



AGENDA
VALENCIA COUNTY JUVENILE JUSTICE ADVISORY BOARD
April 2023 MEETING

Tuesday, April 11, 2023
12:00PM-1:30PM

- A. Introduction & Roll Call – Quorum Confirmation – **Quorum met.**
In-Person JJAB members: Estevan Gallegos, Camille Griego, Judge Allen Smith

Virtual JJAB members: Heather Benavides, Victoria Flores, Deputy Chief
Cassandra Kanyuck, Kelli Vigil, Patricia Gregor, Randy Gutierrez

In-person Youth Subcommittee
Phillip Montano, Rayven Ward

Virtual Youth Subcommittee
Kyleigh Winters, Andrea Sassar, Isaiah Jimenez

Community/General Members
Jeremias Silva (**Grants Director**), Christine Arrellin (**Continuum Coordinator**),
Concha Montano (**Evaluator, Strategic Plan/Needs Assessment**), Linda Montano
(**Community Outreach Coordinator**), Noelle Chavez, Holly Chavez, Jenna Rael
(**H2 Academic Solutions**), Yolanda Abeita, Kaylee Jojola (**Truancy Coordinator**
Isleta Truancy Dept.)

- a. Community Member Introduction – If Applicable

- B. Acceptance of Agenda
Heather...motion to Accept.
Patricia...motion to Accept.
Camille seconds the motion. All in favor, all I's...zero no's. Motion accepted.
- C. Approval of Meeting Minutes – March 14th, 2023, JJAB Special Meeting
Patricia...motion to Accept.
Victoria...motion to Accept.
Camille seconds the motion. All in favor, all I's...zero no's. Motion accepted.

D. Discussion/Nomination of Vice Chair

Heather: Hand it off to Jeremias to give more context.

Jeremias: Thank you Heather, an item that has been on the agenda for seven or eight months. Open for potential discussions, self-nomination, nomination of counterpart on a vice chair role to provide Heather some help. One component that the board is lacking. We welcome any discussion, comments, or suggestions. This will be an ongoing agenda item until filled.

Heather: Maybe we can talk about job duties, which are minimal, you all take care of paperwork while the chair runs the meetings. Outline co-chair duties to help make an informed decision.

Jeremias: We can send an email with the by-laws that outline the minimal duties to help fill the void in an event that Heather may miss. By laws are vague but we need a teammate to provide information or guidance. We will send a detailed email to reference to.

E. Discussion/Nomination of New Board Members

Heather: Safe to say we can move on to item E.

a. Kaylee Jojola – Isleta Pueblo

Jeremias: I will leads the discussion, in December 2022 Linda Montano made a motion to bring on Yolanda Abeita from Isleta Truancy Department to act as a voting member but needed further discussion with tribal government to ensure her role allowed for adequate time. In March, at the youth retreat, I received an email from Yolanda which recommended Kaylee Jojola who she works closely with. Kaylee has been present, involved, and vocal in our JJAB meetings. Her presentation at the Attendance for Success conference was enlightening as they care for the youth; that presentation reflects the type of people needed for our board. We want to broaden our reach; Isleta Pueblo can help as we serve youth from Isleta Pueblo through our programs. I would like to pass it to Yolanda to further discuss Kaylee’s role that will benefit the JJAB.

Yolanda: I have been thinking of a nomination that Linda nominated me for, which I declined, because as a role of a manager I do not want to focus on subcommittees but on my program as a whole. I thought about Kaylee as she is passionate about her work and is a good committee member and having a discussion with her, I explained my situation that I do not want to stray away from my job duties but expressed that she would be a good voice for JJAB and introducing the programs to the youth in Isleta. I asked if she would be interested if I recommended her. Administration was changing at the time of nomination, but this year was a budget review hearing with the Tribal Council and discussed the different roles; Valencia County is our biggest partner. They were happy to hear the involvement and were excited for the nomination/suggestion, a tribal member is interested in attending as well. Kaylee would be a great asset and is familiar with the youth within the schools.

Jeremias: Kaylee would you like to say anything?

Kaylee: Thank you for the opportunity to be part of the board and I hope to help the best of my abilities and advice and take meetings back to the community and of course start getting youth involved with board.

Jeremias: The dynamics going on - Linda was a member at the time in December when motion was made, she is not anymore. Yolanda is a general member. For

the sake of the record, we would need a recommendation/nomination from a voting member.

Heather: Can I get a recommendation/nomination to nominate Kaylee Jojola as one of our new members.

Patricia...recommendation to nominate Kaylee Jojola.

Judge Smith...seconds the nomination of Kaylee Jojola

Heather: Any discussions, I think she will be fabulous. All I's...zero no's.

Welcome aboard Kaylee and thank you for offering your services to us.

Kaylee: Appreciates the nomination to becoming a board member.

F. Youth Subcommittee Update

Heather: On to item F.

Jeremias: I think it would be appropriate that Phillip provides a brief update on what the youth has been involved in. Then I will get information about Jacob on the screen.

a. Youth Dance/Backpack

Phillip: We have had a meet and greet, we have had consistent zoom meetings, we held a youth retreat and the backpack event which we had a collaboration with the youth subcommittee, La Vida Felicidad, YDI teen court, YDI teen court outreach program, Valencia County Advisory Board, and Food grant. At this event we put together over 200 backpacks with food items, hygiene items, and school supplies. The purpose was for youth experiencing foster transitions or homelessness. Any youth would like to add anything are more than welcome to.

Jeremias: Isaiah, Kyleigh, Andrea do you have anything to update? Comments on events held.

Kyleigh: I went to Youth Retreat, and it was a lot of fun. I learned more about the programs and helpful that I learned about programs available within the community. It would be a really great opportunity for other kids to figure out a way to spread the information out to the community and more publicized to know about the opportunities as well.

Jeremias: We always appreciate your voice, thank you for that. Thank you for everything you guys have done.

b. Discussion/Nomination of new youth

o Jacob Arrellin – Los Lunas Schools

Jeremias: I have something that we ask all youth to fill out that is part of the board to get information. A few days ago, the youth subcommittee did meet with Jacob and talked about what he can offer and gauged his interest. The first question "*Why are you interested in being part of the Juvenile Justice Advisory Board Youth Subcommittee?*" his response was "*I am interested in being part of the Youth Subcommittee because I want to be able to learn about the programs*" and the second question, "*What is one goal you hope to achieve by being part of the Youth Subcommittee?*" and his answer was "*One goal that I hope to achieve in being part of the Youth Subcommittee is spreading what I have learned about the programs.*" Great to hear that we have interest from the younger youth that are wanting to be a part of something great and to help their friends. Also keep a good community relationship; right now, we have three seniors, and we find the importance of tapping into the younger youth. Phillip has been on the board since 2019, had I gotten it together at that time with recruiting more youth, they could have grown-up together and participated in different events. Thankful to Isaiah,

Kyleigh and Andrea for their involvement as it shapes the subcommittee. I want to pass this on to Christine to convey the message of the meeting that there was an informal, formal vote.

Christine: The youth were excited to vote on Jacob to the youth subcommittee being that he is younger, not even in high school yet.

Jeremias: Isaiah, Kyleigh, Andrea, did you have all any comments for that meeting you had on Tuesday?

Isaiah: I did not make it to that meeting, but I think Kyleigh was there.

Kyleigh: Awesome to see younger people interested as there are a handful of seniors in the youth subcommittee so not bad to have the younger as we grow up and move on with the next chapter of our lives'. It is good to have younger interested youth so they can be the next generation of helpers.

Jeremias: Well put, thank you so much. I will leave it open for any comments or discussions. Heather we will just need a formal nomination from a voting member so that we can officially have Jacob brought on.

Heather: Can I get a nomination for Jacob Arrellin from Los Lunas Schools to be added to the youth subcommittee? Anyone? Is there someone in the county building who made a nomination that I cannot hear? Thank you, Judge Smith. Is there a second?

Victoria...seconds the nomination.

Heather: Thank you Victoria, any discussions...other than we are excited to have him. All I's...zero no's. Fantastic, unanimous thank you and welcome Jacob.

Jeremias: Thank you so much everybody, we have a video, but I would like to proceed with Concha Montano and upon her completion I will post his video as he was in school and unable to attend. Concha, the floor is yours.

G. Needs Assessment Presentation from Concha Montano

Concha: Thank you so much. Let me talk about the process of the data, takes two to three years to follow the trends whether it is in the right direction or wrong direction. This plan took eight months to put together, but the research is three to four years. Showing appreciation to the people that have been involved in the process, Ginny Adame (Valencia County DWI Program) and Linda Montano. Collecting data for a long time was because of the availability. A lot of data is new from the resources used, the latest most current data. This document is a working document of 48 pages long. NA updated yearly and only with new data. Valencia County needs 200 surveys completed for data. The data is resourced from county demographics or NM census, Kids Counts report, and school districts in the youth. County need snapshot. The introduction includes the board which new information will be inputted. Data starts on page 9-13 and explains the resources used. 2018-2021 data information; information is confusing on the epidemiology but there are charts that show clarity. Data is used for planning; NA is still in draft mode. Hoping to turn in a clean complete report to CYFD. Linda and I came up with this a couple years ago that is clean and organized in a chart that shows "needs met". One thing not included is the "Capacity and Readiness" survey, as a committee it needs to be completed in the upcoming years. NA belongs and is written for Valencia County; permission comes from Christine and Jeremias to distribute. I experienced a time when I wrote a NA for a county and it was distributed without permission, the data was used in a proposal against the county that it was initially written for. We do not want competition. Data is used for presentations. I will create an overhead presentation that can be presented rather than showing the whole report. Highlight the need and risk factors, highlight the areas doing well by sharing with the media. Media is powerful in showcasing

what is going on in the community. Share the data with partners. Missing information is from 2023, the data will be updated by June 30th with the highlights in the most useful way to Valencia County. Most current data is from 2022. Received data from 2014-2022 but missing 2019 and 2020; data covers juvenile probation referrals. Interested in patterns and trends. Looked at requirements to report such as risk factors – SP shows whether needs were met or not. Accidentally left out cigarette or vaping data; will include it. Found other information from LGBTQQIAA community data, very little information and wants any new information and data that is the most current. We want to see the need from the group. Other information missing is from H2 Academic reports of qualitative data. Quantitative data is awesome but qualitative data tells the story of what is happening in the programs through H2 Academics. Numbers do not tell the story. Focus groups data from around the community is also missing but can work on this for next year. YRRS high school data is available but not the middle school data; binge drinking will be updated as well. New Mexico community survey for the perception of consequences of breaking the alcohol law, ages 18 and over; not a youth survey. Data is provided then is broken down by age group. Gives data on perception of access from homes, peers, stores, and restaurants around the community. Different modules used when collecting data (meth, fentanyl, college campuses, poly-substance & core). Requested data for prescription drugs and fentanyl.

Jeremias: Big deliverable that has been heard over the years are the surveys, 6-month and 12-month exit surveys. H2 Academics has worked diligently to get up to date and Christine has uploaded it into the portal. I want this qualitative data to be included in report and inform the board that that information will be given to Concha.

Concha: Really important to have and include with the most current data, NA is revised every year. The steps to a strategic prevention framework/plan are needs assessment, capacity (advisory board), planning (SP), implementation, and evaluation. ION module is a continuum of health – in this county we do universal. There are three types – universal, selective, and indicative. Selective is prevention with specific people such as teen court or children of alcoholics. Indicative is working with youth who are already involved in the juvenile justice system. A program used in schools is called “Reconnecting Youth” – it is a daily program. When planning, look at data and check if needs are being met and programs are available – we are on track for universal prevention. Let me jump to page 10 so you understand how to read them.

Jeremias: The updated Needs Assessment was distributed to the voting board members, so anybody that has any questions, comments, or red lines to send to myself or Christine and we will convey to Concha for any necessary revisions.

Concha: I want to share on how to read the tables, Page 10, data is broken down with the indicator measure. Patterns and trends are shown as well with positive and negative findings. Page 21 is a summary. Tables provide more information than graphs.

Jeremias: I apologize for cutting into your time from technical difficulties this morning. This is exactly what the county was looking for – a well prepared NA that shows the data. It is imperative. We will keep in contact to complete the NA with necessary data and receive an overhead presentation summary that can be distributed to the board.

Concha: Rough, rough draft has been edited but needs more editing with your help.

Jeremias: Heather, we are ready to proceed with the next item.

H. Other Business

Heather: Thank you Jeremias and Concha for that fantastic and comprehensive presentation. One Circle Foundation Group Trainings. I am sorry but I have to jump off for a meeting with the auditors at 1:30pm.

a. One Circle Foundation Group Trainings:

- o Mitigating Gender & Racial Bias – 5-24-2023 to 5-25-2023
- o Girls Circle Facilitator – 5-2-2023 to 5-4-2023

Jeremias: As Heather mentioned we have some training's that are like the ones provided from last year. Two different trainings' – some seats are available for these training's if anybody would like to attend, please RSVP with Christine to send information off to One Circle Foundation. The trainings are already booked, and we will host them in the IT training room or here in the commission chambers if available. Plan for one screen for five participants to view the information and be involved. If anyone is interested, please RSVP to Christine or we can now.

Christine: Correction, five available seats, so there will be six total participants.

Yolanda: What is Girls Circle?

Noelle: Girls Circle is essentially a gender-based youth mentoring program specifically addressing pure pressure, bullying, how to be a leader, how to be confident in yourself, loving yourself, loving your body. CYFD funds for four binders but there are a bunch of different ones. It is supposed to be culturally relevant, inclusive, and LGBT youth are allowed to select Girls Circle or Boys Council – considered a mentoring program.

Jeremias: Noelle, thank you so much. At this time is there anyone interested? Please let Christine know moving forward. We will keep our eyes peeled for any emails regarding these trainings.

Noelle: We will gap-fill whatever open spots are leftover after the board. So, we will take all spots that are free. As people sign-up we will prioritize on our end.

b. Resignation of Kelli Vigil

Jeremias: Wonderful, thank you much Noelle. Moving on, I received an email from one of our board members who is retiring, Kelli Vigil. I wanted that to be conveyed and on the record. She has been instrumental in giving guidance and support over the years. Unfortunate but ironic that we lose a member but gain a new member, Kaylee. Kelli, you have done so much, and I cannot imagine the feelings of retirement and sitting across from Estevan, and how he is lucky to have a boss like you. Nothing but praise and thanks for your time put forth to this board. Please give us a sendoff.

Kelli: Thank you, I really appreciate the kind words and filled with gratefulness to be part of the process and a seat at the table to advocate for the youth. So impressed with the Valencia County board and tried to vocalize to others as I have sat on others and this by far is the most rewarding and effective to be a part of. I will see you in another lifetime.

Jeremias: Not a goodbye but until next time. We will update our information so that you do not receive the JJAB information. You have our contact information in the event you want to reach out and we are more than happy for that conversation. Christine, you had something.

c. JJAC Raffle Prizes

Christine: The last item on the agenda is our JJAC meeting that is happening next Thursday. We are doing a raffle prize table so anyone that is planning on attending in person, we ask that you bring something to put on the table. That would help us out a lot.

Jeremias: Just to follow-up that JJAC meeting is being held from 10am-1:30pm and Christine has reached out for the initial RSVP in the commission chambers. The meeting is in person and via zoom at the request of CYFD. Lunch will be served by Sopa's providing chicken and beef fajitas. Please feel free to attend and as Christine mentioned, any goody's that you can provide us with. We will touch base with our Sheriffs office to provide us with a nice Yeti. I will leave it open for questions or concerns.

I. Adjournment

Jeremias...Motion to accept.

Victoria...motions to adjourn.

Estevan...seconds the motion. Adjourned at 1:34pm

Next JJAB meeting is June 13th, 2023, and we will send a calendar invite. Thank you and have a great day.