

NEW MEXICO SENTENCING COMMISSION

JUVENILE COMMITTEE

11:00 a.m.
October 20, 2016

Heights Community Center
823 Buena Vista SE
Albuquerque

Committee Members Present	Committee Members Absent	Others Attending	NMSC Staff
Bob Cleavall, Chair	Cindy Aragon	Katrina Hotrum	Linda Freeman
Todd Heisey	David Schmidt	Jason Rael, LOPD	Tony Ortiz
Michael Heitz, (for CYFD Secretary Monique Jacobson)	Gail Armstrong	George Davis	Amanda Armstrong
Marron Lee		April Land	
Richard Pugh, LOPD		Brandon Warrick, M.D.	
Judge Marie Ward		Eva Buchwald	
		Maria Koskovich	

Welcome. Bob Cleavall, Chair, called the meeting to order at 11:10 a.m. Committee members, guests and staff introduced themselves.

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

Staff Report. Linda Freeman advised the committee members that the NM Sentencing Commission has been selected to perform an evaluation of the Santa Fe Law Enforcement Assisted Diversion (LEAD) program. Under the pre-booking diversion program, law enforcement officers can redirect low-level drug offenders to counseling and treatment instead of jail and prosecution. The city of Santa Fe's program, the second in the country, is modeled after a program in Seattle, Washington. The NM Sentencing Commission's evaluation should be completed by spring of 2018.

Briefing on the work of the NM Heroin and Opioid Prevention and Education Initiative.

Katrina Hotrum, Director of the Metropolitan Assessment and Treatment Services (MATs) program, briefed the committee members. Ms. Hotrum addressed the following topics:

- the drug overdose death rate in New Mexico is the second highest in the nation. There were nearly 200 drug overdoses deaths in Bernalillo county in 2014 and 80% of those deaths were due to heroin or prescription opioids;

-in 2014, voters in Bernalillo county approved a gross receipts tax dedicated to behavioral health programs and services. It is estimated that the tax will generate \$17 million annually. Policymakers in Bernalillo county have been developing strategies for how to most effectively use this money to improve behavioral health services;

-treatment strategies include: establishing a community standard of care for substance abuse treatment; establishing a continuum of care for substance abuse treatment; and encouraging the University of New Mexico (UNM) to show greater commitment to provision of substance abuse treatment;

-prevention strategies include: establishing more evidence-based programs or promising practices programs in APS middle schools; expanding the use of home visits; and increasing the use of prescription monitoring programs;

-naloxone strategies include: removing barriers to access and distribution of naloxone; training healthcare practitioners in the use of naloxone; and launching a public awareness campaign on the effectiveness of naloxone;

-Bernalillo county and the city of Albuquerque will work to leverage regional behavioral health programs and services and will soon issue requests for proposals (RFP's) that will address substance abuse prevention programs for youth, mobile crisis teams, law enforcement response units, and permanent supportive housing; and

-the UNM Institute for Social Research will evaluate programs as they come on-line.

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

Adjourn. The meeting adjourned at 12:30 p.m.