

Valencia County Juvenile Justice Board Meeting
Partners in Wellness
750 Morris Road SW
Los Lunas, NM 87031

February 28, 2013 @ 12:00 pm
Meeting Minutes

❖ **Welcome and Introductions**

1. Presentation by Ginny Adame on Sober after prom activities and how VCJJB can help: Ginny spoke to the board about previous and current after prom activities. Most have been held at the theatre. In an effort to get kids there early, the first 100 kids get free refreshments. Ginny stated that it gets harder every year to get funding. She said she wants to collaborate with JJB and community to continue these activities. Many of the kids go to Isleta and Albuquerque. She would like to have as many local options as possible. The activities have been safe with no incidents so far at the activities. The dates of prom are April 6 Belen, April 13 Los Lunas, April 27 Valencia HS and Soda.

The Theater changed hands again and they are in good standing with new manager. Ginny stated that they need support with the theater and have good support from law enforcement. They are there till 3 am. Costs are about \$800 per night for all kids. 100 meals for first kids for 5.75 each for \$575. They show a variety of movies. Usually have 200 per school show up. There is a need chaperones too. Marketing is a problem and the event could be better attended if there could be better marketing in advance. The closer kids are to home the easier to watch them to ensure they stay safe. Village, county, Brad Francis, and YDI have been previous sponsors. SODA will have prom at UNMVC this year. The event usually gets about half of prom goers. Graduation needs sober events also. We have very little transportation here to deter DWI. She is also looking for give aways for kids. The kids also get prizes for listening to prevention talk. Any incentives needed. Questions and answers followed

2. CYFD funding for prevention programs for Valencia County:

CYFD funding for prevention programs for Valencia County: Cynthia explained that she has been working with Michael Hock and CYFD on funding that is coming to Valencia County to provide mentoring and life skills to youth. There will be up to \$1,200 per youth available. It has been suggested to use this money to pay for peer tutors at an amount of \$10 per hour.

Teen Court update: Ambar has new staff settling in. LC 13 presented on Warm line. May contact them through Valenica Counseling. Teen Court YDI has hired 2 staff. Maintain at 20 referrals per month. They will have another teen court attorney training. They will send out schedule to board for teen court activities and guest judge sign up sheet.

Scoutreach update: Scoutreach has 21 participants and 3 new referrals. There have been 3 graduates in the past month. Kids are graduating sooner than previously. 3 terminations last month for lack of participation. The kids went to senior center and did community service there. Worked at community garden also. Program is in a good place right now.

Mentor program update: Mentor program has 18 matches and have served 20. They still need another 5 by end of grant period. Virginia has been working on getting site based program started. She is working on LL HS mentors to work with the elementary school kids. She is working with state troopers also. A MOU has been signed with Chelseas in Belen for meals for mentors. She is getting more community support. She is meeting with Boys and Girls club to see about partnering. US Bank funding will fund a recruitment event. US Bank wants to get employees involved as mentors. BBBS

may have permanent office space in Los Lunas soon. Up till now, they have been using Father Mundy's church. Will be at Communities for Change and are working out details now. Virginia is in Valencia County full time now.

Juvenile Drug Court update: Kids went to see the Taming of the Shrew at Popejoy Hall. They are having a presentation given to them by the DEA on the dangers of spice. This has been an issue with the kids and they do not realize how dangerous it is. The kids just finished up a round of SFMC events.

RAC update: RAC is at 20 plus kids now. They had 7 referrals for jail tour at last night's truancy hearings. They have been getting self referrals and r- referrals. Recently had the sheriff dept bring a kid to the RAC. RAC is starting to establish self as an intervention in the county. 30 to 45 days is contact days length. At teen court they set up an intake and jail tour. Belen HS has tutoring for kids in afternoon. Tina Newby from UNMVC will have students do practicum at RAC for their schooling.

❖ Other business as time allows Updates from the following committees:

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