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DOÑA ANA COUNTY JUVENILE JUSTICE CONTINUUM BOARD

June 15, 2022

1 Following are the summary minutes from the Doña Ana County Juvenile Justice
2 Continuum Board meeting held on Wednesday, June 15, 2022, at 12:00 p.m., City Hall
3 Room 2007B, 700 N. Main St., Las Cruces, NM

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5 **MEMBERS PRESENT:** Honorable Samantha Madrid, Chair (DAC Division I)
6 Sgt. Manny Melendez (LCPD)
7 Lindsay McDonnel-Benatar (Public Defenders Depart)
8 Dr. Robert Lozano (LCPS)
9 Tessa Abeyta (Proxy, CLC/Mayor's Office)
10 Rachel Urdialez (Proxy, Drug Court 3rd Judicial District)
11 Cody McNiel (Proxy, CYFD-JJS)
12 Robert Nuñez, (City of Las Cruces)
13 Rory Rank (Retiree)
14 Marianne Hernandez (CYFD-PS)
15 Manuel Arellano (L.C.S.C.A.)
16 Alyssa Fierro (FYI Plus – Student)
17 Diego Vallejo (FYI Plus – Student)

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19 **ABSENT:** Brian Kavanaugh (Families & Youth, Inc.)
20 Susanna Chaparro (DACB of Commissioners)
21 Judy Baca (Mesilla Valley Hospital)
22 Bill Rothengass (Retiree)
23 Chief Vanessa Ordoñez (Anthony NM Police)
24 Steve Nance (Doña Ana Community College)

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26 **OTHER PRESENT:** Tommi Fisher (Proxy, CYFD-PS)
27 Aralis Chacon (FYI Plus)

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29 **STAFF PRESENT:** Sofia Hughes (Case Manager/Youth Services)
30 Martha Moreno (Recording Secretary)

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32 **1. CALL TO ORDER**

33 The meeting was called to order at 12:06 p.m. by Ms. Madrid and recognized
34 the meeting as having a legal quorum.

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36 **2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

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38 **3. WELCOME AND INTRODUCTIONS**

39 Board members, staff and guest introduced themselves.

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41 **4. CONFLICT OF INTEREST**

42 None

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44 **5. APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

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46 Ms. Abeyta moved to approve agenda as presented, seconded by Ms.
47 Hernandez. Motion carried unanimously.

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2 **6. APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

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4 6.1. Doña Ana County Juvenile Justice Continuum Board Meeting Minutes for
5 April 13, 2022

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7 Mr. Nuñez moved to approve minutes for 04/13/22, as presented, seconded by
8 Dr. Lozano. Motion carried unanimously.

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10 **7. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION**

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12 No participation.

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14 **8. NEW BUSINESS**

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16 8.1. FY23 DACJJC Future Board Meetings – (Action)

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 - August 17, 2022
 - October 19, 2022
 - December 07, 2022
 - February 15, 2023
 - April 19, 2023
 - June 21, 2023

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25 Mr. Nuñez said that the meetings will take place 3rd Wednesday of the month
26 except for December 7 due to the holidays, held at city hall meeting room.

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28 Ms. Abeyta motion to approve the FY23 DACJJC future board meetings as
29 presented, seconded by Dr. Lozano. Motion carried unanimously.

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31 8.2. FY22 EOY (Updates)

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 - Budget

34 Mr. Nuñez gave an FY22 update on status

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 - Report

37 Mr. Nuñez said he will provide FYI end of year draft.

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39 8.4. JARC (Updates) – Aralis Chacon

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41 Ms. Chacon said there have been changes in staff; Mateo Ortega is the Senior
42 Director at FYI; I am moving into the manager position for the LVP Division. New
43 supervisor for JJS Program will be Viridiana Valadez. JARC has approximately
44 \$6,000 remaining in the budget, we had 85 youth served this year with a total of
45 74 intakes, 53 of those were school referrals. Have seen a great increase the
46 last 2 months. Hired a new resource coordinator who is reaching out to the
47 school counselors, and administration helping with referral sources. We were
48 granted a small contract through the JJS program, this will assist with housing,
49 to qualify they need to be on probation (juvenile), 18 – 21 years old; it will pay up
50 to 3 months, lease will be under their name, and they are responsible for the

1 deposit. If you know of someone that needs housing assistance, send them to
2 La Vida Project, 118 S. Main St. Our youth impact members Alyssa and Diego
3 are getting certified to be peer support workers.
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5 Mr. Rank said there was an article in the Las Cruces Newspaper addressing
6 affordable housing with Go Bonds.
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8 Ms. Abeyta said there is a survey available to the public, to fill out what they
9 think are priorities, there are some things that have been identified like housing.
10 GO Bond of \$23 million dollars will post to the voters in November. I will send
11 you the link, it is in our city website as well.
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13 8.5. JCP (Updates) – Robert L. Nuñez
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15 Ms. Hughes said we have seen an increase in referrals formal and informal. We
16 are currently working on outreach in the county area which is needed the most
17 for programming and community service. Receiving referrals from parents. We
18 have had presentations from: JPO, Workforce Connection, Housing, etc.,
19 continuously work with other community partnerships. Working with our
20 community garden which is going very well. Bringing in more resources for our
21 participants.
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23 Mr. Nuñez said we have completed the interview process for the Juvenile
24 Diversion Program Supervisor position, have made recommendation and waiting
25 on confirmation from applicant. Working with Human Resources, Purchasing
26 and Legal with the Coordinator position that will assist with the board. This will
27 be a contract position through the city.
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29 Mr. Nuñez said that Ms. Hughes is our Case Worker and is assisting with the
30 Juvenile Diversion Program Supervisor position until filled. I appreciate all that
31 she has done for the organization, department, and section.
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34 8.6. FY23 Contract (Updates)
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36 Mr. Nuñez said we will be presenting to council the FY23 contract. This is our 3rd
37 year of a 4-year contract. One of the changes that has been included in the
38 contract is Trauma-Responsive and Coaching Training is required, CYFD will be
39 providing the vendors and resources.
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41 Mr. Rank said that he would recommend contacting the judges, district court, DA
42 office, etc. this was purposed 10 years ago.
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44 Ms. Madrid said she will email Grace Duran see if she will consider, attending
45 the training to be more informed about the program.
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47 8.7. Continuum Board Member (Updates)
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49 Dr. Lozano said that I am sure everybody has heard of the LCPS calendar
50 change to a balance calendar, students will return to school July 20. They will

1 have 2 weeks break in September. Calendar is online, for your information of
2 changes.

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4 Mr. Arellano said he is humble, grateful and warms his heart when he hears of
5 all the services that are provided by the different organizations/agencies at this
6 board. I am here to provide/teach the community and youth how to play Chess.
7 If any of your agencies are interested in learning the game, contact me.

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9 Mr. Rank said he attended the tournament, and it was great seeing the parents
10 and children interacting. Start as a pilot program. Request funding from CYFD
11 for this program, show that this is a pro-active prevention for children. Will need
12 to provide data, show success, etc.

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14 Mr. Nuñez said he will ask Marty to set up a meeting and invite other
15 supervisors, to discuss further the program.

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17 Ms. Abeyta provided an update on a project that the city has, Lift Up Las Cruces
18 it is a new initiative that was brought in a collaborative effort, it is taking census
19 maps that show poverty and overly crime data, and what has come up, there are
20 certain communities that have pop up as problem zones, the first neighborhood
21 has been identified in Mayor Pro Tem district, district 1 and so they are going to
22 address some of the needs of the community, with addressing infrastructure,
23 going in and doing some approving road ADA, sidewalks, etc. With
24 programming, Movies In the Park are being held at Apodaca Park, Parks &
25 Recreation are having different events, we are trying to address it in different
26 ways, hopefully help with these communities. There will be a survey that is
27 bilingual asking what communities think. There are 3 communities that have
28 really stood out that we would like to get addressed. It will be funded through our
29 Telshor Fund at first, but we are seeking additional funds. Prevention and pro-
30 active approach. It is a community approach; we do have other community
31 partners. If there are any questions, or would like more information, please feel
32 free to reach out to me.

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34 Mr. Nuñez said that through the US Conference of Mayor grant, a \$10,000 grant
35 was awarded, and we were able to purchase 24 laptops and 2 charging stations
36 which will be placed in our programs and made available to students. We are
37 working closely with LCPS and our IT department.

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39 **9. ADJOURNMENT**

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41 Ms. Abeyta moved to adjourn, seconded by Dr. Lozano. Motion carried
42 unanimously. Meeting adjourned at 12:44 p.m.

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Recording Secretary Date