

**New Mexico Association of Drug Court Professionals
Minutes- Board of Directors Meeting
March 8, 2010**

Attending: Judge Cristina Jaramillo (President), Cynthia Ferrari (Vice President), Virginia Acosta (Secretary), Carlos Gonzales, Judge Gary Clingman, Anna Lujan, Karen McCutcheon, and Daniel Blackwood. Meeting began at approximately 12:07 pm.

Not Attending: Judge Gerald Baca, Ginger Sloan (Treasurer), Sylvia Serna

Not Available: Peter Bochert and Angela Peinado

Old Business

The President asked if we all received the draft of the February 2010 minutes and if there were any revisions. No one cited any revisions. President called for a motion to accept the minutes.

MOTION AND VOTE: Judge Gary Clingman made the motion to accept the minutes, which was seconded by Cynthia Ferrari. The Vote was unanimous.

President Jaramillo gave an update on the 501c3 application, mentioning she had received something on Friday and that there were things we needed to follow up on. One question (of seven) was how many members we had, one question had to do with Articles of Incorporation and our purpose statement. It may be something to do with wording but she needs to review the information further. Judge Clingman states that if she wants to digest it and then email him, he will take the lead on getting the by-laws revised as needed. She asks what the board wants, such as an image of the document or a draft of the high points. Virginia indicates that the highlights would be best and all agree. The President said she will do that and then correspond with Judge Clingman.

The President indicated she did get a reply by Judge Wechsler and that he is looking into the matter and will get back to her. She asks if there are any questions and there were none.

New Business

She moves to New Business and calls for a treasurer's report. Ginger, however, is not in attendance so we will get an update next month.

The President mentions that she did receive the MOU suggestion via email from Cynthia, which is in reference to soliciting donations when we are a nonprofit. She relates it is a good idea to keep in mind. She then asks how everyone is doing. Judge Clingman asks about FY 11 and the \$1.5 million for drug courts and if it is in the House Bill. President replies yes, it appears to be there but she has no word on how it will get distributed and she can't confirm yet about the money being in the budget. (Daniel joins us at approximately 12:16 p.m.) She relates that it appears there are no further cuts for FY 10 but FY 11 is still in flux. She relates she will follow up on FY 11 budget with her Chief Judge but that no one has said anything yet. President said we were thinking of putting together another board sponsored webinar and if there were any further thoughts on it.

Cynthia related that she had sent Peter information about a grant writing workshop and that the webinar with Ann Wilson was good. Anna related she did write 2 grants but due to time constraints was unable to get Ann to review those grants. Ann relates that the grants are very competitive and Cynthia mentions that she has heard that SAMSHA will only be funding 25 applicants. President asks if anyone is going to the national conference and no one answers. She relates that Daniel is presenting at the conference so they will be there. She notes that travel is tightening up quite a bit. She asks if any one has any other subject matters and no one replies. The President relates that she and Angela will be traveling next month to D.C. for the Congress of drug court state association meeting. Cynthia relates that monies are tight and that this trip may be an update for us on financial matters. Daniel mentions that he is not sure of everyone's situation but that Metro Court moved a small percentage of cost for treatment to each client and that the increases were small but amounted to a significant amount. President mentions that they have 350 clients; the registration fee is \$65.00 (one time fee), the UA testing fee is about \$5.00 per month and the co-pays increased up to 2%. She relates that they have lost almost a quarter million from their drug court budget. In discussion, Cynthia related that the juvenile drug courts do not collect program fees and can't have treatment fees imposed since they use Medicaid funds. She indicated there is federal statute referred to in an old grant announcement regarding payment of treatment fees and no one was aware of that federal statute.

President asks if there are any other topics and no one answers. It is mentioned that our next meeting is via phone on April 26th. President mentions Skype is free and involves the use of a webcam so maybe we can do that something but she will look into it more. She calls for a motion to adjourn.

MOTION AND VOTE: Daniel makes the motion to adjourn and Judge Clingman seconds it. The vote is unanimous and we adjourn at 12:34 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Virginia Acosta, Secretary