

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

March 27, 2014 @ 12:00 pm Meeting Minutes

❖ Welcome and Introductions : by Judge Garcia

❖ Presentation by GOC (Guardians of Children): Joseph Gallegos presented on this non profit organization for the kids. They have a court liaison. They can “adopt” youth that have had contact with the court. They accompany youth to the court hearing and keep in contact with them afterwards. They target abused kids for services. They have 28 chapters and looking to add 2 more chapters in the state. You don’t have to have a bike to join. They have training to interact with the child. April 5 is first annual run benefitting the organization and the youth they serve. They will start and end at Fat Sats in Belen. It is a free day for families to come out with their kids and have fun. There will be a raffle.

To become a member you must qualify first. It is \$25 for an extensive background check to join. They are basically just a support for the family. They are not allowed to meet with the child alone. Their goal is to support the child and the family. Questions and answers ensued. They will now, per Ruben’s request, attend some of their meetings to offer support to the families.

❖ Teen Court update: none

❖ Scoutreach update: none

❖ Mentor program update: Transitioning to new coordinator. Have 14 matches which are strong and older than a year. They are looking for mentors. They have more girls than boys on the wait list right.

❖ Juvenile Drug Court update: Referrals are up again. The new treatment provider has transitioned to services for the drug court. The youth have been having a lot of activities lately, including attending performances at Popejoy Hall.

❖ RAC update: Very busy this month. Schools are doing testing right now. She has done 28 intakes for the month. She has been following up on all the kids. Truancy is keeping her very busy.

❖ Boys and Girls Club update: Have been very busy. Youth of the year contest is 2 groups competing to go to a state contest. The winner this year was 10 years old and very shy, but, he did a great job. He was the youngest

person in the state to compete. Took group of kids by RR to Santa Fe and meet their legislators. National Kick Butts day is an anti smoking program they did last week. National Boys and Girls Club week went well and there were lots of activities.

- ❖ Other business as time allows: Junior Olympics is being hosted by TNT Boxing this year. This is the 2nd or 3rd year it has been hosted in Valencia County. The kids are Olympic hopefuls. Starts around 5 pm to 10 or 11 pm. It is on Friday and Saturday.

Health Fair on April 17. There will be family resources there and lots of information.

County is looking for input on a block grant for Meadowlake.

United Way has started a task force and is looking for participation. Day trip to Las Cruces for site visit to see innovative programming they have.

Need help for the after graduation party. Donations can go to Father Mundy for the event.

- ❖ *Education and Prevention*

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

Will be working with Ginny Adame on the after graduation pool party. It will be a luau. The parks department and the schools are committed. This will be May 23, 2014 graduation. The idea is to have it on Friday night around 9:00 or 9:30 to 2:00 am. They are working on getting food, DJ and activities. It is for all schools but seniors only. Belen is doing their own thing this year though. This year it will be for graduating seniors. They have thought of having drama team to help decorate. They want to pitch it to the juniors to help out. Ruben is pitching the idea to the parents tonight. We won't need a permit for the food if it is made there and it is not sold to people. Security is taken care of. Need chaperones from 9 to 2, or part of the time.

Health and Wellness/Community and Family

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

Did not meet this month because of special meeting. Announced the Meadowlake town hall on Saturday.

Juvenile Justice Case Processing

In hiatus

Data and Sustainability in hiatus

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

Adjourned at 12:55 pm