

Valencia County Juvenile Justice Board Meeting
Henry Perea Building
750 Morris Road SW
Los Lunas, NM 87031

January 23, 2014 @ 12:00 pm Meeting Agenda

❖ Welcome and Introductions

- ❖ Presentation by Keep Your Home New Mexico by Debbie Norman: have grants that cover Valencia County. They have clients that drive up to Albuquerque but want to provide services here. They do primarily foreclosure assistance. There is help to give people relief on their mortgages. They can help apply to lenders for relief. Their counselors are bi lingual and help them through that process which can take 1 to 12 months or longer. Some programs are federally funded. Discussion regarding different options regarding saving the home from foreclosure. They meet with people face to face and advise on help regarding utilities, food and other expenses. HUD certified services are free and free attorney assistance for income qualified people. They offer senior legal services that are income qualified. They are listed on SHARENM.org. There are 500 homes in Valencia County in foreclosure and 500 others heading that way.

They have done foreclosures assistance statewide. There are a lot of problems related to poverty. NM got 18 million from banks for mortgage relief through a grant. This is a statewide effort. They have a hotline to be referred to attorneys and counselors. There are a lot of scams going on. The elderly and poor are vulnerable. There are scams where the owner signs over the deed. The AG's office hired a full time attorney to investigate this. They represent clients and go to court for them. They go over their whole financial information and make referrals. They now have a social worker and they do house calls if there are any problems with transportation. Attorney closed about 80 cases last year. They see things that are not safe at houses. They see a lot of elderly without food or heat. There is a lot of hunger, substance abuse. Some clients if they lose their home, they will be homeless. There is an effort to change NM laws to the disadvantage of the homeowner. A lot of banks will give up to \$4500 to move. Most clients are taking care of kids or disabled adults. There are new federal regulations regarding reverse mortgages, and they are difficult to get. There is a new creditworthy component to that now. 80 to 90% of people can solve their problems through their counselors. They need help getting to the people who need help. They do wills, power of attorney, civil rights, abuse and neglect. We do a lot. They have a project for

gay seniors and estate planning. Marsha does rural outreach. The funding is for 2 years, and their goal is to make it last. This is a model program. Feel free to call or email. The Home Preservation program is income based.

Banks are also doing principle reductions now. There are no cases with no hope, and, chances are you can keep the client in their homes. Explains the bank settlement. Third parties lied to homeowners about home modification. The biggest fears people have is that they will be kicked out of their homes.

- ❖ Autumn Safety Awareness Day: We need to start early planning this event. If you want to be involved please attend the next Family Wellness meeting or contact Father Mundy.
- ❖ Teen Court update; 10 referrals this month. A lot of referrals are public affray and shoplifting. They are looking for anti bullying courses. Need someone to volunteer to be a judge. Come by Feb. 6 to see teen court
- ❖ Scoutreach update: Finishing up referrals. Still up in the air regarding funding.
- ❖ Mentor program update: Currently at 20 matches, but wait list has grown. Sent out 6 month report. In terms of volunteers only 7 made it in for interview and only 4 passed and only 2 went on to become matches. There were 6 matches made in that period of time. There are now 40 kids on waiting list. She asks to have members put up posters. Looking to do a painting event. There is an artist and instructor that comes in and they will teach you to paint. This is for matches in Valencia County. Need supplies donated. Looking for boy and girl mentors.
- ❖ Juvenile Drug Court update; There were 26 clients served of which 9 were new intakes. The youth performed a total of 127 hours of community service.
- ❖ RAC update: Had contact with 20 students in Dec. mostly in LL middle school. One of the problems in middle school is bullying. Have had 3 students on long term suspension because of bullying. Parents have been very responsive. Isleta parents have been very responsive. Have been going to truancy hearings
- ❖ Boys and Girls Club update: Kids were out for holidays. Hitting 5 core areas very hard. Citizenship and community service included blanket and food drive. They have the youth of the year contest this year. The state contest will be held in Ruidoso this year. Working on trying to get older kids in. Need to get a teen center. They would like to have their own site. Working on citizenship through on line games. They take 12 teens to legislative day in Santa Fe.
- ❖ Other business as time allows: Tom Muraz from the Meadowlake Association gave a brief description of the efforts to utilize the Meadowlake Senior Center for other purposes to include all residents and not just senior. Some examples of what activities have taken place there. Request to board to participate in these efforts.

❖ *Education and Prevention*

Co-chairs Ruben Barreras (RBarreras@lsschools.net) and Richard Romero (rrromero1955@msn.com)

Discussed after graduation party at last meeting. Talked about doing a luau. Amber may get funding for security. Staci Johnson can do Hawaiaian shaved ice.

Health and Wellness/Community and Family

Chair Father Mundy (frrobert@mundy.com) and Co-Chair Jaime Najera (Jaime.Najera@state.nm.us)

Wants to continue the Autumn Safety Awareness day. Needs a lot of help.

Juvenile Justice Case Processing

In hiatus

Data and Sustainability in hiatus

Chair Edward Raff (Ed.Raff@state.nm.us)

Tom Miraz talks about what they are doing in Meadow Lake. They had 32 acres donated to them. Anyone can join. Need someone that can write grants. The senior center is underutilized. It is a nice building and a big building. Wants to see it as a citizens center where everyone can use it. There is little there. Had a lot of elected officials at the senior center recently and received support from them. We need stuff for kids, after school programs, business incubator, etc. We need help. Everyone needs to work together.

Amber has Medicaid applications and there are spaces available at next activity.