

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

**April 23, 2015 @ 11:30 am**  
**Executive Meeting Minutes**

In Attendance: Judge Garcia, Cynthia Ferrari, Estevan Gallegos, Jeff Gordon, Ruben Barreras, Father Mundy, Catherine Harris, Mink Price, Dr. Smith, Tom Mraz, Bart Regelbrugge, Judge Mercer, Lemuel Martinez

- ❖ Request from Agave for letter of support: Agave has requested a letter of support from the board for purposes of obtaining grants. Ruben moved and Jeff seconded, motion passed unanimously.
- ❖ Decision making strategies; Coordinator explained the 4 types of decision making strategies, Top Down, Bottom Up, Collaborative and Representative. She stated that collaborative decision making was used at the retreat and during the February brainstorming session. Ruben stated that he believed that the decisions for the board should be made using the Top Down method. Several other board members agreed with him on this. The apparent consensus from board members who stated their opinion was that Top Down should be used. Ruben stated that although he was not at either of these meetings, he was concerned with the February brainstorming meeting and with the March meeting where the board members separated into groups to discuss the different topics which had been decided on at the brainstorming session. He stated that there had been too much lack of structure. He said he had many board members come up to him after the meeting stating dissatisfaction with the March meeting and that if the meetings were going to be held like that, they would no longer attend.
- ❖ Vote on Judge Mercer to join executive board; Father Mundy moved and Lemuel Martinez (voting as designated alternate for Jeff Gordon who had to leave early) seconded. Motion passed unanimously.
- ❖ Vote on making no changes to Resolution per suggestion of executive board 3-26-15. Father Mundy moved and Dr. Smith seconded that the original Resolution created by the board, would be retained with no changes at this time. The motion passed unanimously.
- ❖ Vote, or, discussion without vote, on determining task forces and projects, including suggestion from 3-26-15 meeting to discontinue Homeless Youth component. There was

discussion as to the suggested task force names which had been suggested at the March meeting. The board discussed whether or not to go back to the original 3 subcommittee names instead which were Education and Prevention and Health, Wellness, Families and Community, and Case Processing. The Data and Sustainability committee would act more as a task force rather than a subcommittee. Catherine moved and Ruben seconded the motion that the board would utilize those original names with an amendment by Judge Mercer. It passed unanimously. Father Mundy agreed to continue as the Chair of the H.W.F.C. subcommittee and Ruben agreed to chair the Education and Prevention task force. Estevan will chair the Case Processing sub-committee. Ruben stated that the executive board would decide what projects to take on and then assign those projects to the specific sub-committee. Any decision as to working on the homeless youth project was tabled.

- ❖ Other business as time allows: none
- ❖ Board adjourned at 12:10 p.m.