

COUNTY OF TORRANCE, NEW MEXICO

RESOLUTION NUMBER 2011-26

APPOINTING THE TRI-COUNTY JUVENILE JUSTICE BOARD

WHEREAS, current academic and scientific programming targets at-risk behaviors and protective factors of children and youth to include: gang affiliation or involvement, suicide, homicide, teen pregnancy, substance abuse, poverty, violence and abuse against persons or property, school drop-out and truancy, lack of or low self-esteem, victims of abuse or neglect, family history of substance abuse and other social and economic conditions; and

WHEREAS, children, youth and families are faced with multiple challenges and/or pressures which may result in potential involvement of Child Protective Services in the Juvenile Justice System; and

WHEREAS, the County seeks inter-agency cooperation with Children, Youth & Families Department, local governments, school districts, youth service community and government organizations and other entities whose purpose is to assist children and families; and

WHEREAS, local, state and federal and private funding resources exist for the prevention and intervention of juvenile delinquency which could be brought to bear on implementing new, different, effective and collaborative initiatives to prevent juvenile delinquency and pressure on youth or children to become involved in the Juvenile Justice System;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE GOVERNING BODY OF THE COUNTY OF TORRANCE, that the Tri-County Juvenile Justice Board shall consist of two councils, the Leadership and Policy Council and the Youth Development Council.

PURPOSE: Both councils shall advise, plan and coordinate juvenile justice and protective service efforts through the development of a strategic plan.

DUTIES AND RESPONSIBILITIES:

1. The Tri-County Juvenile Justice Board shall:
 - a. Be charged with the prevention, treatment and crisis intervention of juvenile delinquency before children and youth engage in self-destructive behaviors which may lead to their arrest, detention and harm to themselves or to others.
 - b. Examine strategies or graduated sanctions designed to address and encourage youth, parent, school and community involvement and interaction in reducing risk factors and increasing protective factors to develop a range of services that provide an alternative to detention.
 - c. Work collaboratively with youth groups to ensure youth involvement and participation in planning, coordination and implementation of initiatives.
 - d. Partner with Bernalillo and Santa Fe Counties to address municipal issues in juvenile justice that cross Bernalillo, Santa Fe and Tarrant Counties.
 - e. Work with CYFD, local governments, school districts, the youth service community and government organizations and other entities whose purpose is to assist children and families.
 - f. The Tri-County Juvenile Justice Board's primary charge shall be to originate, coordinate, execute, and implement strategies and programs that identify and obtain state, federal and other sources that fund and support initiatives, programs, services and activities that prevent and reduce juvenile delinquency and gang affiliation and involve children in programs and activities that increase protective factors around children and youth. The second charge to the Tri-County Juvenile Justice Board shall be to develop a juvenile justice plan that is inclusive of prevention, intervention and treatment strategies designed to address and encourage youth, parent, school and community involvement and interaction in reducing at-risk behaviors and increasing protective factors.

Section 1. The Tri-County Juvenile Justice Board shall consist of no fewer than 11 and no more than 30 members from the community, CYFD, local governments, the courts, law enforcement,

school district administrators and front-line staff, youth service community and government organizations, faith community, business community, behavioral health providers, public health, primary care providers, early childhood education and other entities whose purpose is to assist children and families.

Section 2. Membership shall be reflective of the community and shall be representative of, but is not limited to education, behavioral health or primary health care, juvenile justice, child welfare and protective services, employment, youth-oriented organizations, substance abuse prevention, recreation, faith communities and the business community.

Section 3. Members shall be residents of Tarrant, Santa Fe and Bernalillo Counties and have demonstrated leadership, involvement or collaboration in juvenile delinquency prevention and gang prevention.

Section 4. The Tarrant County Commission with advisement of the Tri-County Juvenile Justice Board shall appoint members to staggered terms of one, two and three years. At least 7 of the members of the Tri County Juvenile Justice Board shall be appointed by the Tarrant County Commission from individuals representing Bernalillo, Santa Fe and Tarrant Counties, CYFD, school districts, youth service community and government organizations and other entities whose purpose is to assist children and families. The appointed term to the Tri-County Juvenile Justice Board for any elected official shall run concurrent with the term of their elected office and the term of the appointment to the Juvenile Justice Board.

Section 5. The co-chairpersons of the Tarrant County Juvenile Justice Board will be Representative Rhonda King and Commissioner Venessa Chavez-Gutierrez unless otherwise designated. The appointment of the co-chairs shall be reviewed annually.

Section 6. An Executive Committee shall be designated by the Tarrant County Commission consisting of the Co-Chairs, the County Manager, a judge, the County Sheriff, a health representative, a designee of the Office of the District Attorney, the Chief Juvenile Probation Officer and the Child Protective Services Supervisor/COM. The purpose of the Executive Committee shall be to conduct the business of the Board when circumstances make it impossible or impractical to convene a meeting of the full Board. All decisions made by the

Executive Committee shall bear the full weight of the Board and be ratified at the next regularly scheduled meeting of the Tri-County Juvenile Justice Board.

Section 7. The Tri-County Juvenile Justice Board shall follow County Commission rules and procedures, to conduct meetings and functions in the capacity as set forth in the County Commission rules and procedures.

Section 8. The Tri-County Juvenile Justice Board shall report quarterly to the County Commission on efforts to accomplish the goals and objectives set forth to prevent and reduce juvenile delinquency and gang affiliation and involvement.

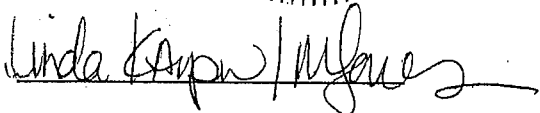
Section 9. The Torrance County Commission with advisement of the Tri-County Juvenile Justice Board will designate a coordinator to manage Board activities.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED BY THE GOVERNING BODY OF THE COUNTY OF TORRANCE, that this Resolution, which by passage appoints the Tri-County Juvenile Justice Board, shall automatically expire on June 30, 2012, unless re-enacted by the Torrance County Commission prior to that date.

PASSED, APPROVED and ADOPTED this 13 day of July, 2011.

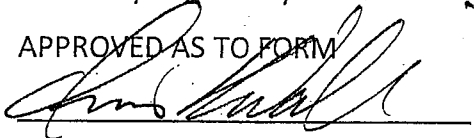


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Linda Kayser, County Clerk

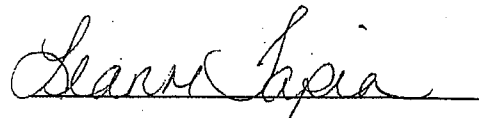
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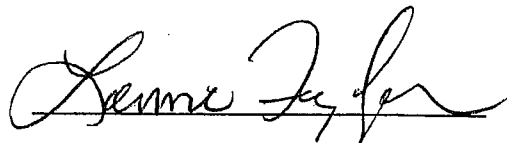
Dennis Wallin, Counsel

TORRANCE COUNTY COMMISSION

Venessa Chavez-Gutierrez, Chair



Leanne Tapia, Commissioner



Lonnie Freyburger, Commissioner