

Valencia County Juvenile Justice General Board Meeting
March 24, 2016 @ 12:00 p.m
750 Morris Rd.
Los Lunas NM 87031
General Meeting Minutes

❖ **Introductions and welcome**

❖ **Presentation by Ginny Adame on CWC priorities and the selection of 3 for focus in upcoming year; data collection session included:** The CWC is not fully funded. They receive some funds from DOH. They have recently completed a study of the community. They have picked 3 priorities to focus on Ginny explained ACE. She stated that 60% of New Mexicans have experienced ACE's. There are important indicators to seek intervention at the earliest opportunity. The CWC has picked evidence based interventions that they could implement including Kids at Hope, School based health centers and mentoring. Although there are some services available, there are gaps. Once they select something, they can try to implement a pilot program for it.

Diana Good explained the handout and how to vote on the poster. There are short term and long term strategies and the voting is weighted. She asked everyone who has not previously voted to do so now. Board members went to the poster to vote.

❖ **Presentation on Child Abuse Prevention Month by Cruz Munoz from YDI:** Cruz Munoz said that April is an important month, being that it is Child Abuse Prevention Month. YDI is having events to mark the month. YDI Case managers, Dana and Shawnee spoke with the board about their services. They are providing a lot of in-home services 2 times per week to families who are referred by CYFD and have a child in the home. There will be an event April 23 from 10 to noon. They will plant blue pinwheels to symbolize happy childhoods. They are inviting local agencies to attend and set up tables. They are also encouraging the county to wear blue that day. They then answered questions.

❖ **Reports from Scoutreach, RAC and Boys and Girls Club:**

ScOutreach reports that their referral numbers are good right now. They have had 130 activity hours and no recidivism. The Rape Crisis Center did a presentation on safe and healthy relationships. The Parent Project had a healthy turnout last week. They had 33 participants. They need to start a second group for Spanish speakers. They Youth Empowerment Seminar is in May. They are also taking 10 youth to the east coast.

RAC reports they have 20 active cases. They are doing a lot of work with truancy. Roberta finds that there is evidence in the JIFF that even one contact is beneficial. Also, when some of the youth are questioned, they state that having someone involved is helpful. Schools are gearing down and testing starts next week.

Boys and Girls Club; During the legislative session they sent staff and kids to the Roundhouse. It was a good learning experience. Cristina explained the Jr. and Sr. Youth of the Year process. They don't have a lot of teens but they do the Jr. Youth of the Year. They have a BGC girl who did well last year even though she did not win. This is BGC week. They have a project with a plexiglass cigarette which she explained. They are also sending messages in balloons which encourage people to not use drugs or smoke. They delivered cards to seniors. They are also going a community magazine.

❖**Other business as time allows:** Tom Mraz spoke about his project to keep community centers open on the weekends. Senator Sanchez said he would assist. There is a meeting April 27 at 2 pm at the County Commission meeting room. There needs to be more for kids who are not in trouble.

The Very Rev'd Robert Mundy announced that Diana Good was elected as Chair of the Family and Wellness subcommittee. Ruben is going to reconvene the Education meetings monthly

Adjourned at 1 pm