

MINUTES OF THE
SANTA FE COUNTY
YOUTH DEVELOPMENT PROGRAM TASK FORCE

November 19, 2015

Santa Fe, New Mexico

I. This meeting of the Santa Fe County Youth Development Task Force was called to order by Chair Tommy Rodriguez at approximately 3:00 p.m. on the above-cited date at the Youth Development Facility, 4250 Airport Road, Santa Fe, New Mexico.

II. A quorum was achieved with the following members present:

Members Present:

Tommy Rodriguez, CYFD Northern Region Juvenile Justice Services
Pablo Sedillo III, County Public Safety Director
Aaron Garcia, County Youth Development Program Administrator
Michelle George, Retired CYFD
Ona Johnson, Santa Fe Community Foundation
Steve Bing, Bailiff for Judge Marlow Sommer
Geraldine Salazar, County Clerk [late arrival]

Member(s) Excused:

Sara Jacobs, District Attorney's Office
Mark Dixon, Public Defenders Office

Staff Present:

Erika Lovato, Corrections Finance

III. Approval of Agenda

Upon motion by Ms. George and second by Mr. Bing, the agenda was unanimously approved as published. [Ms. Salazar was not present for this action.]

IV. Approval of Minutes – November 5, 2015

Mr. Garcia noted that page 3 states there are two teachers in day reporting. In fact the two teachers are in the detention program.

With that amendment Ms. George moved to approve the minutes and Ms. Johnson seconded. The motion carried unanimously. [Ms. Salazar was not present for this action.]

V. Tony Flores – Cost Estimate to Raze Building/Cost of New Building

This item was deferred pending the arrival of Mr. Flores

VI. Aaron Garcia – Day Reporting Program Status

Mr. Garcia said there has been only one referral since they opened August 31st. On October 29th the Juvenile Justice Board voted to move funds from the day reporting program to other services. There is \$67,000 remaining in this year's budget. Chairman Rodriguez said that would alleviate the need to provide space for that program while planning for a new detention center.

Mr. Sedillo asked about the existing funds and why the program wasn't approved. Mr. Garcia said they are waiting for an MOU. He said there was a belief that the program was not ready. He explained how the money is drawn down. Saying he was disappointed, Mr. Sedillo asked that the Legal Department review the RFP and contract.

Chairman Rodriguez said this was an issue for the Juvenile Justice Advisory Board. Ms. George said she understood there was a problem with referring kids into a locked facility. Chairman Rodriguez said even with that circumstance, it was an alternative to. Mr. Sedillo said the kids were allowed to leave whenever they wanted.

VII. Michelle George/Tommy Rodriguez –Information on San Juan and Bernalillo Counties

Ms. George indicated in previous meeting there had been discussion about what elements should be in the facility and whether they could follow a one-stop shop model along the lines of San Juan and Bernalillo counties. She said San Juan County has a juvenile detention work program, a residential treatment center, intensive outpatient program, assessment, shelter and emergency crisis shelter. Additionally they have a life skills program. Within one building is probation, judicial services and detention.

Chairman Rodriguez added that along with a number of courts they do JCC, shoplifting intervention, and violence intervention. There is a 95,000 square foot building that encompasses all the services. 45,000 square feet are dedicated to four pods of detention capable of housing 40 kids. A separate 15,000 square foot building is used as shelter.

Reviewing for Mr. Sedillo, Chairman Rodriguez said the alternatives were using the site on Highway 14 or maintaining the Airport Road site, which would entail razing the current building. They were contemplating a 36-bed facility to maximize the 12-1 staffing ratio. Mr. Sedillo said a one-stop shop follows a national trend and makes things much easier. He spoke in favor of cost-sharing.

Chairman Rodriguez noted the San Juan center was on approximately the same acreage as the Airport Road property.

VIII. Review of Resolution No. 2015-93

Chairman Rodriguez said the property would have to be master planned and the County consulted if they would like anything else on the land. The question remains disposition of the kids while the new structure is being built. There was a suggestion that they could remain in this building which the construction is phased.

Mr. Sedillo said costs have to be analyzed. The County might have other uses for this building.

Ms. Salazar recommended looking into options of housing the kids in a different facility while construction goes on. Chairman Rodriguez said the closest is Bernalillo County but they are picky about which kids are allowed in. Ms. Salazar said only Santa Fe residents would have to be taken into account; other counties would have to make their own arrangements. Mr. Sedillo said there are transport issues to be considered. Ms. Romero said over a year transport costs would amount to \$900,000, factoring everything in. Mr. Sedillo said the Sheriff's Office and City Police do not look kindly on taking officers off the streets to move juveniles around.

Chairman Rodriguez suggested forming a subcommittee to put together a recommendation for the Commission. Demolition costs can be factored in later. Chairman Rodriguez, Ms. Johnson and Ms. Salazar volunteered to serve. Mr. Sedillo offered to provide any information requested. Mr. Sedillo noted the report was scheduled for presentation in February, or could be moved to March. He said the report should mention all the various programming components – mental health, medical, education, etc., as well as staffing patterns.

Ms. George mentioned that capacity for expansion should be included in the recommendation to accommodate additional programming.

Chairman Rodriguez said he would hope the final report would be completed by the end of January to get on the February agenda.

Mr. Sedillo moved to present the final report at the end of March. Ms. Salazar seconded and the motion carried unanimously.

IX. Suggested Agenda Items for Next Meeting

The regular meeting was scheduled for December 3rd and the subcommittee for 1:00, Wednesday, December 9th at the facility to organize the layout of the report.

Mr. Sedillo moved to table item V. to be heard at the next meeting. Mr. Bing seconded and the motion carried without opposition.

Mr. Sedillo commended the task force members for their insight and thanked them for their efforts.

Mr. Bing suggested that costs of asbestos abatement be discussed at the next meeting, as well as architectural and engineering fees.

Mr. Sedillo asked if the recommendation would include a Plan A and Plan B. Ms. Salazar said the only other viable alternative, Highway 14, would be much more difficult for family and others to travel to. Chairman Rodriguez said he preferred to present the Commission with what they think is best.

Ms. Johnson indicated they should make mention of the disposition of the ARC and exploring non-profit organization collaborations, possibly with an eye to defraying costs. Chairman Rodriguez said they can incorporate that into the discussion on razing the building – whether the ARC portion could be retained. Ms. Salazar asked to what extent the ARC is tied into the overall building’s infrastructure. Chairman Rodriguez requested that this question be tackled at the next meeting when Mr. Flores can help pin down cost estimates.

X. Adjournment

Upon motion by Mr. Bing and second by Ms. Johnson, and having completed the agenda, Chair Rodriguez declared the meeting adjourned at 4:08.

Approved by:

Tommy Rodriguez
Tommy Rodriguez, Chair

ATTEST TO:
Geraldine Salazar
COUNTY CLERK
1-12-2016

Respectfully submitted by:
Debbie Doyle
Debbie Doyle, Wordswork



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County Clerk, Santa Fe, NM

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