

Valencia County Juvenile Justice Board Meeting  
Judge Pope's Courtroom  
1835 Highway 314 S.W.  
Los Lunas, NM 87031

## March 22, 2012 @ 12:00 pm Meeting Minutes

### ❖ Welcome and Introductions

❖ **Presentation by Louis Pacias on DMC:** Presented background and experience. Has seen a lot of different trends in DMC. Explains what DMC is. Racial ethnic disparities is another term for DMC. Louis gives example which occurred during a ride along with law enforcement to clarify. Looks for systems, entries and exits. Looks at populations being arrested. Sometimes population mirrors arrests data and sometimes it does not. Louis gives examples from Sandoval County. First step is to match data and look for trends. Discusses strategies to correct DMC issues which arise. They learned the lesson that everyone needs to be at the table; need good data; need buy in from community. Bernalillo County is a model site for DMC. Carlton Liggins brought up a lot of the DMC issues are geographic and kids in outlying areas do not get the same services. Louis spoke to community mapping and what they found through that. County is off to a good start with data provided by Lindsey Lucero. There is usually not consistency in all areas when you find DMC. Consistency is a goal in all areas. Louis took questions from the board members. Carlton said that DMC is not a systems issue but a community issue. Richard Lindahl spoke to the appropriateness of addressing DMC. Sites will be required to address DMC in the RFP. The board receives a combination of state and federal funds, and it is required to address DMC. Richard announced that there will be a webinar on DMC which will be specific to New Mexico.

❖ **Update on JJAC meeting, funding and RFP:** Richard Lindahl updates board. JJAC had first meeting, Loretta Johnson is the new chair. CYFD and JJAC will extend contracts at same funding level for 6 months and will issue RFP this summer. RFP will cover 18 months to get in sync with fiscal year. JJAC board wants to see all sites kick everything up a notch and look at assessment and strategic plan and see what kids needs now. It is time to match needs with services. Board is doing a great job. Strategic plan and assessment is really good. Los Alamos has given a presentation by the kids and police officers on texting while driving. It was a great presentation.

- ❖ **Mentor Dinner, April 30<sup>th</sup>, 2012:** Virginia Graumann needs more mentors for the mentor dinner. Mentors will pay for theirs and the child's dinner. The matches will be based on interest. Updates on presentations she has been doing. UNMVC, VCA, DA's office..
- ❖ **RAC update:** Roberta gives update. 13 referrals were broken down by offenses. Made 38 calls on truancy and has done intakes. Getting a lot of call backs. RAC is in Belen 2 days a week.
- ❖ **Juvenile Drug Court Update:** Judge Otero will be taking over drug court. Cynthia Ferrari gave data since Feb. 1, 2012. There were 47 clients, 4 graduations and 2 terminations. Clients performed 566 hours of community service.
- ❖ **Teen Court update:** Ambar Chavez speaks to board. Teen court had its first court. It went well. Thank you for volunteering. Need someone to stand outside courtroom and keep control over participants. Working on documents and the process itself. Need volunteers still. Will organize a volunteer training at YDI to cover different aspects of teen court. Will be switching roles. The teens will now be the youth advisory board. April 5 is next teen court. Thanks all for support. Will open up to all schools and will move training from SODA to YDI so it does not appear to be school specific. There will be a waiting list. It is a commitment from both youth and their parents. Kathy Chavez speaks to board. Applying for the grant again, and asking for letters of support. Town Hall is a good way to get information out. Children First will be held in Daniel Fernandez park.
- ❖ **ScoutReach update:** Had a really good month. May start a class in Belen. Graduates are coming back and volunteering.
- ❖ **Subcommittee updates:**
  - ❖ *Education and Prevention*  
Co-chairs Ruben Barreras ([RBarreras@lsschools.net](mailto:RBarreras@lsschools.net)) and Richard Romero ([rrromero1955@msn.com](mailto:rrromero1955@msn.com))  
Had presentation by Patricia Rael. Will be presenting to board.
  - ❖ *Health and Wellness/Community and Family*  
Chair Father Mundy ([frrobert@mundy.com](mailto:frrobert@mundy.com)) and Co-Chair Jaime Najera ([Jaime.Najera@state.nm.us](mailto:Jaime.Najera@state.nm.us))  
Need mentors and mentees. Working on the mentor dinner.
  - ❖ *Juvenile Justice Case Processing*  
Co-chairs Pam Candelaria ([PCandelaria@da.state.nm.us](mailto:PCandelaria@da.state.nm.us)) and Lindsey Lucero ([Lindsey.Lucero@state.nm.us](mailto:Lindsey.Lucero@state.nm.us))  
Only Cynthia and Lindsey showed up at last meeting.
  - ❖ *Data and Sustainability*  
Chair Edward Raff ([Ed.Raff@state.nm.us](mailto:Ed.Raff@state.nm.us))  
DMC and expansion of truancy in Belen discussed.