



Doña Ana County Juvenile Justice Continuum Board Agenda

DOÑA ANA COUNTY JUVENILE JUSTICE CONTINUUM BOARD MEETING WILL BE HELD ON
WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 9, 2020 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.

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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. Dona Ana County Juvenile Justice Continuum Board Meeting Minutes For October 15, 2020
Documents:
[DACJJC BOARD DRAFT MINUTES 10.15.20.PDF](#)
7. Public Participation
8. New Business
- 8.1. 1st Quarter Financial Report (Update)
- 8.2. CYFD Reporting System (Update)
9. Old Business
- 9.1. Needs Assessment Sub-Committee (Update)

9.2. JPO (Update)

9.3. JARC (Update)

9.4. JCP (Update)

10. Adjournment

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**DOÑA ANA COUNTY JUVENILE JUSTICE CONTINUUM BOARD
October 15, 2020**

1 Following are the summary minutes from the Doña Ana County Juvenile Justice
2 Continuum Board meeting held on Thursday, October 15, 2020 at 12:00 p.m., via Zoom
3 Webinar.
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5 **MEMBERS PRESENT:** Honorable Samantha Madrid, Chair (DAC Division I)
6 Sgt. Vincent Shadd (Vice-Chair Proxy LCPD)
7 Brian Kavanaugh (Families & Youth, Inc.)
8 Dominique Gomez (Proxy Mesilla Valley Hospital)
9 Councilor Tessa Abeyta-Stuve (Proxy CLC Mayor's Office)
10 Cheryl Lichty (Proxy 3rd Judicial District Court)
11 Amy Weathers (Proxy CYFD-JJS)
12 Robert Nuñez (City of Las Cruces)
13 Rory Rank (Retiree)
14 Mike Tapia (Criminal Justice Professor)
15 Chief Vanessa Ordoñez (Anthony NM Police Depart)
16 Captain Ernesto Parra (DAC Sheriff)
17 Marianne Hernandez (CYFD-PS)
18 Elijah Myers (Student)

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20 **ABSENT:** Shannon Reynolds (DAC Board of Commissioners)
21 Mark D'Antonio (District Attorney Office)
22 Lt. Genny Olivas (DAC Detention Center)
23 Lindsay McDonnel-Benatar (Public Defenders Depart)
24 Dr. Roberto Lozano (Las Cruces Public Schools)
25 Bill Rothengass (Retired)
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27 **OTHERS PRESENT:** Matthew "Mateo" Ortega (Proxy FYI)
28 Sgt. Arturo Guerrero (Proxy Anthony NM Police)
29 Tommi Fisher (Proxy CYFD-PS)
30 Julie Molina (JARC)
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32 **STAFF PRESENT:** Grace Telles (Coordinator)
33 Martha Moreno (Recording Secretary)
34 Elliana Santillan (CLC / Juvenile Citation Program)
35 Daniel Sanchez (CLC / Juvenile Citation Program)
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37 **1. CALL TO ORDER**

38 The meeting was called to order at 12:02 p.m. by Ms. Madrid and recognized the
39 meeting as having a legal quorum.
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41 **2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**
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43 **3. WELCOME AND INTRODUCTIONS**

44 Board members, staff and guest introduced themselves.
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1 **4. CONFLICT OF INTEREST**

2 No conflict of interest

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4 **5. APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

5 Mr. Nuñez moved to approve agenda as presented, seconded by Chief Ordoñez.
6 Motion carried unanimously.

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8 **6. APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

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10 6.1. Doña Ana County Juvenile Justice Continuum Board Meeting Minutes for
11 August 19, 2020

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13 Ms. Gomez moved to approve minutes for 08/19/20 as presented, seconded by
14 Sgt. Shadd. Motion carried unanimously.

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16 **7. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION**

17 No Comments

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19 **8. PRESENTATION**

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21 8.1. Local Law Enforcement (updates)

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23 Sgt. Shadd, LCPD said that the SRO's have not been working with the LCPS
24 during the pandemic due to short on staffing and increasing law enforcement on
25 patrol. Will work with Sgt. Mccord to provide statistics from our crisis team, on the
26 following: mental health, juvenile runaways, calls from LCPS from teachers or
27 students, higher risk 13 and under; and if they needed to be placed in protective
28 custody or referred to mental health services.

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30 Chief Orduñez, Anthony PD said that they have had minimal class III citations
31 however we have seen an increase on CPS referrals. We are getting through this
32 pandemic and it's our priority for our department currently. We have received calls
33 from teens through Zoom and respond accordingly.

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35 **9. NEW BUSINESS**

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37 9.1. Approved FY20 Subcontract (update)
38 Documents: RES 21-050-CLC JARC Contract Agreement

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40 Mr. Nuñez said the FY21 Subcontract for Juvenile Assessment Reporting Center
41 Services to FYI, Inc. got approved in the amount of \$89,555, October 16, 2020 –
42 June 30, 2021.

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44 Mr. Kavanagh said he appreciates the partnership throughout the years and the
45 collaboration to serve the youth in our community. We have been working as a
46 continuum board to build a continuum of services to fill some much-needed gaps.
47 To fill those gaps, it takes a lot of effort, time, energy, and resources from different
48 sectors from the community; public, private, non-profit, glad to be part of the
49 solution finding and innovative process to help our youth.

1 Mr. Ortega said he is personally thrilled in working with you all, we have a lot of
2 momentum and exciting work that we are doing with Robert and Grace. Enjoying
3 this partnership and taking advantage of this opportunity to work with an already
4 solid service but also to stay soft in our stance. To be true in what we are doing,
5 and flexible on how we are doing it so that we can continue to involve JARC in
6 our community and as specifically our youth community of Las Cruces, and
7 surrounding areas that we serve. Look forward to building a strong partnership
8 with all of you.

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10 9.2. DACJJCB Recommendation for COVID-19 Safe Practices (update)
11 Documents: CMO COVID SOP

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13 Judge Madrid said we are following the city standards, Mr. Nuñez explained that
14 is why we are meeting via Zoom.

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16 Mr. Nuñez said that our programs have been suspended face to face and doing
17 everything virtually.

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19 Judge Madrid said that it's important that we continue to meet via Zoom and follow
20 best practices. We are following city standards as a board.

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22 Mr. Nuñez said that all organizations and business have a similar COVID-19 Safe
23 Practice for the health and safety of our youth, families, co-workers, team
24 members, and NM residents.

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26 Ms. Hernandez said as County Office Manager for Child Protective Services we
27 are following governors' orders. Our investigators are out their initiating
28 emergency, priority I and II currently, it's a struggle for them. We are doing the
29 best we can to support them, making sure they have PPE and necessary supplies
30 to fulfill that requirement that we have. Our staff are out there, and we are
31 teleworking, but we are responding to those calls to assist child safety.

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33 Judge Madrid said that I'm sure that it's a struggle for our juveniles not able to
34 participate in sports and social groups. It's a myth that it does not affect our youth
35 and hope that our juveniles understand and that it's obsolete necessary. There
36 are children and youth that are getting ill.

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38 Chief Ordoñez said the county detention center has a delay of 7 to 8 days. If
39 somebody is taken under arrest and incarcerated and tested, we don't get results
40 till 7 – 8 days. We had an incident on a Juvenile that tested positive but did not
41 get notice / results until 8 days.

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43 Councilor Abeyta asked with the 7 – 8 delay what entity is doing the test
44 processing?

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46 Chief Ordoñez said if we have a defendant going to jail / booked, from that date
47 they will be tested at the DAC Detention Center. The center will get results 7 to 8
48 days, then there is a time laps, where we get notified that the person tested
49 positive of about 14days. This incident happened with a Juvenile. We take all the
50 precautions we can utilizing safe practices.

1 Councilor Abeyta said she would like to follow up after this.

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3 Judge Madrid said she will let the other judges know of delay, including district
4 judges. Thank you for that information.

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6 9.3. Juvenile Diversion Program Supervisor Hiring Process (update)

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8 Mr. Nuñez said Javier Amaro left the city in August and Grace Telles is the Interim
9 Juvenile Diversion Program Supervisor at this time. She has been doing a
10 tremendous job, working supervising her team, as well as communicating with our
11 sub-contractor and continuum. Currently the Human Resource office has given
12 us the ok to proceed with the hiring process. The City of Las Cruces first look at
13 our internal candidates, if we have qualified candidates, we can stay internal, if
14 not then we will proceed with other candidates. We have identified qualified
15 candidates internal and will proceed with the process; interviewing, written exam,
16 and second interview.

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18 Judge Madrid asked Mr. Nuñez if he would like to explain to the board their ability
19 to be active in this process.

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21 Mr. Nuñez said he's in the process of reaching out to the board, would like a
22 minimum of two (2) board members to be part of the second portion of interview.
23 If anyone is interested, please contact me or Judge Madrid. If anyone would like
24 to make any recommendations, you may do so.

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26 Judge Madrid said that she wants the board to fill active in this process and to
27 understand you have a say so. We want to make sure that the person replacing
28 Mr. Amaro has the same sort of rapport with the board that Mr. Amaro had. You
29 can always give your recommendations, want you to be part of the process as
30 much as possible and we want you to fill comfortable with the choice that is made.

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32 Mr. Nuñez said our continuum is unique compared to others, we are housed under
33 City of Las Cruces, so our Juvenile Diversion Program Supervisor is also the
34 continuum coordinator. Other continuums coordinators are contracted out and
35 they work with the public entity of that county or local government.

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37 Mr. Kavanagh said it would be important and a good time to review any real or
38 perceived conflict of interest in terms of having that position remain combined. To
39 make sure that it aligns with expectations that the state has and to maintain full
40 transparency in terms of our structure.

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42 Mr. Nuñez said I will review and send information to board on how it became under
43 the CLC / Juvenile Diversion Program Supervisor.

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45 Mr. Myers said that he was addressed with the idea of creating an application
46 process, so we can bring in more student opinions to the board. Maybe an
47 application and interview process, would like to work with Ms. Telles and Mr.
48 Nuñez on these. Reach out to honor society, and different schools that have
49 shown some interest.

1 Ms. Telles said I will continue to serve and work hard at this position. I want to
2 continue to serve the community and know that it takes a village to raise a child.
3 My background is in corrections as well as Educator for JCP for years.
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5 Judge Madrid said I speak for the board; we appreciate your services in the interim
6 and how excellent it has been.
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8 **10. OLD BUSINESS**

9 10 10.1. DACJJCB Needs Assessment Sub-Committee (update)

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12 Mr. Nuñez said a meeting date is scheduled for Thursday, 10/29/20 at 5:30 p.m.
13 via Zoom Meeting. Those that attended previously on 10/24/19 were: Judge
14 Madrid, Cynthia Ohrazda, Mike Tapia, Bill Rothengass, Eliana Santillan, Martha
15 Moreno, Brian Kavanaugh, Javier Amaro and me.
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17 Ms. Madrid said that anyone that is interested in attending let Mr. Nuñez or Ms.
18 Telles know.
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20 Mr. Ortega said that the La Vida Project our Juvenile Justice unit FYI is currently
21 in the process of disbursing a survey, it's called Youth and Culture Climate Survey
22 which asks a lot of questions related to cultural, emotional, family needs and
23 economics as well engaging in putting our pulse in the youth of our community of
24 Las Cruces in regards what apps are being utilized, what they are listening to. Will
25 build, capture and understand in what the needs are of the youth.
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27 Mr. Nuñez said he will reach out to Mateo and discuss further.
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29 **11. ADJOURNMENT**

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31 Mr. Rank moved to adjourn, seconded by Judge Madrid. Motion carried
32 unanimously. Meeting adjourned at 12:47 p.m.
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34 Judge Madrid said she appreciates everyone for their commitment, and you are
35 making a difference. Thank you.
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Recording Secretary

Date