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Doña Ana County Juvenile Justice Continuum Board Agenda

DOÑA ANA COUNTY JUVENILE JUSTICE CONTINUUM BOARD MEETING WILL BE HELD
ON WEDNESDAY, JUNE 09, 2021 AT 12:00 P.M.

The health, safety and well-being of our residents and businesses are a top priority of the Doña Ana County Juvenile Justice Continuum Board and Parks and Recreation Leadership. As such, and consistent with and in support of the direction from Gov. Michelle Lujan Grisham and New Mexico Department of Health public health order the Doña Ana County Juvenile Justice Continuum Board Meeting will be held via Zoom Webinar.

To view meeting, register in advance for this webinar:

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1. Call To Order

2. Pledge Of Allegiance

3. Welcome And Introductions

4. Conflict Of Interest

At the opening of each meeting, the Chairperson shall ask if any member on the Board or City staff has any known conflict of interest with any item on the agenda.

5. Acceptance Of Agenda

6. Approval Of Minutes

6.1. Doña Ana County Juvenile Justice Continuum Board Meeting Minutes For April 14, 2021

Documents:

[DACJJC BOARD DRAFT MINUTES 04.14.21.DOCX](#)

7. Public Participation

8. New Business

8.1. Doña Ana County Juvenile Justice Continuum Board Future Dates For FY22: August 11, 2021; October 13, 2021; December 08, 2021; February 09, 2022; April 13, 2022; June 08, 2022 (Action)

8.2. Doña Ana County Juvenile Justice Continuum Board Future Meetings: Zoom? In Person? Zoom / In Person? (Action)

- 8.3. Internet Access For Youth - Grace Telles (Information)
- 8.4. Mapping Of Continuum Clients - Grace Telles (Information)
- 8.5. JJAC Goals & Objectives - Grace Telles (Information)
- 9. Old Business
 - 9.1. Continuum Updates
 - 9.1.1. El Puente - Aralis Chacon (Update)
 - 9.1.2. JCP - Grace Telles (Update)
 - 9.1.3. FY21 Budget - Grace Telles (Update)
 - 9.1.4. FY22 CYFD Contract - Robert Nuñez (Update)
 - 9.2. Next Sub-Committee Meeting - Thursday, June 24, 2021 At 5:30 P.m.
- 10. Adjournment

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Date Posted: **June 04, 2021**

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DOÑA ANA COUNTY JUVENILE JUSTICE CONTINUUM BOARD
April 14, 2021

1 Following are the summary minutes from the Doña Ana County Juvenile Justice
2 Continuum Board meeting held on Wednesday, April 14, 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 Lt. Joy Wiitala (Vice-Chair Proxy LCPD)
7 Brian Kavanaugh (Families & Youth, Inc.)
8 Tessa Abeyta-Stuve (Proxy, CLC Mayor's Office)
9 Sylvia Herrera (Drug Court 3rd Judicial District Court)
10 Cynthia Ohrazda (CYFD – JJS)
11 Robert Nuñez, (City of Las Cruces)
12 Rory Rank (Retiree)
13 Chief Vanessa Ordoñez (Anthony NM Police)
14 Marianne Hernandez (CYFD – PS)
15 Elijah Myers (Student)
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17 **ABSENT:** Shannon Reynolds (DAC Board of Commissioners)
18 Lt. Genny Olivas (DAC Detention Center)
19 Lindsay McDonnel-Benatar (Public Defenders Depart)
20 Dr. Roberto Lozano (Las Cruces Public Schools)
21 Jeanne Resendez (Mesilla Valley Hospital)
22 Bill Rothengass (Retiree)
23 Mike Tapia (Criminal Justice Professor)
24 Captain Ernesto Parra (DAC Sheriff)
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26 **OTHERS PRESENT:** Tommi Fisher (Proxy, CYFD-PS)
27 Julie Molina (JARC)
28 Aralis Chacon (FYI)
29 Steve Nance
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31 **STAFF PRESENT:** Grace Telles (Coordinator)
32 Martha Moreno (Recording Secretary)
33 Lisa Garza (CLC / Juvenile Citation Program)
34 Sonya Delgado (CLC / Parks & Recreation Director)
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36 **1. CALL TO ORDER**

37 The meeting was called to order at 12:00. p.m. by Ms. Madrid and recognized
38 the meeting as having a legal quorum.
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40 **2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**
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42 **3. WELCOME AND INTRODUCTIONS**

43 Board members, staff and guest introduced themselves.
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46 **4. CONFLICT OF INTEREST**

1 No conflict of interest

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3 **5. APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

4 Ms. Abeyta-Stuve moved to approve agenda as presented, seconded by Ms.
5 Ohrazda. 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 December 09, 2020

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12 Mr. Rank moved to approve minutes for 12/09/20 as presented, seconded by
13 Ms. Abeyta-Stuve. Motion carried unanimously.

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15 **7. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION**

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17 Mr. Rank said that New Mexico now has legalized adult recreational use of
18 cannabis. Board needs to be aware of the impact it will be to our youth, not only
19 Doña Ana but also the state. I have done research and Marijuana is more
20 addicting than Alcohol.

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22 Ms. Madrid said do not know how we can address something like these.

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24 Mr. Nuñez said we will need to meet and discuss how we can address and
25 implement into our programs.

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27 Ms. Abeyta-Stuve said that with recent changes the council will be having a
28 special work session to discuss these changes, zoning, consideration,
29 education, enforcement, etc. Mr. Nuñez that these areas are also be included in
30 those conversation for the work session will very helpful, and I can help facilitate
31 to make sure we are taken into consideration our juveniles.

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33 Mr. Myers said he applied to the United States Naval Academy and got
34 accepted and will be going late June or early July. I think JJAC should be
35 looking for replacement once I go. We have had conversations on this before,
36 but I think we should start reaching out to kids.

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38 Ms. Madrid and board members said Congratulations and what an honor.

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40 Ms. Madrid asked Robert and Grace how we go about recruiting youth as board
41 members.

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43 Mr. Nuñez said that they will meet with Elijah and he may have some fellow
44 peers he would be able to recommend. We will also reach out to other agencies
45 / organizations that work closely with youth in identifying individuals to bring onto
46 the board.

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48 Mr. Kavanaugh said, I would also suggest advertising for the position (Youth
49 Board Member) through; Youth Serving Organizations, City Departments, Parks
50 & Recreation, JCP, etc. that might attract youth already engaged in a board /
51 committee such as this. There is some benefit usually with expedite getting

1 people we know but there is some value in reaching out to the broader
2 community and attracting people at a broader scale.

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4 Mr. Nuñez said that is an excellent idea and would also like to invite the south
5 part of Doña Ana. There is not a limit, the age range is 16 – 24.

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7 Chief Ordoñez said she agrees with Mr. Nuñez, we should try to explore on
8 advertising across the southern part of the county. There are a lot of youth in our
9 community who I think would love to be a part of this. Do not forget about us
10 down south.

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12 Mr. Nuñez said with zoom capabilities it would allow participation from youth
13 throughout Doña Ana County.

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15 Ms. Abeyta-Stuve said that is a great idea to allow zoom capabilities for future
16 participants. I think it is a lot more inclusive and be able to reach a broader
17 network. Once that posting is made up, would we have access to that so we
18 can share with our networks as well, to capture potential applicants?

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20 Mr. Nuñez said with various formats of social media (twitter, Instagram,
21 Facebook, etc.) and school we will be able to reach out to youth.

22 23 **8. NEW BUSINESS**

24 25 **8.1. Nomination of Community Board Member – Steve Nance (Action)**

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27 Mr. Nance said I want to thank everybody for this opportunity it is exciting. I
28 came to New Mexico; I am originally from east Tennessee. I was a Baltimore
29 City Police Officer for 12 years (patrol, sex crimes, Sgt., homicide). Worked in
30 Corrections for 25 years. I was a Prison Warden in a couple of prisons and
31 retired from Southern NM Prison. I taught at NMSU 3 years (Criminal Justice)
32 and currently teaching at DACCC (Criminal Justice).

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34 Mr. Rank said that Mr. Nance also worked with LCPS / Community Schools
35 (Lynn Middle School) and taught Street Law, part of the mentoring program that
36 we had at NMSU.

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38 Mr. Rank moved to approve Steve Nance as a Doña Ana County Juvenile
39 Justice Continuum Board member, seconded by Mr. Nuñez. Motion carried
40 unanimously.

41 42 **8.2. JCP Budget Adjustment Request (Action)**

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44 Ms. Telles shared the breakdown of Budget Adjustment Request of \$4,200 on
45 the screen for board members to view. We want to make sure there is money in
46 the budget where we needed it to be.

- 47 • Decrease: \$3,200 from JCP II and \$1,000 from JCP II Follow-Up
- 48 • Increase: \$1,200 to JCP I, \$1,000 to JCP III and \$2,000 to JCP III Follow-
49 Up

1 Mr. Rank moved to approve Adjustment to Budget as requested, seconded by
2 Ms. Abeyta-Stuve. Motion carried unanimously.

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16 **9. OLD BUSINESS**

17 18 9.1. Juvenile Diversion Program Supervisor / DACJJCB Coordinator (Update)

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20 Mr. Nuñez said we went through a hiring process for the Juvenile Diversion
21 Program Supervisor and would like to introduce Ms. Grace Telles as the
22 Juvenile Diversion Program Supervisor and DACJJCB Coordinator which was
23 approved recently through the City of Las Cruces Human Resources
24 Department.

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26 Grace said thank you for this opportunity and will continue to work hard.

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28 Board Members said Congratulations!

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30 Mr. Nuñez said he will send a press release in announcing Grace Telles as the
31 Juvenile Diversion Program Supervisor for the Juvenile Citation Program and
32 Coordinator for DACJJCB.
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34 9.2. Continuum (Updates)

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36 Mr. Nuñez said he would like to invite any organization / agencies to provide
37 updates on back at school, how to move forward, summer, fall session, how can
38 we improve our services and communication with one another, etc.

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40 Mr. Rank said according to legislation the broadband is an issue, we are last in
41 the country, because of our legislators, Washington, and elsewhere. They are
42 pushing in having broadband be a priority at our local level knowing our kids
43 need assistance, etc. As a board we can write a letter to our legislator in
44 reference to this issue. Trauma is also an issue; I have taken a position as
45 Trauma Therapist assisting at the schools. We also have the boarder issue,
46 there have been closers in Chihuahua and Juárez regarding COVID-19, need to
47 pay attention to that issue.

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49 Ms. Abeyta-Stuve said this will touch on a couple of items Mr. Rank had said. At
50 the city we do know that we will receive approximately 23 million of rescue plan
51 and will be having work sessions. Coordinating with the county to make sure we

1 are expanding to our county residents. I am now the New chair of the community
2 school board. A lot of these topics correspond with each other, when I hear
3 these types of comments, I am taken note to present and proud to serve with
4 Mr. Kavanaugh.

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6 Mr. Nuñez introduced Lieutenant Joy Wiitala, she is the community outreach
7 division.

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9 Lieutenant Wiitala said she is excited to be here. I oversee the community
10 partnership unit; includes our School Resource Officers (SRO), and community
11 policing officers. I am well versed, have been in internal affairs, police academy,
12 on patrol, yes, many different hats throughout my career as well. Super excited
13 to be here, I have always had a passion working with the youth. Excited to learn
14 what we are doing for our youth and community. Looking forward in helping.

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16 Ms. Madrid said I believe everyone agrees and welcome. Honor to have
17 qualified board members on this board. Thank you for taking the time.

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19 Mr. Nuñez said we a currently working on the 2nd year of the 4-year term CYFD
20 Grant.

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22 **9.3. Next Sub-Committee Meeting – Thursday, May 13, 2021 at 5:30 p.m.**

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24 Ms. Telles said that in the past we have met and have great discussions. In the
25 past we submitted a questionnaire, received great information, but need to
26 continue providing ideas,

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28 Mr. Nuñez said next board meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, June 9, 2021
29 at 12:00 p.m.

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31 **10. ADJOURNMENT**

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33 Mr. Rank moved to adjourn, seconded by Ms. Abeyta-Stuve. Motion carried
34 unanimously. Meeting adjourned at 12:42 p.m.

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Recording Secretary

Date