

**MINUTES OF THE NEW MEXICO JUVENILE JUSTICE ADVISORY COMMITTEE**  
**New Mexico State Capitol Building, Rom 315**  
**490 Old Pecos Trail, Santa Fe, NM 87501**  
**Thursday, June 20, 2019**

**I. Call to Order at 10:07 a.m. – Douglas Mitchell, Chair**

Mr. Mitchell, the JJAC Chair, called to order the June 20, 2019 JJAC meeting at 10:05 AM. Mr. Mitchell asked the grant manager to conduct a roll call.

**II. Roll Call for Quorum – Cindy Varela, Grant Manager**

A quorum was established with the following members present:

**Members Present**

Douglas Mitchell  
Ashley Torrens – Proxy for Alma Cortez  
Craig Sparks  
Honorable Alan Kirk  
Honorable Angie Schneider  
Ron West  
Oscar Solis  
Oscar Gonzalez  
Martha Garcia – Proxy for Shelley Currier

**Members Excused**

Alma Cortez  
Tina Harris  
Roshanna Toya  
Helen Cheromiah  
Nathanual Tarbox  
Annalies Cortez  
Sasha Pellerin

**Guests in Attendance**

Kirstin Keller, Coordinator, Socorro County	Kristen Martinez, Youth RAC STOP
Linda Mathis, Coordinator, Los Lunas	Ted Allen, Chaves/Lincoln County
Steven Martinez, Grant Administrator, Valencia Co	Javier Amaro, Coordinator, Las Cruces
Crystal Little, Coordinator, Sandoval County	Ana Otero-Pietrzak, Coordinator, Otero County
Lizbeth Flores, Case Mgr., Santa Fe Youth Works	Lisa Zuhn, Exec. Dir., Los Alamos
Gerri Bachicha, Coordinator, Bernalillo County	Crystal Ybarra, Soc. Serv. Coord., SFPS
Richard Lindahl, Santa Fe Continuum Board Chair	Julie Sanchez, Coordinator, City of Santa Fe
Melynn Schuyler, Exec. Dir., Santa Fe Youth Works	Noelle Chavez, Valencia Co Coordinator
Nora Lovato, Coordinator, Rio Arriba County	William Romero, CYFD-JJS
David Sherman, CEO, Big Brothers/Big Sisters	Heather Smallwood, Sr. Trial Attorney
Tom Mraz, Ex. Comm., Valencia County JJB	Katy Medley, Program Dir., CIS of NM
Father Robert Mundy, Chair, Valencia County JJB	Eileen Street, Communities in Schools
Rubin Barreras, Vice-Chair, Valencia County JJB	

**Staff in Attendance**

William Kearney	Cindy Varela	Kim Robinson
Louis Pacias	Consuelo Garcia	Patti Vowell
Amanda Gray	Steven Brooks	Samantha Lucas
Steven Shaw		

**III. Welcome and Introductions**

Mr. Mitchell welcomed the board members, staff and guest to the meeting. He thanked and introduced the official representing the hosting city of Santa Fe. Sig Lindell, City of Santa Fe Mayor Pro Tem, City Councilor District I, welcomed all in attendance. She introduced Julie Sanchez, Santa Fe Continuum Coordinator, from the Office of Community Programs. She thanked the JJAC members for their caring spirit, dedication and focus for this work and expressed gratitude for the spirit of cooperation. She commented that this work makes a difference in all of the communities around the State; not only in one

young person at a time but also a generational difference. She went on to say this that work is never ending, which at times feels like a pretty steep slope, but the members of this Board show up and do the work because they believe in it and expressed her gratitude to the Committee members for this. She stated how glad she was that the Board was in Santa Fe today and hoped they would have some time to explore the City and again, that the City is deeply grateful for the work of the Committee and their commitment to this work and the spirit of cooperation in working with the City of Santa Fe and all the other communities around the State.

#### **IV. Presentation by Santa Fe Regional Juvenile Justice Board**

Mr. Mitchell next called on Richard Lindahl. Mr. Lindahl noted that he is a volunteer Chair with the Santa Fe Regional Juvenile Justice Board and that he has also worked part-time at the State Legislature for the past 17 years. He introduced other members of their Board who were in attendance: Deacon Anthony Trujillo; Andrea Salazar, Chief Juvenile Probation Officer for District 1, Santa Fe, Espanola and Los Alamos Counties; Heather Smallwood, Children's Court Attorney for the District Attorney's office, covering cases in Los Alamos County, Rio Arriba County and Santa Fe County; and Crystal Ybarra of the Santa Fe Public Schools. Mr. Lindahl noted that the Santa Fe Board was the second juvenile continuum board organized in the State in 2000, after the first board in Luna County in 1999. Both were formed well before the State Statute was passed in 2007. He noted that the Santa Fe Board currently funds three programs and introduced their representatives.

First was Melynn Skylar of Youth Works. Ms. Schuyler described her organization and the two programs funded through Juvenile Continuum Grant funds: Education Reintegration and Intensive Community Program. She noted that the Education Reintegration Program had more than doubled from last year, which required an adjustment for funding and the Intensive Community Monitoring program had decreased significantly which allowed them to move monies from that program to the Education Reintegration Program. Mr. Mitchell asked if all of the youth referred to the Intensive Community Monitoring program were coming out of the Detention Center at a detention hearing or if they were youth that were referred from other sources. Ms. Skylar replied that the youth are coming out of the Santa Fe Juvenile Detention Center.

Ms. Sanchez then introduced Eileen Street and Katy Medley, Communities in Schools (CIS) program administrators. CIS is an affiliate of the nation's number one national dropout prevention organization in the country. Ms. Medley went on to say that CIS has been around for 40 years and serves 1.4 million kids across the country in 2,300 schools. The idea is to identify the individual needs and provide wrap around programs to mitigate those problems that prevent kids from attending school. She continued that CIS is currently in 11 Santa Fe Schools and works directly with the school district to provide tutoring and Behavioral Health staff to deal with the different traumas the students might be dealing with. Ms. Medley concluded by saying that CIS is an evidence-based program with an 80 to 87% graduation rate.

Mr. Mitchell asked if there were any questions from Committee members. Mr. Solis asked where the referrals come from for admission into the program. He also asked about the demographics of the youth. Ms. Medley replied that most of the referrals come from the Wellness Team, which is a collaboration of the Administration, Counselors, Social Workers, Nurses and the Dean. Some kids are referred from the Wellness Team and others are referred to the Wellness Team for review. Ms. Medley stated that the kids don't have to be a part of the CIS program to receive food, clothing and other items needed. She stated that she didn't have the exact data on culture and race but was confident that the majority were Hispanic and Latino.

In conclusion, Mr. Lindahl stated that the Santa Fe Regional Juvenile Justice Board will be merging with the Youth Commission Committee, allowing them to serve more clients as this will increase their funds. Mr. Mitchell thanked Mr. Lindahl, Ms. Sanchez and all of the presenters for the wonderful work they are doing in the City of Santa Fe.

#### **V. Approval of Agenda**

Mr. Mitchell asked the board members for approval of the meeting agenda. A motion was made by Judge Kirk and seconded by Judge Angie Schneider, to approve the agenda for the June 20, 2019 meeting. The agenda was unanimously accepted by voice vote.

#### **VI. Approval of December 6, 2018 and March 21, 2019 Minutes**

Mr. Mitchell then submitted to the board approval of the December 6, 2018 and March 21, 2019 JJAC meeting minutes. A motion was made by Craig Sparks and seconded by Judge Alan Kirk, to approve the minutes from the December 6, 2018 and March 21, 2019 meetings. The minutes were unanimously approved by voice vote.

#### **VII. Updates – Written reports submitted by staff**

**a. Federal Update – Bill Kearney, Grants Management Unit Manager/Juvenile Justice Specialist**

**i. Fiscal Year 2018 and 2019 Title II Grant Update**

Mr. Kearney began by addressing the FFY18 Federal Title II Formula Grant funding. He explained that in October, based on two new conditions to the annual award (relating to law enforcement cooperation with ICE, and CYFD's involvement in ensuring this), CYFD had not accepted the funding. This decision continued to be examined at past JJAC meetings. Mr. Kearney stated that the two grant conditions also had implications for the NM Department of Public Safety, who receives Bureau of Justice Assistance funding, therefore the response of both agencies needed to be consistent. He continued that the CYFD Legal Department worked closely with the Department of Safety and with DPS accepting it based on their view of the conditions, CYFD was already in place to accept the award. CYFD signed off on its acceptance in early June and will be receiving the FFY18 title II Formula Grant funds. Mr. Kearney noted that the FFY19 application for funds has been submitted and they are currently waiting for feedback. When asked by Mr. Mitchell the amount and intended use of the funds, Mr. Kearney responded the award was \$401,580.00, with funding for alternatives to detention, disproportionate minority confinement, Indian Tribe Program, Juvenile Justice System Improvement, the operation of the JJAC Board, and program administration. He stated that the Juvenile Justice System Improvement funds support the development of the database management system.

Mr. Kearney continued that during the current state fiscal year, the Continuum Grant funds and Continuum programs are expected to go live in the database management system. He explained that the system will be used for local Continuum-funded/operated programs to report information directly into the system, including a youth profile, activity and service tracking, and invoicing that Continuum Coordinators and fiscal agents will review and approval, and sent to the Grants Management Unit for review and payment. The database platform, BHSD STAR is through a collaboration with HSD Behavioral Health Services Division, CYFD Behavioral Health Services, CYFD Juvenile Justice Services, and Aging and Long-Term Services. He indicated that the plan is to have two or three continuum coordinators provide input in the development of the Juvenile Continuum Grant Fund Program component of the BHSD STAR system. When Mr. Solis asked if maintenance of the database would continue to be funded from the Title II Formula Grant, Mr. Kearney indicated that was the plan.

**ii. Juvenile Justice Reform Act of 2018, JJAC Board Composition**

Mr. Kearney shared that the federal Juvenile Justice Reform Act of 2018 has requirements regarding the composition of the Board, as the Governor's Office looks to reconstitute JJAC. Mr. Kearney shared where the composition of the current Board stands with respect to the new requirements. The Board currently has ten members that have expressed interest in remaining on the Board. Mr. Kearney then presented about the number of youth representatives needed to be on the Board. For example, he stated that if there are 17 members on the committee there should be four youth members. There needs to be a more aggressive recruitment effort to identify young people who would really be engaged and contribute to JJAC. Mr. Kearney also spoke to the increase age limit from 24 to 28 at the time of appointment for youth members. He also advised that the youth representative could also be a family member or sibling of someone currently or previously in the juvenile justice system.

Mr. Kearney addressed the best process to apply for membership on the board. Melissa Salazar, the Board and Commission Director in the Governor's Office recommended for those that are interested in applying for board membership to send an email directly to her at melissa.salazar3@state.nm.us and to indicate in the subject line "JJAC Board Application Interest." Ms. Salazar had shared with Mr. Kearney that they projected they will be addressing the JJAC Board membership at the end of July.

Mr. Mitchell asked if there was any feedback on past questions about employees of CYFD being on the JJAC Board or local Continuum Boards and if that is perceived as a conflict of interest. Mr. Kearney stated Juvenile Probation Officers serve as non-voting members of local Boards, and while federal requirements allow State employees to serve on JJAC Boards, there are no CYFD employees on the JJAC Board. Ms. Bachicha asked about the support that would be available to the youth members. Mr. Kearney stated that he was putting together a new Board Member orientation with particular focus on the new youth

members. Mr. Solis asked if there would be emphasis for youth to serve on sub-committees to which Mr. Kearney answered in the affirmative.

**b. State Executive and Legislative Update – Bill Kearney for Nick Costales**

Mr. Kearney explained that Mr. Costales had an executive leadership meeting with the Cabinet Secretary and was unable to attend the meeting. He continued that Mr. Costales was going to address Senate Bill 58 (SB 58), the Accountability in Government Act, and the requirements with the state funding for outcome measurements and evidence-based programs. Mr. Kearney explained that the Department of Financial Administration (DFA) and the Legislative Finance Committee (LFC) identified four divisions from three agencies that will start this fiscal year 2020, effective July 1st and they are 1. CYFD Juvenile Justice Services, 2. Behavioral Health Services within CYFD, 3. Human Services Department's Behavioral Health Services Division and 4. NM Department of Corrections. This basically starts to bring in more specific programs that CYFD funds and are operated using evidence-based programs that meet the guidelines on the Grant Applications used by the continuums.

Mr. Mitchell expressed concern about how this could impact innovation in that an evidence-based program has to start somewhere before it is proven evidence-based. Mr. Kearney replied that this will be addressed later this summer with DFA and LFC. Mr. Kearney also stated that this is just a starting point and all the regulating agencies recognize that. Judge Kirk stated that this identifies the need for training and the opportunities for training across the state. He stated that there should be funding for statewide training on the evidence-based programs that have been successful in New Mexico communities. Mr. Sparks warned that it is important when looking at evidence-based programs to ensure they will fit New Mexico youth and communities. He made the point that an evidence-based program may show a 90% of the participants were successful, but if the success rate is not balanced between white youth and youth of color, then it may not be effective for youth of color, the largest segment of New Mexico's youth population.

Mr. Mitchell advised that there would be continued dialogue on this issue and that the Continuum Coordinators should be thinking about this as it has potential impact on their programs.

**c. Grants Management Unit Update – Handout in Board member packets.**

**i. One-on-One and Group Youth Mentoring Program**

Mr. Kearney began with some history of the One-on-One and Group Mentoring Program and how it originally resided with DFA, but in SFY18 it had been transferred to CYFD. He explained that during SFY18 and SFY19, CYFD maintained the DFA program with grantees. Over the past winter and spring, the youth mentoring RFP was released and the procurement process was completed. Mr. Kearney referred to the handout that was included in the package that showed the target population and the criteria for this population to receive the services. In looking for state-of-the-art mentoring services, programs include 1) Academic Success, 2) Health and Wellness, 3) Life Skills and 4) Fitness and Structured Recreation. Mr. Kearney stated now that Youth Mentoring has become a CYFD program and funding stream, it was important to bring it into the JJAC conversation and demonstrate the range of funding that is being provided which covers youth development, delinquency prevention and juvenile community corrections. Mr. Kearney then introduced David Sherman from Big Brothers and Big Sisters Mountain Region, one of the nine providers receiving youth mentoring grants.

Mr. Sherman thanked CYFD for bringing Big Brothers and Big Sisters (BB&BS) into their family. He stated that he is one of three BB&BS agencies serving New Mexico and together they serve 2,750 youth through evidence-based one-to-one programs that are professionally supported. The three BB&BS organizations currently are in 22 counties and are working to expand into every county. Mr. Kearney encouraged the continuum coordinators to reach out to the mentoring providers noting that the Juvenile Probation Officers are making direct referrals for mentors.

Mr. Mitchell asked for questions from the board. Judge Kirk advocated for the Board to strongly encourage that mentoring providers participate with their local continuums. Mr. Kearney shared their grants had requirements for community relationships, with schools, juvenile probation, mental health, and other youth provider agencies. The discussion then focused on the provider selection process and

state procurement; JJAC Board's role with the mentoring program and grants and their accountability; mentoring in the three-year Strategic Plan; and juvenile justice system engagement for the mentoring providers.

Mr. Mitchell suggested to Mr. Kearney that correspondence go out from CYFD to the mentoring providers to contact their local continuum boards and become as involved as may be practical. Mr. Kearney stated that he would follow up on this and continue to encourage continuum and youth mentoring program collaboration.

**ii. FY19 Financial Status Report – Cindy Varela & Consuelo Garcia, Grants Managers**

Ms. Varela reviewed the Juvenile Continuum Grant Funds Program financial report. She pointed out that San Miguel County is in the red because they had not submitted any invoices to date. She explained that they have been in touch with the continuum coordinator a couple of times each week offering assistance but they have not received any feedback. She stated that they have been assured that services are happening and that they will continue to work with them. Mr. Mitchell asked who the fiscal agent for San Miguel County Continuum was, and Ms. Varela responded that it was San Miguel County. Ms. Varela also noted the continuums highlighted in yellow are those programs that the funding has not been drawn down to the level they should be at this time of the year.

Judge Kirk noted that this has been an ongoing issue and he is aware that Mr. Kearney is working to solve the problem, but it seems that when you look at the sites having the difficulties in some instances it appears to be related to the turnover in Coordinators and changes in personnel. There were several suggestions from the members with possible solutions to the problem, all of which Mr. Kearney stated he would look into, to include feedback from the Continuum Coordinators.

**iii. FY20 Continuum Agreements – Cindy Varela & Consuelo Garcia, Grants Managers**

Ms. Varela stated that everything has gone through the Contract Development Unit and they are awaiting executed contracts and purchase orders to be able to send them out to fiscal agents and Continuum Coordinators, so the Continuums should expect to receive their executed contracts and purchase orders the second week of July. She noted this gives the Contract Development Unit enough time to pull the requisition into a purchase order and get them sent out. She stated that once the Grants Management Unit gets the purchase orders they will finish up the financial documents and the data forms and send them to the Continuums, so the Continuum Coordinators should look for these documents shortly after they receive their executed contracts and purchase orders.

**iv. FY21 Multi-Year Application Process – Cindy Varela & Consuelo Garcia, Grants Mgrs.**

Ms. Varela reiterated about the yearly application cycle going to the four year award for SFY 21-24. She stated that they had tentative dates of September 10th and September 12th for fiscal agent training. One training will be held in the northern part of the state and the other in the southern part. Ms. Varela shared that October 11, 2019 for application drafts to be submitted for the four year awards.

Several questions were asked regarding the logistics of the four-year award, like how non-performance will be handled. Ms. Varela indicated that both options of requiring an action plan or terminating would be available and allow for more oversight on multi-year contracts. Ms. Varela stated that if terminated or the funds cannot be drawn down, the money would go into the fund balance where it can be used for other programs or reallocated to other continuums. Mr. Mitchell stated that he would not like to see a reallocation of funds that closes the door for new applications. Ms. Varela agreed and stated that the thought was that the \$600,000.00 could be used for startup programs. Mr. Mitchell stated that theoretically there would be a need for the Grant Subcommittee every year. Both Ms. Varela and Ms. Garcia agreed that there would be an ongoing need for a Subcommittee to review amendments and budget adjustments.

**v. Juvenile Community Corrections (JCC) Update – Louis Pacias, Grants Manager**

Louis Pacias reported that to date JCC has had 433 youth discharged; 282 successful, 64 unsuccessful and 87 administrative, a 65% successful discharge rate. He noted that there is ongoing feedback and

training with their providers in terms of performance indicators and how they are documenting their discharges. Mr. Pacias explained success is defined as completion of the program, which equals 75% completion of their individual service plan. The youth is required to sit down with their juvenile probation officer and review their service plan to ensure they have completed 75% and that they have no probation violation or new charges. The decision as to whether the youth is successfully discharged should be between juvenile probation and the provider. Mr. Pacias stated that the average time a youth is in JCC is six months to a year.

Mr. Pacias stated this year JCC providers overall are looking at reverting 20-30% of their funding, higher than the usual rate of 1-14%. Much of this is due to a lower referral rate. Mr. Pacias reported that the Grant Management Unit has been making technical assistance visits to counties and providers with low referral rates. They review provider files and talk with juvenile probation officers. Mr. Pacias stated that the big gain is getting juvenile probation more deeply involved with JCC and educating them on the different programs available, such as community gardening, mentoring and Special Olympics.

Mr. Mitchell, Mr. Solis and Judge Kirk had questions regarding the eight-year contract awards the JCC providers received. They also had questions regarding the application and award process. Mr. Mitchell wanted to clarify JJAC's role with JCC contracts and make sure that JJAC actually voted on the current JCC eight-year contracts. Mr. Mitchell asked Mr. Kearney if he would look into this a little further so the Board could better understand their role in this process. Mr. Kearney stated that he would.

Mr. Solis was pleased that Special Olympics has been included in the programs available to the youth through JCC. He was curious about different referral types and how the referrals were generated. Mr. Pacias explained that most of them are from JPO's, but they also come from judges, DAs, public defenders and social workers. Mr. Gonzalez asked for clarification from Mr. Pacias about the juveniles that are unsuccessful in completing their program. Mr. Pacias stated that JCC offers other resources and the JPO might chose to use a different program offered by JCC.

**d. Detention and Compliance Monitoring Update – Samantha Lucas and Steve Shaw**

Ms. Lucas stated she has completed seven of the eight detention center inspections and the last one would be completed in July. She stated that of the seven completed, only one is on a provisional certificate.

Ms. Lucas directed the attention of the membership to the report she had submitted which illustrated a breakdown of reported incidents per county. Mr. Mitchell asked what constituted an "incident". Ms. Lucas gave the definition per the NMAC standards. Mr. Mitchell also asked if the data presented would allow for further breakdown and if Ms. Lucas had the ability to collect and report on segregation. Ms. Lucas responded that they were working to standardize the definition of "incident", as there are differences from one facility to another. She also stated that she is notified by the facility if an individual is separated from programming and the new standard only allows for up to 22 hours of segregation without approval. Mr. Mitchell asked Mr. Sparks how this is defined in his facility. Mr. Sparks responded that they are only notified if there is a facility disruption and there would not be individualized data reported, although they do keep individualized data per youth. He also clarified that the standards for removing a youth from population is different now in that it is more a matter of safety and security and not disciplinary. There was further dialogue regarding the different interpretations by different facilities as to what constitutes a major or minor incident as well as what is considered contraband. It was stated that there is a need to standardize terminology in order to capture accurate data.

Mr. Mitchell then asked Mr. Shaw to present his report. Mr. Shaw began by saying that he has enjoyed working with the Board for the past four years as he has completed his contract. Mr. Shaw explained that the past year had been particularly challenging given approximately 50% turnover in Sheriffs, which led to a high turnover in staff and therefore created a need for continuous training. He stated that he had made a request to Tony Maes, the New Mexico Sheriffs Association President to consider having a block of instructional time during their conference in August to present information on compliance monitoring and what the organization and staff need to do in terms of detention of juveniles in their custody. Mr. Mitchell thanked Mr. Shaw for the work that he had done on behalf of the Board. He asked for questions which there were none.

**e. Continuum Coordinator Update: Kirsten Keller, Socorro County Continuum Coordinator**

Ms. Keller stated that the coordinators had met with CYFD Cabinet Secretary Blalock the day before and following their presentation Secretary Blalock offered the coordinators a lot of information about rebuilding mental health system across the state. After meeting with the Cabinet Secretary, Ms. Keller stated they met with the Grants Management Unit staff and discussed the development of a coordinators manual and training for fiscal agents to update them and educate them on what are the new expectations. She reported that the coordinators discussed the funds that will be available in September and October and the criteria necessary to request funding as well as SB58 and how it will affect the programming of the continuums.

**f. Board Sub-Committee Reports**

**i. DMC/JDAI Sub-Committee – Ron West, Chair, with Steve Brooks, RED Coordinator and Patti Vowell, JDAI Coordinator**

Mr. West asked the board members to refer to the report in the packet which summarized general comments regarding the Equitable Results Engagement (ERE) Convening in Ruidoso in May. Mr. West stated there was 160 attendees and the biggest take away was that there needs to be another as this one was pretty intense. He noted that the Convening targeted certain judicial districts and counties and the next one should include those from the other parts of the state. Mr. West then deferred to Ms. Vowell and Mr. Brooks.

Mr. Brooks stated that they were analyzing the community teams' flip charts to find the common threads across community teams, to identify particular needs and next steps moving forward. They are also looking to combine this information in the pending system assessments. At this point Mr. West asked the Committee to entertain a motion that would direct the Subcommittee to move forward with planning the next Convening and Judge Kirk seconded the motion. Mr. Mitchell then opened the subject up for discussion and began the discussion by stating that he agreed that an additional Convening needs to happen, but was concerned about the size. He stated that he felt that the subsequent meetings should be more focused on certain sites that seem to be more mature in the work. The discussion included Mr. Mitchell's suggestion for the northern part of the state and give them the same benefit as the southern counties. The discussion also included funding sources – using Federal Title II Formula Grant funds and Casey Foundation support for the Convening like the first Convening. Judge Schneider interjected that the Convening was a great experience and highlighted the need for groups to continue to meet in their communities and she also stated the point was well made in support of northern counties to have the same opportunity. After further discussion, Mr. Mitchell asked Mr. West if he would amend his motion to state that they explore use of federal funds and Annie E Casey Foundation funds for a northern ERE Convening. Mr. West agreed. Mr. Mitchell then restated that there was a motion that had been seconded and called for a vote that was unanimously passed. Mr. Mitchell asked that a status report be added to the agenda for the next meeting.

Ms. Vowell continued with her report and stated that they have almost completed two system assessments in two of the larger judicial districts, District 6 (Grant, Luna and Hidalgo Counties) and District 13 (Sandoval, Cibola and Valencia). In District 13, they have met with the Chief Judge and Judge McDonald and will be convening District 13 representatives to deliver the entire report in August, and then District 6 in September.

Mr. Mitchell asked if there were funds that are not used each year that can be used for training. Ms. Varela and Ms. Garcia stated that the verbiage in the Juvenile Continuum Grant Funds Program statute does not allow for it, but based on annual applications, federal money may be used.

Ms. Vowell concluded the DMC/JDAI Sub-Committee report by stating that the new State to Scale Leadership Team Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) is in its final stage for execution. The State to Scale Leadership that is made up of the Supreme Court, the Association of Counties and CYFD will now have a fourth partner, Public Education Department (PED).

**ii. Executive Sub-Committee – Doug Mitchell, Chair**

Mr. Mitchell began by stating that the Executive Sub-Committee did not have anything to report. Mr. Kearney reported that Ms. Garcia, proxy for the Vice-Chair, Ms. Currier relayed a message from Ms. Currier that she would respectfully be stepping down as Vice-Chair. Ms. Currier did indicate that she would like to continue as a board member. Mr. Solis had several questions regarding the Executive Sub-committee. Mr. Kearney offered to check into the By-Laws for answers to his questions.

**VIII. Public Comment**

Mr. Mitchell recognized Father Robert Mundy, Chair of the Juvenile Justice Board for the Valencia County. Father Mundy encouraged the Board to consider requiring an exit interview with the Continuum Coordinators when they leave their positions because of the high turnover. He continued by saying that he believes the reasons for the high turnover is most certainly the pay, a lot of responsibilities and the poor communication with fiscal agents and CYFD. He expressed his appreciation for the opportunity to address the problem of disparities at the ERE Convening, in particularly racial disparities in the State. He expressed his hope that this would continue in the future and be more coordinated, noting that it was difficult to talk and hear in the environment they were in at the Convening in Ruidoso. He concluded by saying that Valencia County would like to have better representation on the JJAC Board if possible.

Mr. Mitchell asked for further public comments.

Mr. Ted Allen from Ruidoso (Lincoln and Chaves County) stated concern about the amount of funds that are being reverted whether through JCC or the Continuums. He also stated that it would be nice if more could be done in terms of youth empowerment, youth engagement and youth leadership development. Mr. Allen stated that these youth should not just be receiving services, they should also be expected to serve in a supportive environment to give back and be problem solvers.

Mr. Lindahl thanked the Board again for having the meeting in Santa Fe in the Capitol Building. He recalled that he had spoken with Mr. Kearney regarding the reversion issue as it is an age old problem. He stated that he hoped the four year commitment will mitigate some of the reversion so that some of the local sites will be in a better position to incentivize their contractors to remain motivated to continue the work for the long term. Mr. Lindahl stated that he was very pleased to see all the Coordinators here especially the ones from the rural sites and hoped that the Coordinators update would continue to be on the meeting agenda.

- IX. Adjournment:** Motion to adjourn was made by Craig Sparks, and seconded by Judge Kirk. The meeting was adjourned at 2:00 p.m.

**The next proposed meeting to be held on Thursday, October 17, 2019  
in Valencia County, in Los Lunas, NM**

Minutes Approved by Douglas Mitchell, JJAC Chairperson, on (date):

  
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Doug Mitchell, Chair