

MINUTES OF THE
SANTA FE COUNTY
CORRECTIONS ADVISORY COMMITTEE

August 14, 2014

Santa Fe, New Mexico

This meeting of the Santa Fe County Corrections Advisory Committee was called to order by Acting Chair Judith Williams at approximately 3:00 p.m. on the above-cited date at the Youth Development Center, 4250 Airport Road, Santa Fe, New Mexico.

Roll call indicated the presence of a quorum with the following individuals present:

Members Present:

Judy Williams, Community at-large
Mary Ellen Gonzales, Restorative Justice
Michelle George, Juvenile Justice
Adan Mendoza, Law Enforcement
Steve S. Spencer, Medical Community/Substance Abuse
Maria Cristina Lopez, Immigrant Advocacy Community
Ben Baur, Public Defender's Office

Member(s) Excused:

Frank Susman, Legal Community
Maria Jose Rodriguez Cadiz, Mental Health Community
Dale Lettenberger, Law Enforcement - Investigative Bureau

Staff Present:

Pablo Sedillo, Public Safety Director
Mark Caldwell, Deputy Warden
Tila Rendon-Varela, Staff Liaison

Others Present:

T.S. Last, *Albuquerque Journal North*

II. Introductions

Those present introduced themselves.

III. Approval of Agenda

Ms. Gonzales moved to approve, noting she wanted to add two items to the agenda. Dr. Spencer said he had questions. Ms. Lopez seconded.

Dr. Spencer stated he received an agenda by email and then another, different last minute agenda. He asked who makes up the agenda and is responsible. Mr. Sedillo said there was a discussion of committee agendas among senior staff and this is the only one that deviates from the norm. Generally, staff compiles the agenda. This agenda was put together by staff and forwarded to Mr. Susman who was charged with sending it out. Mr. Sedillo said there is an intent to refocus this committee.

Chair Williams said she would like to see Matters from Staff and Matters from the Public on every agenda. She said she also had two things she could like to discuss.

Ms. Gonzales said her items were under Matters from the Committee and Matters from the Public.

The agenda was unanimously approved as amended. [Mr. Baur was not present for this action and arrived shortly thereafter.]

IV. Approval of Minutes: July 10, 2014

Action on the minutes was deferred to allow everyone a chance to read them. Ms. Rendon-Varela said normally Mr. Susman corrects the minutes with suggested changes received by email.

V. Appreciation of Transcribers, Karen Farrell and Debbie Doyle

The committee expressed their thanks to the recorders.

VI. Review and Discussion of Resolution #2012-149

VII. Review of Progress of the Corrections Advisory Committee toward Accomplishing Tasks Set Forth in Resolution #2012-149

VIII. Action Plan for Accomplishing Tasks Set Forth in Resolution #2012-149

IX. Meeting Schedule for Rest of Calendar Year

Chair Williams asked for clarification on the frequency of tours of the facility. It was agreed a tour was overdue.

Referring to 9.b, c, and d, Chair Williams noted there has been discussion of a re-integration model and the committee had asked to see the protocol for prisoner transfers between the hospital and jail. Mr. Sedillo said the focus was on moving from secure care in the facilities back into the community, with wraparound services with community stakeholders. Regarding the families, there is a need to deal with visitations.

Chair Williams said she was specifically interested in the handoff from the jail to needed services. Mr. Sedillo pointed out Stacey Byard is now working on insurance eligibility and re-entry full time. At intake, those uninsured are identified and paperwork is begun. However, application cannot be made until release date, which is often not known. The big problem is the lack of wraparound services and eligibility issues. It is important to identify the services in order to avoid the "revolving door" syndrome.

Chair Williams indicated she recently attended a meeting where the Managed Care Organizations (MCOs) were present. She said if an inmate is released the MCO should be able to step in immediately. Mr. Sedillo said they need to bridge the gap of case management at the jail and then upon release.

In response to questions from Ms. Gonzales, Mr. Sedillo said although there is a continuum of care they do not have the ability to follow the individual into the community, although they can make a positive referral. The referrals are not always accepted. The case manager in the jail depends on the classification status, but if there is a change, the case managers do consult with one another.

Regarding juveniles, Mr. Caldwell said the primary case manager is the juvenile probation officer. They try to work in concert with respect to insurance coverage. Mr. Sedillo said CYFD is largely responsible.

Ms. Gonzales asked if Narcan is provided to addicts upon release and was told it is.

Dr. Spencer noted that at a previous meeting he requested graphic statistical data from Ms. Byard. Mr. Sedillo said he will see that is included.

Alluding to CYFD's role, Mr. Baur said generally a juvenile has been in contact for some time with a JPO and has access to more services. Ms. George said there are monthly meetings with all concerned parties to go over cases. JPOs are encouraged to attend IDTs as well.

Ms. Lopez said it was her understanding that Ms. Byard was in charge of creating new programs for re-entry. Mr. Sedillo said she works with the case manager to identify programs that will accept a given inmate. Chair Williams said insurance enrollment will continue to be part of Ms. Byard's duties along with re-entry and Narcan orientation. She said what is needed is intensive outpatient post-incarceration treatment. Mr. Sedillo said they look to the committee for help in that.

Turning to the "It Takes a Village" project, Mr. Baur explained the intent of that was to effect redirection at points in the process – pre-arrest, pending trial, release, sentencing – away from incarceration. Techniques include treatment guardianship to encourage medication compliance. Mr. Baur noted there is always a balance to be sought between due process rights and community and personal safety. Training and funding are required for this program. Mr. Sedillo said Santa Fe County has taken a pro-active stance on this issue.

Ms. Lopez stressed the importance of jobs. Mr. Caldwell agreed the vocational track is essential.

Regarding family interactions, Mr. Sedillo said they have done an outstanding job in the facility, establishing an area for children. They encourage familial connection and involvement. He invited the committee to visit the facility again. He stressed they are open to complaints and comments from the public, which are constant and ongoing.

In response to a question from Ms. Lopez, procedures for determining whether someone is in the jail were outlined, either by website or phone. Mr. Sedillo said he does periodic quality control calls to check on customer service.

Returning to the enabling resolution, there was consensus to hold election for chair and vice chair upon the return of absent members. Regarding provision #5, the committee shall meet up to six times per year, there was agreement to start meeting on a bi-monthly basis.

Mr. Sedillo said part of the refocusing is to review progress and accomplishments. Captain Mendoza said committee impact has been minimal thus far due to the steep learning curve.

Captain Mendoza moved to meet every other month. Ms. Lopez seconded. The motion carried by unanimous voice vote.

Ms. Gonzales moved that the committee meet on the second Thursdays of odd-numbered months. Ms. Lopez seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

It was decided the September meeting will take place at the adult facility allowing the committee to ask questions of staff. Mr. Baur suggested the tour focus on the resolution issues of visitation, communication and re-integration. Additionally, there will be election of chair and vice chair.

Matters from the Committee

Captain Mendoza recommended all the committee members write a list of priorities vis-à-vis re-integration. As an example he listed medical, education, jobs, housing, behavioral health, family, community/neighborhood, substance abuse, the judicial system, citizenship.

Dr. Spencer said he had a number of questions for staff and Mr. Sedillo volunteered to speak with him and provide answers.

Ms. Lopez asked about ICE holds and whether they were involved in re-integration.

Mr. Baur asked that there be a discussion of the jail's phone system. Mr. Sedillo said that goes to the subject of family unification. Ms. Rendon-Varela said she would bring in the contract.

Chair Williams stated Mr. Susman asked that she pass along congratulations to Captain Lettenberger on this promotion to Deputy Chief of Santa Fe Police. Ms. Williams said it had come to her attention that apparently some at the last meeting perceived that a reporter had

the note was a request for her name and email. She wanted that clarified. Ms. Gonzales said the same was true in her case.

Matters from the Staff

Mr. Sedillo announced Warden Gallegos has submitted his resignation and will be returning to Colorado. The advertisement for a new warden closed yesterday. Warden Gallegos asked that his thanks to the committee be passed along.

Additionally, the juvenile facility was just re-accredited by NCCCHC with a score of 100 percent. The auditors commended the programming, education and medical portions. Mr. Caldwell indicated that US Marshal Candelario recently visited the youth facility and was pleased and happy.

XI. Suggested Items for Next Meeting

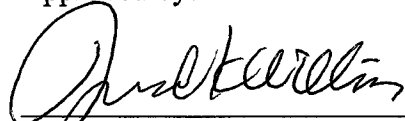
The next meeting was scheduled for September 11, 2014 at 2:00 at the Adult Corrections Facility. Items for discussion include:

- Tour of facility and questions for staff
- Election of Chair and Vice Chair
- Phone system
- Status of BCC progress report
- Report on It Takes a Village re: common goals

XII. Adjournment

This meeting was adjourned at approximately 4:35 p.m.

Approved by:



 Judy Williams, Acting Chair

Respectfully submitted by:

Debbie Doyle, Wordswork



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