

**MINUTES OF THE NEW MEXICO JUVENILE JUSTICE ADVISORY COMMITTEE
SPECIAL MEETING**

Friday, July 8, 2021 12:00 Noon
Virtual Meeting via ZOOM

- I. **Call to Order at 12:05 PM – Anthony Trujillo, Vice Chair**
- II. **Roll Call for Quorum: Cindy Varela, Grants Management Unit Manager**

A quorum was established with the following members present:

Members Present

Anthony Trujillo, Chair	Roshanna Toya	Ron West
Joel Hamilton	Tom Swisstack	Keryl Work
Honorable Alan Kirk	Anna Maria Marshall	May Sagbakken
Honorable Angie Schneider	Albino Garcia, Jr.	Tina Harris

Members Absent

Michelle Torres	Oscar Gonzalez	Helen Cheromiah
Danielle Trujillo	Moneka Stevens	Sarah Gettler
Ruben Barreras	Ted Lovato	Jenavieve Salas

Guests in Attendance

Nora Lovato	Elly Hollon	Susan Gonzalez
Bianca Padilla	Jesus Romero	Grace Telles
Rebecca Armstrong	Kirstin Keller	George Carrasco

Staff in Attendance

William Kearney, Special Programs Manager/JJ Specialist	Consuelo Garcia, Grants Manager
Cindy Varela, Grants Management Unit Manager	Louis Pacias, JCC Grants Manager
Patti Vowell, Statewide JDAI Coordinator	Samantha Rendon, Grants Manager
Samantha Armendariz, Compliance Coordinator	Amanda Gray, Operations Research Analyst
	Jeff Kolenda, Operations Research Analyst

- III. **Approval of Agenda**

Mr. Swisstack brought the motion to approve the Agenda; seconded by Judge Kirk. The roll call vote was conducted by Ms. Cindy Varela. Motion carried unanimously.

- IV. **Review of 2019 & 2020 Annual Reports**

Changes requested by JJAC members for the 2019 and 2020 annual Reports were reviewed.

For the 2020 Annual Report, there was a request to explain the number of Bernalillo County Grievances on page 5. The following draft text to be added was shared:

Bernalillo County Youth Service Center exceeds the Detention Standard, using the grievance system for written requests as well. The numbers are driven by facility administration encouraging residents to use the grievance process for any issue, to provide them full access to and communication with facility administrators. Grievances can now be made electronically in addition to written, for greater access. Grievances in Bernalillo County are categorized into 15 areas, from medical, dental and mental health services to inappropriate staff or youth conduct, to food, safety and programming. All grievances are addressed by staff.

Additionally, there was a request to explain the number of Bernalillo County Incidents on page 6. The

following draft text to be added was shared:

Bernalillo County encourages staff use of incident reports to share information as well document serious incidents. Additionally, while there have been detention center closures and a downward trend in detention placements, the seriousness and longer periods of detention for county and out-of-county youth with greater needs, has resulted in the reported serious incidents levels.

For the 2019 Annual Report, there was a request to share any evaluation information from attendees of the Equitable Results Engagement. The following draft text to be added was shared:

Sixty-six of the 160 participants provided feedback on their ERE experience. Respondents overwhelmingly:

- *felt they gained skills that will be useful in their race equity work (95%);*
- *felt they strengthened commitment to deeper community engagement (97%);*
- *felt a better understanding of the value of individualized services (98%); and*
- *felt a better understanding of race equity and inclusion principles (97%).*

The 66 survey respondents rated the ERE an 8.47 out of 10. This information, along with written comments will help the planning of future ERE and system improvement events.

Within discussion, Mr. Garcia and Chair Trujillo expressed interest in attending an inspection.

Additionally, through discussion, the request was made to add the topics of Accountability and JJAC Basic Responsibilities to the Agenda for the next quarterly JJAC meeting in September.

ACTION: Motion to approve the 2019 and 2020 Annual Reports as amended with three additions was made by Judge Kirk and seconded by Mr. Swisstack. Ms. Varela conducted the roll call vote. Motion carried unanimously.

IV. Public Comment

None. Public attendees were given the opportunity to introduce themselves to JJAC members. All were Continuum Coordinators.

X. Adjournment

Mr. Trujillo thanked everyone for their participation.

Mr. Trujillo called for a motion to adjourn, Mr. Thomas Swisstack so moved, Judge Schneider seconded. Roll call vote was conducted by Ms. Cindy Varela. Motion carried unanimously.

The meeting adjourned at 12:50 p.m.

Minutes Approved on 9/20/2021 by:



Anthony Trujillo, Chair