

MINUTES OF THE
SANTA FE COUNTY
YOUTH DEVELOPMENT PROGRAM TASK FORCE

August 27, 2015

Santa Fe, New Mexico

This meeting of the Santa Fe County Youth Development Task Force commenced at approximately 3:00 p.m. on the above-cited date at the Youth Development Facility, 4250 Airport Road, Santa Fe, New Mexico.

A quorum was achieved with the following members present:

Members Present:

Pablo Sedillo III, County Public Safety Director
Michelle George, Retired CYFD
Ona Johnson, Santa Fe Community Foundation
Tommy Rodriguez, Northern Region Juvenile Justice Services
Sara Jacobs, District Attorney's Office
Geraldine Salazar, County Clerk

Member(s) Excused:

Mary Marlow Sommer
Ben Baur

Staff Present:

Tony Flores, County Deputy Manager
Tila Rendon-Varela, Public Safety Department Administrator
Aaron Garcia, County Youth Development Program Administrator

County Public Safety Director Sedillo thanked those present and spoke of the importance of the task before them.

Mr. Flores said the task force has been established with the focused goal of looking at this facility and the programs within the facility. It is not, he emphasized to review the Corrections Department or other corrections operations. The County Commissioners recognize this facility as underutilized. He said the County assumed operation of the facility in 2004, and over time its utilization has diminished. The task force is solely established to discuss this youth development task force and will work through issues aggressively throughout the next six months.

Resolution 2015-93, establishing the Santa Fe County Youth Development Program Task Force, was distributed.

IV. Organization

Skipping to item IV, Mr. Sedillo recommended election of the task force chair and vice chair.

Ms. George nominated Tommy Rodriguez as chairman and Mr. Sedillo seconded. By acclamation Mr. Rodriguez was named chair.

Mr. Sedillo nominated Sara Jacobs as vice chair. The nomination was seconded and, by acclamation, Ms. Jacobs was named vice chair.

III. Approval of Agenda

Ms. George moved to approve the agenda as published. Her motion was seconded by Ms. Jacobs and passed without opposition.

V. Tour of YDP

County Youth Development Program Administrator Garcia said the facility is serving the US Marshals Service, BIA, Santa Fe County, Los Alamos County and Española. The current staff includes 19 in security and four administrators. The average population over the past five years is was; today's population is 13.

Mr. Sedillo noted that the building is approximately 67,000 square feet with an average of 23 staff and a population from five to 18 kids. The task force needs to look at what is in the best interest of kids and the community. The building was erected in 1983 and designed as an adult and juvenile facility housing males and females and up to 250 at a time. There were 26 different contracts for those utilizing the facility. In the recent past the population has diminished and one of the questions has to do with the fluctuations of kids and the variables. The building is getting old and may not meet the standards of national certification of PREA (Prison Rape Elimination Act).

He asked that the task force consider what is in the best interest of the region, the County, the kids in moving forward; what would be a good alternative for the building and the kids.

The population for the US Marshals is very low with one to three kids at a given time. The adults with the US Marshals were averaging 1,700 to 1,800 and recently that number has dropped to 12 to 14, it fluctuates. The facility accepts kids from outside of the district. A lot of the facilities in northern NM are closing because they lack the funding necessary to hold the low number of juveniles.

Mr. Sedillo said the tri-county which the facility serves includes Los Alamos County, Rio Arriba and Santa Fe County.

[The task force toured the facility and returned to their meeting]

Mr. Sedillo advised the Task Force that they have six months to accomplish the task.

Chair Rodriguez noted the enormity of the facility, adding that it must be very costly to operate. Mr. Flores offered to provide information from the County's finance department on the facility.

A meeting was scheduled for September 10th at 3 p.m. to 5 p.m.

Chair Rodriguez encouraged the members to review resolution item D, Task Force Work and Deliverables, for discussion at the next meeting. Those items are as follows:

- a) the current services and programs offered by YDP;
- b) alternatives to the services and programs offered by YDP, including possible service providers for those alternatives;
- c) the current and future demand for YDP's current services and programs and alternatives identified by the Task Force;
- d) the advisability of using the current facility for YD P's current services and programs and alternatives identified by the Task Force, taking into account such factors as the physical layout of the current facility, the current and projected utilization of the current facility, and the current facility's operation and maintenance costs;
- e) alternative uses for the current facility; and f. alternative funding or intergovernmental organizational structures for YDP's programs and services and alternatives identified by the Task Force.
- f) Within six (6) months of the adoption of this Resolution, the Task Force shall submit to the BCC a written report summarizing its work, conclusions, and possible and recommended alternatives to the status quo.

It was requested that Mr. Garcia provide a listing of the different programs offered.

Mr. Sedillo said that due to security issues, floor plans of the facility are not available.

VII. Suggested Agenda Items For The Next Meeting

- Review a written program list, who that serves and the cost, and who pays for the program(s)
- Capabilities within the facility, i.e., IT infrastructure which CYFD installed years ago
- Legal restrictions regarding the use of the building - Anti-Donation Clause
- Review operational costs on a daily, monthly and annual basis
- Total square footage of the facility and what percentage of that amount is actually being used
- Possible uses of the entire 7 acre property

Mr. Sedillo recommended thinking regionally or perhaps the First Judicial and include areas that do not have their own facilities. He mentioned the travel distance San Miguel incurs by transporting kids to Taos County. Or consider First Judicial rather than regional.

Ms. Salazar questioned whether the Santa Fe County taxpayer should be liable for the cost of housing kids from other districts. She said she preferred to define growth in the facility in terms of better services/education rather than beds.

Ms. Salazar said state law regulates the security of voting machines. Currently the voting machines are housed at the County's Galisteo Road property. It may be appropriate for the Clerk's office to store machines at this facility.

Mr. Flores mentioned that there has recently been interest in the use of this building by various state agencies.

VIII. Adjournment

Having completed the agenda, Chair Rodriguez declared the meeting adjourned.

Approved by:

Tommy Rodriguez
Tommy Rodriguez, Chair

ATTEST TO:

9-29-2015

COUNTY CLERK

Geraldine Salazar

Respectfully submitted by:

Karen Farrell

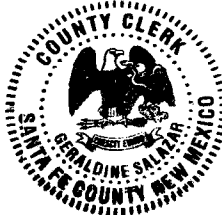
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