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**DOÑA ANA COUNTY JUVENILE JUSTICE CONTINUUM BOARD  
June 09, 2021**

1 Following are the summary minutes from the Doña Ana County Juvenile Justice  
2 Continuum Board meeting held on Wednesday, June 09, 2021, at 12:00 p.m., via Zoom  
3 Webinar.

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5 **MEMBERS PRESENT:** Honorable Samantha Madrid, Chair (DAC Division I)  
6 Brian Kavanaugh (Families & Youth, Inc.)  
7 Lindsay McDonnell-Benatar (Public Defenders Depart)  
8 Amy Himelright (Las Cruces Public School)  
9 Tessa Abeyta-Stuve (Proxy, CLC Mayor's Office)  
10 Amy Weathers (CYFD – JJS)  
11 Robert Nuñez, (City of Las Cruces)  
12 Rory Rank (Retiree)  
13 Bill Rothengass (Retiree)  
14 Chief Vanessa Ordoñez (Anthony NM Police)  
15 Marianne Hernandez (CYFD – PS)  
16 Elijah Myers (Student)

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18 **ABSENT:** Lt. Joy Wiitala (Vice-Chair Proxy LCPD)  
19 Shannon Reynolds (DAC Board of Commissioners)  
20 Lt. Genny Olivas (DAC Detention Center)  
21 Jeanne Resendez (Mesilla Valley Hospital)  
22 Sylvia Herrera (Drug Court 3<sup>rd</sup> Judicial District Court)  
23 Mike Tapia (Criminal Justice Professor)  
24 Captain Ernesto Parra (DAC Sheriff)  
25 Steve Nance (Doña Ana Community College)

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27 **OTHERS PRESENT:** Tommi Fisher (Proxy, CYFD-PS)  
28 Amanda Barela (LCPS - Community Schools)  
29 Aralis Chacon (FYI)

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31 **STAFF PRESENT:** Grace Telles (Coordinator)  
32 Martha Moreno (Recording Secretary)  
33 Sonya Delgado (CLC / Parks & Recreation Director)

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35 **1. CALL TO ORDER**

36 The meeting was called to order at 12:05 p.m. by Ms. Madrid and recognized the  
37 meeting as having a legal quorum.

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39 **2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

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41 **3. WELCOME AND INTRODUCTIONS**

42 Board members, staff and guest introduced themselves.

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45 **4. CONFLICT OF INTEREST**

46 No conflict of interest

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2 **5. APPROVAL OF AGENDA**  
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4 Mr. Rank moved to approve agenda as presented, seconded by Ms. Hernandez.  
5 Motion carried unanimously.  
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7 **6. APPROVAL OF MINUTES**  
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9 6.1. Doña Ana County Juvenile Justice Continuum Board Meeting Minutes for  
10 April 14, 2021  
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12 Mr. Rank moved to approve minutes for 04/14/21 as presented, seconded by Mr.  
13 Myers. Motion carried unanimously.  
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15 **7. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION**  
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18 **8. NEW BUSINESS**  
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20 8.1. Doña Ana County Juvenile Justice Continuum Board Future Dates for FY22:  
21 August 11, 2021; October 13, 2021; December 08, 2021; February 09, 2022; April  
22 13, 2022; June 08, 2022 (Action)  
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24 Mr. Rank moved to approve meetings dates for FY22 as presented, seconded by  
25 Mr. Kavanagh. Motion carried unanimously.  
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- 27 • McDonnel-Benatar, Lindsay Aye
- 28 • Himelright, Amy Aye
- 29 • Abeyta-Stuve, Tessa Aye
- 30 • Weathers, Amy Aye
- 31 • Nuñez, Robert Aye
- 32 • Hernandez, Marianne Aye
- 33 • Myers, Elijah Aye

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35 8.2. Doña Ana County Juvenile Justice Continuum Board Future Meetings: Zoom? In  
36 Person? Zoom / In Person? (Action)  
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38 Councilor Abeyta-Stuve asked if Zoom meetings are being allowed, after the  
39 emergency orders have been lifted by the governor. I know there was concern on  
40 the city side if we would continue with zoom meetings or directed to be in person.  
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42 Mr. Nuñez said that he would get clarification from legal and state (CYFD).  
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44 Mr. Rank moved to table, until we have clarification from legal and state (CYFD)  
45 for Open Meetings Act, seconded by Ms. Abeyta-Stuve. Motion carried  
46 unanimously.  
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48 8.3. Internet Access for Youth – Grace Telles (Information)  
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1 This was a discussion during our sub-committee meeting. This continues to be a  
2 concern in the south (chaparral, etc.). Keeping our classes virtual, for those that  
3 have difficulty with transportation. How families can have access to internet at  
4 their home.

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6 Councilor Abeyta-Stuve said they are working to increase internet accessibility in  
7 the county, and ways to fund through American Rescue Plan. There is an  
8 increase in request to have internet access for families in the community and other  
9 areas in the county.

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11 Mr. Rank said Senator Lujan and Chairwoman Rosenworcel did a webinar  
12 presentation on Emergency Broadband Benefit for the state of New Mexico. We  
13 discussed of the possibility of contacting them for assistance.

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15 Ms. Himelright said every Las Cruces Public School student (family) should have  
16 internet access at this point. We assisted if it was a cost issue, accessibility issue;  
17 we provided hot spots, etc.

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19 Ms. Weathers said her husband is another resource, he is heavily involved with  
20 this, he is working in Deming, Luna County and Lujan's office. For point of contact,  
21 reach out to me.

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23 8.4. Mapping of Continuum Clients – Grace Telles (Information)

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25 • 196 Youth have registered. This is the total number of youths within the  
26 CYFD Registry: 75% Local; 20% South; 5% North.  
27 • City of Las Cruces has 5 zip codes  
28 • South - Anthony, Vado, Chaparral, Sunland Park, Santa Teresa, Berino  
29 and La Mesa  
30 • North – Salem, Hatch, Garfield, Rincon  
31 • Demographic we have the youth referred from local.

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33 Judge Madrid recommends that we utilize google meet vs zoom due to connection  
34 issues.

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36 Coordinator and city staff will investigate google meet vs zoom.

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38 Judge Madrid recommends we add this topic on the sub-committee meeting.

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40 8.5. JJAC Goals & Objectives – Grace Telles (Information)

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42 A special meeting was held June 4, 2021, what was covered was problems, draft  
43 of goals, what they are looking for the future.

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45 **9. OLD BUSINESS**

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47 9.1. Continuum Updates

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49 9.1.1 El Puente – Aralis Chacon (Update)

- Engaging our youth and peer groups with 30minute classes, held on Monday, Wednesday, and Friday
- Referrals are coming from LCPS (truancy) and citations (runaways, shopping lifting, assault on household member, etc.
- Males' vs Females are the same %
- Classes are being held virtual

9.1.2 JCP – Grace Telles (Update)

- Classes are held virtual and face to face
- Community Services is held face to face
- Classes will increase face to face with parents and youth
- August classes will be held face to face
- Virtual classes will be available for those that are not able to do face to face
- Increase in runaways and battery on household member

9.1.3 FY21 Budget – Grace Telles (Update)

COVID-19 has had an impact on our program, \$94,997.74 is the balance up to the month of May 2021. An estimate of \$70,0000 – \$80,0000 will be going back to CYFD.

Mr. Kavanagh asked if there are any opportunities to purchase, equipment, supplies, curriculum, software, etc. that can be used for programming?

Mr. Nuñez said we will be looking into purchasing curriculum for various programs, SRO's, etc.

9.1.4 FY22 CYFD Contract – Robert Nuñez (Update)

Mr. Nuñez said the contract for FY22 will be presented to council for approval by end of July 2021. This is the 4<sup>th</sup> year of a 4-year contract.

9.2. Next Sub-Committee Meeting – Thursday, June 24, 2021, at 5:30 p.m.

Mr. Rory said he is in the process of recommending potential students to become board members.

**10. ADJOURNMENT**

Mr. Rank moved to adjourn, seconded by Ms. Abeyta-Stuve. Motion carried unanimously. Meeting adjourned at 1:01 p.m.

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Recording Secretary

Date