the drug situation?

Noelle- The youth have told me that drinking is not an issue and is old school that they are into Marijuana, mushrooms, vaping and hallucinogenics

B. Restorative Justice

Have had 2 circles since we last met. Would like to have meetings in person, but are continuing online to be safe. Due to limited staffing because of COVID at various organizations, community service is not happening except for TNT Boxing. Most Restorative Justice cases are theft or property damage.

C. Botvin

We now have 2-3 sessions per week. There are 2 kids who will not meet in person and are attending online. Our largest group is the Police Athletic League with 7-8 kids every Monday.

D. Girl's Circle

Our Girl's Circle has been split into 2 groups on Mondays. 12 girls are registered with 2 on Zoom. We have been receiving JPO referrals. The groups are split by maturity levels. We have 5-6 girls who love the program and do not want to leave, so we expect to have them for the entire year.

Patricia will provide more goodie bags to Noelle for the Girl's Circle.

E. Boy's Council

We have 2 sessions and may need to extend to a 3rd. Monday is lower level offenses and Tuesday is higher level offenses. Noelle attends the Tuesday sessions because they have had one fight. The sessions are closely monitored and the boys are choosing to attend the sessions.

Ruben-Why did the boys get into the fight?

Noelle-Because they were annoying each other. Probation was notified and the kids were put into separate groups. One boy had claimed gang affiliation and liked to fight. The incident occurred after a session outside and the facilitator was able to spate the boys.

Ruben-The boy who claimed gang affiliation, did he say who he was with?

Noelle-He claimed the Crips. I had not heard that in a while and did some research and contacted the detention center and they stated that it is becoming a more frequent claim.

Estevan-JPO does not usually get the confession that they are gang involved.

Noelle-It looks like this boy's family has been involved with the gang.

Father Mundy-What about the safety of you and your staff?

Noelle-We do not have any official take down or restraint training

Cassandra will look into training for Noelle and her staff.

Diana-What training do the SROs use? Is it CPI?

Ruben will check with Desi and maybe get Noelle in touch with him.

Noelle-That would be good. I do not anticipate more issues. We have been having more staff sit in and we are monitoring behavior and watching for agitation to diffuse and deter issues.

Diana-Don't you have security features?

Noelle- We do have a panic button that will call police and turn on all our cameras.

Heather-On the H2 Academics website, there is no program information.

Noelle-That is something I did not get a chance to finish working on

Cassandra- Our JJB website does have all current program information and will send the link [Valencia County Juvenile Justice Board Website](#)

IV. Attendance for Success Taskforce

We met last week. Our focus is on incentivizing school attendance and providing families with resources. Noelle has presented a challenge to the subcommittee and I want to extend that challenge to the board to collect 5 \$10 gift cards per member. Noelle and Cassandra are accepting the gift cards, just contact them.

Teri created a toolkit that provides families with resources for parents. This is a living document that is constantly being updated. Please share with as many people as possible: <https://docs.google.com/presentation/d/1nmL031eoKK85Ysof-kXDdkAYuD1Q3g5yH5OdhmLlIxxw/edit?usp=sharing>

Patricia-Is there a gift card preference?

Estevan-Food. But it is open to what each person wants to purchase. Just remember we are looking at ages K-12. Creativity is great.

Father Mundy-Is Sonic popular among the youth?

Noelle-Sonic, Amazon, e-gift cards, XBOX and Playstation are all great.

Victoria-Walmart gift cards are big with YDI

Estevan-There is no deadline as to when we will be accepting these gift cards because they will be used.

Diana-As a plug for Department of Health, Subway!

V. **100% Community Taskforces**

We have 6 of 10 task forces going. A huge thank you to Noelle for making things happen. We have great community members fitted to the right groups. Each task force has a checklist and is well organized.

Father Mundy-Do you want to rename Community Wellness to 100 % Community?

Diana-Yes

Father Mundy-Do we need a motion?

Diana-I don't think so

Father Mundy-Cassandra, please note this change in the meeting minutes.

Our survey is still open. **The survey will close February 15th.**

The survey will take approximately 10 minutes to complete, please share it.

To participate, please click on the following link:

[100% Community Survey Valencia](#)

or type this link in your browser:

<http://bit.ly/ValenciaSurvey100>

VI. **Youth Subcommittee**

Phillip is working on invites, packaging goods and helping with the senior COVID vaccination.

Father Munday-How many youth are helping?

Phillip-Just me

Victoria-We also have young people from Teen Court interested in serving on the Youth Subcommittee. Hoping to have all letters and resumes my Monday.

Father Mundy-How much has been spent down for the youth committee funds?

Cassandra-At least 50%, Jeremias is looking up the exact number.

Father Mundy-Ruben, has JJAC provided direction in youth funding? \$300 is not enough.

Victoria-YDI has funding approved to pay \$25 per youth for a total of 6 youth over the next 6 months. I currently have 5 youth.

Cassandra-Jeremias says we still have \$100 which will allow us to cover Phillip until April.

Victoria-I will try to add Phillip to Teen Court after April.

VII. Legislative Subcommittee

Noelle-There are no updates from the Mraz's but they do have a friend who is sick and they want to spend as much time as possible with him.

VIII. Coordinator Update

Attended the training for our new database. Valencia County and Grant County have been asked to test the database and provide feedback to CYFD. This will require changes to the way the programs report their data. I will have to input the data manually, there is no way to conduct a mass upload and we will be busy initially.

Father Mudy-Does this seem like a system that is going to work or do you anticipate issues?

Jeremias-I was concerned as well about the efficiency of this system, but we have an adequate backup system of spreadsheets just in case.

Noelle-With the amount of data there is to input, it will take Cassandra some time possibly up to 2 days per week to get all the data entered.

Father Mundy-Have we heard back about the BAR?

Jeremias-CYFD stated it looks good and we should know in a couple of weeks.

IX. Other Business as time allows

Jeremias-to circle back to Noelle, you stated you were unable to find organizations that allow community service?

Noelle- Yes due to COVID restrictions and reduced staff.

Jeremias-Can the youth do trash clean up?

Noelle-That depends on how the youth are being treated. It should be dignified with staff being kind and opening.

Jeremias-Maybe we can talk more about utilizing Public Works liaisons.

Father Mundy-What about the animal shelter?

Noelle-The volunteers have to be 18.

Jeremias-With youth issues, such as the fight mentioned, is there any liability with using holds.

Noelle-There is more liability in doing nothing than by trying to safely prevent injuries. There is no intent to injure or harm youth in a safe hold utilized by many treatment centers.

Beatrice-for McKinny Vento things are slow due to remote learning. We are busy with food resources. Food can be distributed, please email Beatrice for information. Hoping to safely enter school in February and will be shopping soon to have things on hand for when the kids return.

Victoria for Teen Court-Have 2 new trainees and would like more JPO referrals. Currently in training.

Estevan-JPO referrals from law enforcement are slow. Without school in person, referrals have been low but will announce the need to the officers.

Diana-100% Communiyt survey will close February 15th and Cassandra will send out the link to everyone.

Ann for WINGS-Will not be writing a grant for Valencia County this year. Americans for Prosperity reached out 2 weeks ago looking for non-profits to help reduce poverty. We are trying to find funding through another organization than United Way. Keep me in mind for funding.

Jeremias to Father Mundy-What County representatives will you be talking to for food distribution?

Father Mundy-Nancy Jo

February 25th will be next JJB meeting

Meeting Adjourned at 1:09 pm motioned by Bart 2nd by Diana