

**SAN ANTONIO/BEXAR COUNTY
JOINT COMMISSION ON TRUANCY
MEETING MINUTES
MONDAY, JUNE 16, 2014
11:30 A.M.
MUNICIPAL PLAZA B ROOM**

Members Present: Councilmember Rey A. Saldaña, Chair, *Council District 4*
Mike Villarreal, *State Representative, Texas Legislature, District 123*
John W. Bull, *Presiding Judge, Municipal Court*
Lisa Jarrett, *Judge, 436th District Court, Bexar County*
Rogelio Lopez, *Justice of the Peace, Bexar County, Precinct 4*
Laura Parker, *Judge, 386th District Court, Bexar County*

Members Absent: Leticia Van de Putte, *Senator, Texas Legislature*
Jill Mata, *Chief Assistant Criminal District Attorney, Bexar County*
Brian T. Woods, *Superintendent, Northside ISD*
Jeanne Russell, *Chief Strategist, SA2020*

Staff Present: Clarissa Chavarria, *Municipal Court Judge*; Veronica M. Zertuche, *Deputy City Attorney*; Jo Ann Flores, *Assistant City Attorney*; Ana Acevedo, *Education Policy Administrator*; Victor Vinton, *Administrator, Juvenile Case Management, Municipal Court*; Fred Garcia, *Court Clerk, Municipal Court*; Denice Trevino, *Office of the City Clerk*

Also Present: None.

Call to Order

Chairman Saldaña called the meeting to order.

1. Citizens to be Heard

There were no items addressed by citizens.

2. Approval of Minutes of the May 19, 2014 San Antonio/Bexar County Joint Committee on Truancy Meeting

Lisa Jarrett moved to approve the minutes of the May 19, 2014 San Antonio/Bexar County Joint Committee on Truancy Meeting. Laura Parker seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously by those present.

3. Briefing on Addendum A-11 [Councilman Rey Saldaña, Chair, City of San Antonio, District 4]

Chairman Saldaña stated that he would provide a summary of the Committee's Progress on a Point of Personal Privilege to the City Council on June 19, 2014 at 9:00 a.m. in City Council Chambers. He urged the Committee Members to attend.

Judge Bull stated that following approval of the Addendum to the Master Interlocal Agreement (ILA) by Commissioner's Court, Municipal Court and Bexar County Staff met to discuss the interface of the Case Management Systems. He noted that Victor Vinton met with representatives of Judson, San Antonio, and Northside Independent School Districts. He reported that a Pilot Program would be implemented in two school clusters at Brandeis and Holmes High Schools. He stated that a Tiered Program would be utilized in the Pilot Program and noted the steps to be taken:

1. Students would receive a notice to appear for an Intervention Hearing after their third unexcused absence.
2. Intervention Hearings would be held at a fixed location.
3. Municipal Court Staff would meet with each individual School District.

No action was required for Item 3.

4. Briefing on Implementation of Truancy Case Management Program [Judge John Bull, Presiding Judge, Municipal Court]

Judge Bull stated that one Courtroom in Municipal Court was vacant and would be available every Thursday. He noted that Judge Lopez would be designated as the Bexar County Liaison to the City. Judge Parker stated that she would facilitate the placement of his selection on the next Bexar County Commissioner's Court Meeting Agenda.

Representative Villarreal suggested that the E-filing System be tailored to reflect the Legislation establishing the Truancy Case Management Program.

Judge Lopez stated that he would authorize staff of the Bexar County Information Technology (IT) Department to meet with Municipal Court Staff to establish connectivity to the system utilized by the City.

Judge Parker stated that she would provide a copy of the ILA to all School Districts within the next two weeks.

Judge Bull noted that all unresolved City Cases would be completed in the Summer of 2014. He stated that all Cases would be closed by August 31, 2014 and new cases would be heard beginning on September 1, 2014.

Judge Parker stated that Public Business Partners might be interested in sponsoring funding for Juvenile Case Managers (JCMs).

Judge Bull stated that Bexar County Probation Officers could serve as JCMs. He reported that there were 18 JCM Positions funded with one JCM assigned to Sidney Lanier High School. He noted that the number of JCMs needed would have to be determined. He stated that Municipal Court Staff would meet with the school districts on a district-by-district level to determine the exact need. He recommended that potential Community Sponsors be identified and invited to meet with the Committee and staff of the P16 Plus Council of Greater Bexar County to identify available resources.

No action was required for Item 4.

5. Discussion on the Progress of the Joint Committee on Truancy [Councilman Rey Saldaña, Chair, City of San Antonio, District 4]

Chairman Saldaña stated that a meeting would be scheduled with Mayor Castro and Committee Members to provide a report of the Committee's Progress and Recommendations.

6. Adjourn

There being no further discussion, the meeting was adjourned at 12:55 p.m.


Rey Saldaña, Chair

Respectfully Submitted,



Denice F. Trevino
Office of the City Clerk