



City of Las Cruces®

Doña Ana County Juvenile Justice Continuum Board Agenda

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT THERE WILL BE A
DOÑA ANA COUNTY JUVENILE JUSTICE CONTINUUM BOARD MEETING
ON WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 15, 2021
12:00 P.M.

WOMEN'S IMPROVEMENT ASSOCIATION (WIA) BUILDING, 340 N. REYMOND

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 October 13, 2021
Documents:
[DACJJC BOARD DRAFT MINUTES 10.13.21.PDF](#)
7. Public Participation
8. New Business
- 8.1. 3rd District Judicial Review Meeting (Update) - Grace Telles
- 8.2. JJAC Statewide Continuum Meeting (Update) - Grace Telles
- 8.3. Public Safety Meeting (Update) - Grace Telles
- 8.4. CYFD Quarterly Review (Update) - Grace Telles
- 8.5. Continuum Board Membership Recruitment (Update) - Grace Telles
- 8.6. Continuum Youth Board Membership Recruitment (Update) - Grace Telles
9. Old Business
- 9.1. Next Sub-Committee Meeting - Wednesday, December 15, 2021, 5:30 PM, Via Zoom
10. Adjournment

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Date Posted: December 10, 2021

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**DOÑA ANA COUNTY JUVENILE JUSTICE CONTINUUM BOARD
October 13, 2021**

1 Following are the summary minutes from the Doña Ana County Juvenile Justice
2 Continuum Board meeting held on Wednesday, October 13, 2021, at 12:00 p.m.,
3 Women’s Improvement Association (WIA) Building, 340 N. Reymond, Las Cruces, NM
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5 **MEMBERS PRESENT:** Matthew “Mateo” Ortega (Proxy, Families & Youth, Inc.)
6 Shannon Reynolds (DAC Board of Commissioners)
7 Dr. Robert Lozano (LCPS)
8 Amy Weathers (Proxy, CYFD – JJS)
9 Robert Nuñez, (City of Las Cruces)
10 Rory Rank (Retiree)
11 Bill Rothengass (Retiree)
12 Tommi Fisher (Proxy, CYFD-PS)
13 Steve Nance (Doña Ana Community College
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15 **ABSENT:** Honorable Samantha Madrid, Chair (DAC Division I)
16 Chief Miguel Dominguez (LCPD)
17 Lindsay McDonnel-Benatar (Public Defenders Depart)
18 Jeanne Resendez (Mesilla Valley Hospital)
19 Tessa Abeyta-Stuve (Proxy, CLC Mayor’s Office)
20 Sylvia Herrera (Drug Court 3rd Judicial District Court)
21 Chief Vanessa Ordoñez (Anthony NM Police)
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23 **OTHERS PRESENT:** Aralis Chacon (FYI)
24 Diego Valles (FYI)
25 Alyssa F. (FYI)
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27 **STAFF PRESENT:** Grace Telles (Coordinator)
28 Martha Moreno (Recording Secretary)
29 Thomas Edmonds (Volunteer / NMSU)
30 Lui Faamasino (JCP, Community Educator)
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32 **1. CALL TO ORDER**

33 The meeting was called to order at 12:10 p.m. by Ms. Telles and recognized the
34 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 No conflict of interest
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44 **5. APPROVAL OF AGENDA**
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1 Mr. Rothengass moved to approve agenda as presented, seconded by Mr. Rank.
2 Motion carried unanimously.

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4 **6. APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

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6 6.1. Doña Ana County Juvenile Justice Continuum Board Meeting Minutes for
7 June 09, 2021

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9 Mr. Rank moved to approve minutes for 06/09/21 as presented, seconded by Mr.
10 Rothengass. Motion carried unanimously.

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12 **7. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION**

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14 Mr. Rank said that Fentanyl has become very dangerous in the state of New
15 Mexico. We need to be aware of this problem, and how it has affected our youth,
16 need to educate our youth.

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18 Mr. Nuñez said that staff are being trained on professional development, etc. so
19 we can communicate / educate our youth the dangers of drugs, alcohol, etc. within
20 our programs; Out of School Time, and Juvenile Citation Program (JCP). Training
21 is being provided by: Mesilla Valley Hospital, Child Protective Services (CPS),
22 FYI, etc. We need to continue educating our adults as well.

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24 Mr. Rank said that it should be advertised you are addressing the dangers of these
25 issues to your youth within your programs.

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27 Mr. Nance said narcotics it so hard to address. Human trafficking is an issue, how
28 do you recognize that. These are challenges that we face. It is not a simple issue.

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30 **8. NEW BUSINESS**

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32 8.1. Council Approved Grant for FY22 (Update)

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34 Mr. Nuñez said that the Grant for FY22 was approved by City Council on July 19,
35 2021. Working with our sub-contractor FYI to spend the funds.

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37 **9. OLD BUSINESS**

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39 9.1. Broadband Survey (Update)

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41 Ms. Telles said that it is a survey that will be sent out to our programs / families
42 and others for feedback. We still have the issue of some families not having Wi-
43 Fi access. The quality of services available is not always at its finest.

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45 Mr. Reynolds said that the survey has been sent out, but not getting very many
46 participants. We don't have enough internet connectivity in the county. Those that
47 have internet do not have enough performance.

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49 Ms. Fisher said the schools in the outskirts like Chaparral, Sunland Park, etc. they
50 are still having issues. There are families that have chosen to have their children
51 online, and the feedback that we are receiving is things are not working correctly.

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2 Mr. Reynolds said he is happy to teach classes in how to connect into the internet,
3 hot spots, switches, etc. if anyone wants to have a class.
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5 Mr. Rothengass asked Grace if she can provide the information to the board
6 members, so he can distribute to others, interested in attending a class as well.
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8 Mr. Ortega said that their agency would like to partner up with this committee and
9 other entities addressing not so much the technical solution but the adaptive
10 solutions which are much broader. The plaque that are those in rural areas need
11 to do an extra step this is unacceptable need to think about infrastructure is really
12 in general during a better job resourcing those communities because they don't
13 have access to sufficient productivity, they also don't have adequate access to
14 other services as well. Which it stems into what we are talking about criminal
15 activity, etc. We also need to look what's beneath the surface.
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17 Ms. Weathers said just a reminder my husband is Director of Technology, Deming
18 Public Schools. He is heavily involved with this, he is working in Deming, Luna
19 County and Lujan's office. They are looking into programs, state grants, to build
20 an infrastructure in the Luna County. If you are interested in partnering or would
21 like more information what they are doing, reach out to me and I will put you in
22 contact with my husband.
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24 Mr. Ortega said that with surveys we have found out that by sticking to
25 methodology that kind of excludes people and not getting the right people's input.
26 We need to adjust our approach in how we are getting that information verses
27 trying to fit them into that model. Maybe doing more discussion groups, work
28 groups, etc. in those communities. Having alternatives for people to voice their
29 concerns / issues.
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31 Ms. Fisher said maybe going door to door, some do not have internet, those are
32 some of the struggles like in Hatch, Chapparal, etc. Families and children continue
33 to have troubles having access, or adequate service providers in their area.
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35 Mr. Reynolds said he is trying to work with different organizations, etc. through
36 out the state to get proper service out to the communities.
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38 Mr. Nuñez thanked everyone for their input and information. As a board what can
39 we do to reach out to everyone, door to door, school system, etc.?
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41 Dr. Lozano said that they sent out a survey to LCPS families and have the same
42 comments, no access to internet, language barrier, etc. One of the challenges
43 that we face everybody wants a survey, state, etc., We are working with the
44 county, city, etc. to help in any way we can. Appreciate everyone's willingness
45 and support.
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47 Ms. Telles thanked everyone for their input and discussion on broadband survey
48 and will be a continuous topic.
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50 9.2. Next Sub-Committee Meeting – Wednesday, October 27, 2021, 5:30 p.m., Via
51 Zoom

