

**New Mexico Association of Drug Court Professionals  
Board of Directors Meeting  
Minutes for Dec. 15, 2009**

Excused: Sylvia Serna, Anna Lujan, Judge Gerald Baca, Ginger Sloan and Daniel Blackwood

Not attending: Judge Gary Clingman

Attending: President Jaramillo, Vice President Cynthia Ferrari, Secretary Virginia Acosta, Karen McCutcheon and Carlos Gonzales; from the AOC: Peter Bochert and Angela Peinado

Meeting begins at approximately noon:

President Jaramillo introduces new board member Karen McCutcheon from the adult drug court program in Sandoval County and notes that she will introduce her again in January as our new board member. President mentions that Daniel Blackwood is unable to be with us, Sylvia is out sick, Anna is in a drug court session, Judge Baca had a calendar conflict and Ginger had another meeting to attend over the noon hour. She mentions that since we do not have a quorum, we cannot vote on the minutes from November. She said there is no update on our 501c3 status and she has not heard anything yet from Judge Wechsler.

President asks Peter for an update on drug court day at the legislature. Peter relates that the date he was given is January 22<sup>nd</sup>, which is the first Friday, a day that legislators like to take off. He will research the matter more to determine if he can secure another date. The plan now is no exhibits in the rotunda or a news conference but rather give each legislator a UA cup filled with M & Ms, which will have some drug court literature attached to each cup. Priscilla Quinones of Dona Ana County's Magistrate DWI Court has donated 107 cups and Robyn Miller has volunteered to donate some cups. NMADCP has expressed willingness to purchase the candy. President relates that the plan seems reasonable since it is a 30 day session this year. Peter remarks that it could be a grim session and past models may not apply. The President asks for any input from other board members; no one responds. Carlos relates that he would love to be of service and help Peter. He asks he be given some notice and that his boss is supportive of his involvement with drug courts. The President relates that we cannot vote on this matter at this time but we can vote by email so Ginger can write a check. Peter inquires what our colors are and the President relates the banner is in purple. Discussion follows also about red and yellow, with noting that it would be nice to buy M&Ms in the same colors to match our logo. The President asks the board members if there are any more ideas and no one responds.

Peter goes on to discuss the webinar, that at our last meeting we discussed doing a grant writing training via webinar. He notes that Angela has the webinar contract and turns over discussion to Angela. Angela asks if there is a focus for the group, if we should use the same person (which was Ann Wilson of Missouri). The President replies that the person used last time was good. Angela notes that she may be able to put Ann's services into the grant and that Ann charges a minimal amount. President Jaramillo relates that this is a good way for NMADCP to continue training since we can't have an annual conference and it's a good way to get information to people. She asks if there are any other suggestions in this matter and Cynthia responds that it would be good to get the training paid for by the training grant (that Angela has secured). Angela mentions that costs would be covered for the webinar and the NMADCP would pay for

Ann's services. After discussion the President relates the fee for Ann sounds like a reasonable expense. Peter relates that Ann is wonderful and is now retired. Discussion follows about the time and all agree January would be good if it could be scheduled. Angela relates that it is a matter of coordinating time with Ann, doing a quick dry run with her, sending out notice to reserve space and that it's not too much leg work, as she uses the distribution list from our last drug court conference. Angela relates she will get with Ann for a two hour training in January, get a quote and send it on to the Board. President relates that she'd like to have a vote to see if it is okay with those members who are here and that she will ask the other board members for their input for approval (note: this did occur on 12/16/09 and an email announcement of the grant writing webinar was emailed on 12/16/09 by Angela). Cynthia asks if Ann was still willing to review grants and give feedback. Angela relates that she will ask her and that in the past she had offered to do so for free. The President relates it is a great project for the board to work on. Peter mentions that the Board can think of a plan B if Ann's not available and we could draw upon resources we have, which the President also likes.

An update of the Resource Committee was given by Cynthia (who chairs that committee). She that that they recently met and are sorting out forms, picking out best examples for review and plan to post those on the website. The web links are categorized by topic, so they are sorting through forms and will meet again next month. Angela asks if there is a date for that phone meeting and Cynthia relates it is January 12<sup>th</sup> at 9 a.m. Peter mentions that there is a new phone conference service from Verizon called Do It, which must have fewer than 20 participants and there is no pre-scheduling involved. He notes that the Supreme Court uses it and the Board could use it. The cost is 8 cents per minute not the 30 cents per minute we are charged now with the current system. He is getting more information on that service.

Discussion then followed about our next meeting, future meeting dates, and a possible retreat. **Dates for future telephonic board of director meetings were decided upon and are as follows: January 11<sup>th</sup>, Feb. 15<sup>th</sup> and March 8<sup>th</sup> in 2010.**

Note that there is a drug court coordinators webinar on Feb. 8<sup>th</sup>.

Peter asks if we have any update on Judge Schultz and the President relates they have played phone tag and that she is assuming Judge Schultz now knows how to reach her. We have not heard from Judge Clingman now for 3 months. The President asks that the agenda for next meeting include a review of his position on the board since there has been no contact from him for 90 days. Peter asks Carlos about the alumni Group and Carlos mentions that they haven't met as there is no regional training going on, that he hopes everyone (there are 10) in the group is staying sober. Peter asks for a CYFD contact as Ray Garcia is noting that the JPPOs are not referring to the Juvenile Drug Court program in Taos as per the JPPOs' Central Office. Virginia mentions Peter contact the former secretary, whose name she cannot recall at this time. While they know who she is, both Peter and Virginia can't recall the name (it was Carolyn Scott). Peter thanks

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Virginia for the contact. The President wishes everyone a Merry Christmas. The meeting adjourns at 12:45 pm on 12/15/09.

Respectfully submitted,

Virginia Acosta, Secretary