

**MINUTES OF THE**  
**SANTA FE COUNTY**  
**YOUTH DEVELOPMENT PROGRAM TASK FORCE**

**January 7, 2016**

**Santa Fe, New Mexico**

This meeting of the Santa Fe County Youth Development Task Force was called to order by Chair Tommy Rodriguez at approximately 3:10 p.m. on the above-cited date at the Youth Development Facility, 4250 Airport Road, Santa Fe, New Mexico.

- I.** A quorum was achieved with the following members present:

**Members Present:**

Tommy Rodriguez, CYFD Northern Region Juvenile Justice Services  
Pablo Sedillo III, County Public Safety Director [late arrival]  
Aaron Garcia, County Youth Development Program Administrator  
Michelle George, Retired CYFD  
Steve Bing, Designee for Judge Marlow Sommer [late arrival]  
Geraldine Salazar, County Clerk [late arrival]  
Mark Dickson, Public Defenders Office  
Ona Johnson, Santa Fe Community Foundation

**Member(s) Excused:**

Pooja Pathak, District Attorney's Office for Sara Johnson

**Staff Present:**

Molly Archuleta, Program RN  
Tila Rendon-Varela, Public Safety Administrator  
Erika Lovato, Corrections Finance

- II. Roll Call/Introductions**

Those present introduced themselves.

- III. and IV. Approval of Agenda and Minutes**

In the initial absence of a quorum these items were deferred.

## V. Review of Report – DRAFT

Chairman Rodriguez noted that a subcommittee could be convened to proofread the final version for format and punctuation. He explained that the report had been divided into sections and worked on by various individuals. The conclusion section was left open. He asked for any recommendations for change.

Mr. Dickson asked if there was mention of asbestos abatement. Chairman Rodriguez said that is part of the \$9 million renovation; it might warrant specific inclusion.

Ms. Salazar asked if her comments on alternative funding was included and Ms. Rendon-Varela said it was.

## III. Approval of Agenda

With a quorum achieved, Mr. Bing moved to approve the agenda and Ms. Johnson seconded. The agenda was approved without opposition.

## V. Review of Report – DRAFT (cont.)

Ms. Lovato indicated the asbestos discussion could go under the section, Current Projected Utilization on page 5. Mr. Bing said the study would probably cost at least \$30,000 and a mold study might also be required.

Ms. Lovato said she and Ms. Salazar contributed duplicative material; the italicized material on the bottom of page 6 could be deleted. Under Current Maintenance Costs on page 5 she recommended shrinking that section to eliminate redundancy.

Chairman Rodriguez said the final sentence of the Current and Projected Utilization could be struck and possibly moved to Conclusions.

Ms. George suggested standardizing the name of the facility to YDP throughout. Ms. Salazar noted the acreage also needs to be consistent, as does the repair cost estimate, and the age of the facility.

Ms. George said the table of services could have a more positive spin and Ms. Rendon-Varela said bullet points might be better. Ms. George said it could be made more personal as currently it is somewhat dry.

Mr. Dickson spoke in favor of inclusion of compliance with statutorily mandated guidelines and specifications, possibly in the introduction or conclusion.

On page 6, Mr. Garcia recommended changing the wording to “some of the facilities in New Mexico” are closing rather than “A lot.”

Mr. Dickson asked if there should be some inclusion of the day rates. Mr. Sedillo spoke in favor of a recommendation to raise the per diem rates, but inclusion in the report

may be too detailed. Chairman Rodriguez recommended sending out a list of services and programs to the various counties.

Mr. Sedillo said an important factor is that there is no debt service on the current building.

Mr. Dickson noticed the mention of two previous renovations and asked how much those cost. Ms. Rendon-Varela said the one in 2005 was for the ARC.

Mr. Sedillo advocated that committee members put themselves in the Commissioners' position and think about the questions they would ask. Ms. Salazar said they could have a meeting where questions were thrown out in advance of the BCC meeting.

Mr. Dickson asked if there was a discussion in the report about phasing the destruction of the building in order to provide continuity of housing. Ms. Salazar said it was under the Alternative Uses Section.

Mr. Sedillo asked if the projected cost was based on San Juan County. Chairman Rodriguez said it was based on Mr. Flores' reports. The San Juan facility has many other aspects involved. Mr. Bing noted FF&E (furniture, fixtures and equipment) has not been mentioned, and it was estimated at 22 percent. Additionally, architecture and engineering should be mentioned, which is generally calculated at 15 percent.

Mr. Sedillo said he would work with Ms. Lovato on those estimates. He asked if the report would only include one option and Chairman Rodriguez said it did. Mr. Sedillo said the Commissioners may want to be apprised of other options. He spoke of conversations he has had with the State Corrections Department regarding other uses under a lease option, perhaps for transition, step-down units or mental health or substance abuse facilities.

Referring to page 7, Ms. Salazar said there are many creative ways for funding. The big question for a lessee is who does the renovations? She said she thought the property on Highway 14 would be better for adults, and Chairman Rodriguez said moving the youth facility to that site would be inconvenient for the kids, their families and those who serve them. Mr. Sedillo said the report does not have to recommend a specific alternate site.

Mr. Sedillo excused himself from the remainder of the meeting.

Chairman Rodriguez reiterated the task force's conclusion, adding the Commission can accept it or not. Ms. Salazar said given the huge number of possibilities it is important to focus.

Mr. Dickson said a key issue is the cost differential between razing this building and building from scratch. He said it didn't make sense to continue renovating, especially when the renovations mentioned would bring it up to barely acceptable. Chairman

Rodriguez spoke of the wasted interior and exterior space. Renovation costs generally escalate. Mr. Dickson said their approach is looking to the future.

Mr. Garcia recommended expanding #1 on page 7 perhaps adding options.

Ms. Salazar spoke in favor of a youth campus with a continuum of services, rather than having any adult services nearby. Chairman Rodriguez pointed out this building is comprised – plumbing, electrical, etc. Ms. Salazar said the current floor plan is dysfunctional. Since the County owns this property that is an advantage but the focus has to be put on multiple services for the kids. Chairman Rodriguez said this location is optimal for kids and their families.

Ms. Rendon-Varela said Mr. Sedillo had had interest from the State regarding alternate uses of the Airport Road location, and it would be up to the State to renovate. Ms. George noted the State Department of Corrections already had budgetary problems.

Chairman Rodriguez indicated CYFD just closed a facility in the south that could be utilized as a step-down facility.

Ms. Salazar said the master plan has the advantage that other components could be added as needed.

Referring to the first paragraph on page 10, Ms. Johnson said that statement should not get lost. It was important to answer the question: Why here? She advocated amping up the argument. She volunteered to expand on that. She added that if there were an exhibition space for art done in the facility that would never be visited out on Highway 14.

It was agreed the subcommittee would work on the conclusion. Ms. Salazar asked that everyone contribute bullet points. The subcommittee was scheduled to meet January 13<sup>th</sup> at 8:30 with the full committee meeting on the 21<sup>st</sup>. The presentation of the report to the BCC will be March 29<sup>th</sup>, so packet information has to be submitted by the 21<sup>st</sup>.

Ms. Rendon-Varela asked that any changes be emailed to her by Monday, January 11. Chairman Rodriguez said he would do the statement on asbestos abatement. Mr. Garcia planned to reformat the program section and Ms. Johnson will work on the argument for the task force's chosen option. Ms. Lovato offered to work on restructuring the document.


### **III. Approval of the Minutes: November 19 and December 3**

Mr. Bing moved approval of both sets of minutes and Ms. Johnson seconded. The motion passed unanimously.


**VII. Adjournment**

Having completed the agenda and no other business to come before the task force, Chair Rodriguez declared the meeting adjourned at 4:40.


Approved by:

  
Tommy Rodriguez, Chair

ATTEST TO:

  
COUNTY CLERK  
1-25-2016

Respectfully submitted by:


  
Debbie Doyle, Wordswork



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Geraldine Salazar  
County Clerk, Santa Fe, NM

