

NEW MEXICO SENTENCING COMMISSION

JUVENILE COMMITTEE

11:00 a.m.
July 14, 2016

Nusenda Credit Union
4100 Pan American Highway
Albuquerque

Committee Members Present	Committee Members Absent	Others Attending	NMSC Staff
Bob Cleavall, Chair	Cindy Aragon	George Davis, CYFD	Linda Freeman
Todd Heisey	David Schmidt	Richard Pugh, LOPD	Tony Ortiz
Monique Jacobson, CYFD Secretary	Gail Armstrong	Henry Varela, CYFD	Amir Chapel
Marron Lee		Ron Lucero, APS	
Ben Bauer, LOPD		Lida Alikhani, CYFD	
Judge John Romero			

Welcome. Bob Cleavall, Chair, called the meeting to order at 11:05 a.m. Committee members, guests and staff introduced themselves.

Approval of minutes for the April 14, 2016 meeting. The minutes for the previous committee meeting were approved by consensus.

Staff Report. Bob Cleavall, Gail Armstrong and NMSC staff will meet with officials from the Council of State Governments (CSG) on August 18th. The CSG officials are meeting with juvenile justice stakeholders to determine if New Mexico is interested in working with the CSG on a statewide juvenile justice improvement initiative.

In October, the interim legislative Courts, Corrections and Justice committee and the interim legislative Health and Human Services committee will hold a joint hearing. During that hearing, the adverse childhood experiences (ACE) study published earlier this year will be presented to legislators.

Overview of the PullTogether Initiative. Monique Jacobson, CYFD Secretary, briefed the committee on the PullTogether Initiative. She noted that the initiative is intended to make it easier for New Mexican families to access resources available in their communities. The initiative also serves as a resource for New Mexicans who want to help in their communities, by

fostering or adopting a child, donating a backpack to a child in need, or reporting child neglect or abuse. During her briefing and the ensuing discussion, the following topics were addressed:

- the web site address for the initiative is pulltogether.org;
- this effort will serve as a hub for families who are seeking resources throughout the state, including low-cost child care, no-cost or low-cost activities for families and children, and substance abuse or mental health treatment services;
- currently, only one-third of families eligible for low-cost child care assistance apply for the assistance;
- in order to make New Mexico a great place to be a child, government agencies need to work alongside community leaders. This initiative is intended to make it easier to work together on behalf of families and children;
- the committee members agreed that the NM Sentencing Commission web site should have a link to the PullTogether web site; and
- CYFD, through the web site, is leading an effort to encourage New Mexico citizens to donate backpacks to foster children. The backpacks can be filled with items needed by infants, children or teens.

Discussion of topics for future committee meetings during the 2016 interim. The members discussed and came to consensus that the following topics will be agenda items for remaining committee meetings during the 2016 interim: 1) the work of the Bernalillo county task force regarding heroin and opioids; 2) early childhood issues and programs; and 3) review of juvenile justice-related legislative proposals likely to be introduced in 2017.

Next meeting. Staff will poll the committee members regarding a date and time for the next meeting.

Adjourn. The meeting adjourned at 12:55 p.m.