

NEW MEXICO SENTENCING COMMISSION

JUVENILE COMMITTEE

11:00 p.m.
April 4, 2019

John E. Brown Juvenile Justice Center, Conference Room B
5100 Second St. NW, Albuquerque, NM

Committee Members Present	Committee Members Absent	Others Attending	NMSC Staff
Bob Cleavall (NMSC), Chair	Mark Donatelli, (Speaker)	George Davis	Linda Freeman
Cindy Aragon (State Bar)	Sheriff Manuel Gonzales III (NMAC)	Craig Sparks (BernCo)	Amanda Armstrong
Hon. Marci Beyer (DMCJA)	Traci Neff (NMAC)	Christina Vasquez (UNMSOL)	Douglas Carver
Jim Cowan (for CYFD)	Angela "Spence" Pacheco (Speaker)	Lily Hofstra	Shari Houk
Diana Garcia (NMDAA)	Hon. John J. Romero, Jr.	Lindsey Jones (Juv. Treatment Court)	
April Land (UNMSOL)			
Hon. William Parnall			
Jason Rael (LOPD)			
David Schmidt (Pro Tem)			
Hon. Marie Ward			

I. Welcome. Bob Cleavall, Chair, called the meeting to order at 11:22 p.m.

II. Approval of Minutes for the January 11, 2019 meeting. The minutes for the previous committee meeting were approved by consensus.

III. Staff Report. Executive Director Linda Freeman introduced Shari Houk, the new Research Scientist with the Commission, to the committee.

NMSC Deputy Director Douglas Carver reported on bills from the Legislative Session that had been supported by the committee. House Bill 56, removing the crime of prostitution from the Delinquency Code, and HB 149, regarding notice to tribes in juvenile delinquency cases, both were passed and signed by the Governor. The bill concerning re-creation of the old Juvenile Parole Board, SB 403, was introduced late and only passed one committee. The bill addressing life without parole sentences for juveniles, and sentencing of juveniles that is effectively life

without parole, was never introduced. Mr. Carver also mentioned two task forces that were formed by the Legislature during the Legislative Session that would impact the committee's work – HJM 10 created a Child Protective Services task force, to be convened by the Secretary of Children, Youth and Families; and SJM 10 created a Family Representation task force concerning the Abuse and Neglect system, to be convened by the Administrative Office of the Courts. Mr. Carver also mentioned the passage of HB 267, a criminal justice reform package, which included new members for the full Sentencing Commission, and additional duties for the Commission, including the coordination of the new Crime Reduction Grant Act.

Executive Director Freeman noted that it was still unclear what was in the Junior Bills to fund these new initiatives, as there were three different descriptions. Commission staff will work with the Department of Finance and Administration and the Legislative Finance Committee to see how the monies can be used. One or two people will be added to the Commission staff.

In addition, Ms. Freeman noted that the Commission staff were undertaking evaluations of the Rio Arriba County and Pojoaque Pueblo LEAD programs. In addition, the Commission staff worked with the First Judicial District Attorney's office to apply for a William T. Grant Foundation proposal to examine juvenile and young adult diversion.

Finally, Ms. Freeman noted that confidentiality provisions in the Mental Health and Disabilities Code had been amended so that it would now be able to access mental health data for evaluation of programs.

IV. Meeting with New Children, Youth & Families Secretary Brian Blalock. A CYFD emergency prevented Secretary Blalock from attending the meeting. Chair Cleavall said that the Secretary hoped to attend the next Committee meeting.

V. Discussion of 2019 Committee Work Plan.

Chair Cleavall led a discussion of the Committee's work plan for the coming year. As a result of that discussion, the Committee decided to address the following in the coming year:

- How to keep drug courts relevant, given the recent drop in referrals and numbers.
- Continuation of the examination of the issues surrounding the pressures created by there being only eight juvenile detention centers in the state, especially concerning transportation of juveniles.
- Re-establishment of the old Juvenile Parole Board.
- Examination of issues surrounding sentences for crimes committed by juveniles that are effectively life without the opportunity for parole.
- Examination of issues surrounding the confidentiality of and sealing of juvenile records.
- Examination of collateral consequences of having a juvenile record.
- Possible legislation concerning juveniles to be introduced in the 2020 Legislative Session.

Next meeting. The committee scheduled its next meeting for June 13, 2019.

Adjourn. The meeting adjourned at 12:48 p.m.