



AGENDA
VALENCIA COUNTY JUVENILE JUSTICE ADVISORY BOARD
MARCH 2023 MEETING

Zoom Link for Virtual Attendance:
<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/85751104479>

Tuesday, March 14, 2023
12:00PM-12:45PM

- A. Introduction & Roll Call – Quorum Confirmation
Voting JJAB members in attendance: Heather Benavidez, Patricia Griego, Victoria Flores, Judge Allen Smith, Kelli Vigil, Randy Gutierrez
General JJAB members in attendance: Jeremias Silva, Christine Arrellin, Noelle Chavez
Total of 6 - Quorum confirmed.
Heather: Asks to use introductions as roll call?
Jeremias: Yes ma'am.
- a. Community Member Introduction – If Applicable
- B. Acceptance of Agenda
Heather...Motion to Accept
Patricia...Motion of approval
Judge Smith...Seconds the motion of approval.
Heather...discussion/opposition? All I's...zero no's. Motion Accepted.
- C. Approval of Meeting Minutes – February 14th, 2023 JJAB Meeting
Heather...Motion to Accept
Patricia...Motion of approval
Randy...Seconds the motion of approval.
Heather...discussion/opposition? All I's...Judge Smith abstains from vote being he was not present last meeting. Meeting minutes have been approved.
- D. BAR Discussion & Vote
Heather: Christine will take item D.

Christine: Yes, thank you Heather. We have the Budget Adjustment Application, Noelle can you please go into detail?

Noelle: Borrowing \$13,120 off continuum coordinator fund, Christine was not on-board yet. Remainder of funds that were free. Using the funds for Belen BOTVIN Lifeskills site for Belen middle school and elementary schools. 79 sessions at \$165 for the total of \$13,035; remaining \$85 going into the travel funds. Purpose of moving funds is because CYFD does not like to see reverted funds; keep that number under \$300. Plan presenting for approval. Moving funds to Belen, serve approximately 300 kids. Open for questions?

Jeremias: Clarifying that the continuum coordinator budget...funds that were used to cover full fiscal year, not the case; but there are sufficient funds in place - \$30,000 through June 30. Remaining funds of \$13,120 are dispersed between Belen BOTVIN school site and addition travel associated with continuum coordinator. Christine has worked closely with H2 Academic – subcontractors on board; travel increase needed. Discussions were established with CYFD, program managers and Christine of moving funds.

Heather: Questions? Or move on to vote.

Jeremias: You can proceed to vote.

Heather...Motion to accept changes.

Patricia...motion of approval

Judge Smith...Second the motion of approval.

Heather: Discussions? All I's...zero no's. BAR has been approved.

E. Federal JJAC Application Discussion & Vote

Christine: Next item is JJAC Grant Application for the Teen Center that Noelle is requesting.

Noelle: Project as a whole is a day reporting center. Safe school site for suspended/expelled youth who are a danger to community or self. Benefits single parent households as their child is in a safe location. Hours of operation are 7:30a-2:30p, Monday through Friday, it replicates a regular school day. Purpose of this schedule is so the student is able to turn around and continue with schedule. County worked with H2 Academics for 4-5 months in a tester site; kinks were worked out – certified teacher and aide plus access to the curriculum would be \$120,000/year 190 days (August to May) – Open to all students in Valencia County who meet criteria that are in Middle/High school aged 12-17 population; school-based referrals or juvenile probation. 10 to 12 kids at a time; intervention learning plus edgenuity curriculum. Safety first model with cameras, police button; learning is first and foremost important. Safe, lockdown location where the youth stay out of trouble and get educated. Community safety is key. Questions?

Jeremias: County is in support with letter of support from commissioners to supplement application to submit to CYFD. Saving youth detention budget.

Warden Randy: Agrees with Jeremias, does not want youth to end up in adult detention center.

Camille: How is transportation handled? By the participant and the family, themselves?

Noelle: Last year, there was a couple approaches. Some were able to walk to the site and some had transportation issues; used other grant fundings for gas cards. Need two-people deep for consistent transportation.

Judge Smith: Site Location?

Noelle: 506 Becker Ave. Site – Police button and cameras.

Judge Smith: Kids coming from Valencia High School or Los Lunas High School would need significant transportation supports.

Noelle: Some already have CYFD involvement. Tester site, there was more Los Lunas kids than Belen kids.

Judge Smith: Do you know if RIO Metro passes might be available?

Noelle: Trips are free right now but not sure if they will stay free. The only issue is that it does not go to the top of Meadow Lake.

Judge Smith: That is true, their timeliness is not great. As long as student gets on schedule and stays on schedule, there are no issues.

Noelle: Worked with some kids that could not make it to site until 9pm.

Warden Randy: Would you have someone available to drive to pick them up?

Noelle: Because we don't have the two-people deep, we don't typically have it unless it is an emergency – medical related or one time only. Pull staff from school, purchase a vehicle, and transportation insurance.

Warden Randy: In process of capital assets and have a transport vehicle that will be pulled from fleet. Work with Jeremias to possibly donate or keep within county through CJCC and utilize it to pick up kids. Transport vehicle will be ready in a month.

Noelle: Jeremias and I were talking last May about same collaboration of figuring out the transportation. If we have the vehicle, it is only a matter of writing a grant to get the person or people.

Warden Randy: Keep Jeremias and Noelle in the loop when its ready to go.

Judge Smith: Has anyone approached the schools? See if their services could be used.

Noelle: Not a bad idea, schools and probation sentence the kids. If Los Lunas essentially had one bus to pick up the kids and dropped them off, it is not a bad solution.

Camille: Cannot speak for transportation department but McKinney-Vento has transportation issues. It is hard for the lack of drivers, Century High school does not have any type of transportation. Rio Metro does not transport to schools. Looking into school district transportation is a good idea but for Los Lunas Schools not sure if next school year would be able to support.

Noelle: Camille, I appreciate you brought that up because it lets us know that it may not be an option. She is correct, Rio Metro does not transport to schools. For us, that is not an issue as we will not be listed as an official school site. Will contact bus department but the timing may not work because they will be dropping off kids at own school sites.

Jeremias: A year an half ago, VCAN was proposing that they would have one represent utilize a county vehicle to pick up youth and drop off but the liability portion came up. Transporting youth requires necessary clearances. Noelle, correct me if I am wrong, all your staff is certified to do that?

Noelle: We have out insurances that cover all activities, correct. Two-people deep for safety such as allegations. Everyone is background checked.

Jeremias: In an event that court security is not fully utilized, I would have to touch base with Sheriff Noah if that would be plausible. Apply for a grant 30 hours a week and pay that driver.

Warden Randy: If that is something you want to utilize for court security, we have part-time employee for transportation for the jail. We can supplement transportation that can pick them up and take them where they need to go; that would be their main duty for the program.

Jeremias: We will keep our eyes open for grant opportunities.

Judge Smith: Transportation to and from the court does not have set schedule; there are times that the officers are used heavily. Consistent schedule throughout the county to pick up youth will put a strain on the resources. Criminal courts have dozens of transports throughout the day.

Jeremias: Appreciates the insight as the concept is more understandable.

Heather: Any more questions? I have one about calling for a vote. What is it exactly to apply for the grant that needs a vote?

Jeremias: Any application submitting to CYFD we have to have a meeting in place and the board provided with necessary information in which applying for and a vote of support for effort.

Heather: Appreciates the terminology. Motion to support the grant?

Victoria...motion of approval.

Camille seconds the motion of approval.

Heather: Discussions/opposition?

Jeremias: Appreciates the depth of the discussion.

Heather: All I's...zero no's. Motion accepted.

Judge Smith: When is the next regular meeting?

Jeremias: Next regular meeting will be April 14th, Christine can you confirm?

Christine: Jeremias, it is actually April 11th on the Tuesday.

Jeremias: April 11th, we will have a calendar invite sent out sooner than later. As we approach that day, Concha Montano will be on site for NA/SP. It is offered hybrid, more information will be readily available closer to that date with the agenda.

Heather: Will there be a hybrid version or is it strictly in-person?

Jeremias: There will be a hybrid, moving forward we will continue the hybrid model as the conversations can become thorough. Christine can you please mention the few events we will have.

Christine: First and foremost we have our JJAC board meeting coming up on April 20th and need RSVPs to figure out the logistics. Another thing, we will have a meet and greet ice breaker at Chili's with the youth to get them more engaged. Our Youth Retreat this Sunday for the Youth Subcommittee and Teen Court. Lastly, the backpack event on April 1st. That are all the updates for now.

Jeremias: Thank you Christine, Heather it is all yours.

Heather: If there are no other announcements, comments, or discussions. Motion to Adjourn.

F. Adjournment

Patricia...Motion of approval

Victoria...Seconds the motion of approval.

Heather...Meeting adjourned.