

Valencia County Juvenile Justice General Board Meeting
February 25, 2016 @ 12:00 p.m
750 Morris Rd.
Los Lunas NM 87031
General Meeting Minutes

❖ Introductions and welcome by Chair Father Robert Mundy

❖ Presentation by Bart Regelbrugge on proposed youth program, Kids at Hope, No Exceptions, with questions and answers: Bart explained the program and talked about the kids who are considered at risk. Bart made the following points;

1. Brain matures at 25
2. Once a person accepts something as true, they will work to make it true
3. Graduation rates increased significantly with this program
4. It is important to treat kids as if they will achieve goals
5. The brain uses 20% of nutrients and oxygen daily
6. The gatekeeper in the brain helps achieve goals
7. Poverty is linked to depression
8. Positivity is rehearsing positive emotions
9. Power of hope is transmitted through new positive words

He then explained how this program is used. He handed out the parent books and there were questions and positive remarks regarding the resource. BGC and Scoutreach both stated that the books would be a good resources. There was expressed interest in the training.

❖ Reports from Scoutreach, RAC and Boys and Girls Club; Scoutreach has 14 new referrals. The numbers are good now. They are doing a Safe Teen Dating seminar. There are currently 25 youth in the program.

RAC; They have 12 new referrals and 15 carryovers. They have 35 students getting services for truancy and other issues such as substance abuse. Families are getting lots of services in the home. Referrals come from anyone in the community, They get a lot of call backs from parents who have used services before. They use all the local providers for services. They are still working on the Belen School MOU. They guide parents to where they can get services.

BGC; Cristina told the board about a typical day at the BGC. They have mentoring, and , SMART girls program. The program is open to any ages. They would like to attract older youth, but, it is difficult because they don't have a location which is off site. That would attract more older youth. They are still trying to get into Los Lunas.

❖ Other business as time allows: Tom Mraz would like to see programs for youth who are not in trouble.

He thinks it would be important to keep them from getting into trouble. He would like to see the community centers open on weekends. Diana Good is working on asset mapping. She showed the asset map to the board and explained how it will work.

❖ Adjourned 1:00 p.m.