

**Valencia County Juvenile Justice General Board Meeting**  
**April 23, 2015 @ 12:00 p.m**  
**750 Morris Rd.**  
**Los Lunas NM 87031**  
**General Meeting Agenda**

❖ Introductions and welcome

❖ Detention Center cost reductions in FY'15: Coordinator updated board as to the detention savings that will be realized by the county this year. The county is on track to save approximately \$200,000 in detention costs. This is the largest savings since the inception of the board. The highest costs have averaged over \$40,000 per month. The average detention cost is down to approximately \$24,000 per month.

❖ Discussion and clarification regarding projects and task forces: Ruben explained to the board that he had received many complaints from board members regarding our February brainstorming meeting and our March meeting which had board members divide into groups and discuss whichever topic from the February discussions that they were most interested in. He stated that based on those comments made to him the executive board had decided to go back to the original subcommittees. There was an explanation by the coordinator as to how the board had originally decided to forgo the individual subcommittee meetings and try to have the subcommittee or taskforce meetings held during the general meeting instead. This had been decided at the last retreat. There has not been an opportunity to try out the new format and to see if it will be successful. If it is not, the board can always go back to the original concept. Several board members stated that they had found the February and March meetings effective. There were questions from the general board and concerns that the board members be allowed input. Judge Garcia addressed these concerns and assured the board that their input was important. She stated that the board just needs to submit their ideas for projects to the executive board for review, prioritization and action. Judge Garcia and Ruben both explained how the process will work going forward.

❖ Work within task forces as follows or as alternately decided by executive board; The board members gave updates as to what they had accomplished in their groups during the March meeting. Diana Good worked in the Systems Advocacy group discussing BMS. She said they were having Dr. Morris work on a paper on BMS.

Violeta was on the Parent Advocacy group. She stated that they worked on identifying what services were out there for parents. They came up with a list of 12 important numbers parents need to know for assistance in several areas. They want to visit schools and libraries and disseminate the information to all the students. They would also like to include the list as a flyer in the schools orientation packets.

Bart also worked in a parent resources group. He handed out the page of bullet points he created that should be made available to the Valencia County parents. He is already doing parenting classes for dads at the Men's Recovery but would like to expand. He read off and explained some of the items on his list.

Ambar gave an update on Teen Court. She also stated that YDI supports the JJB. She said they are short staffed right now and that is why she has not been able to attend meetings.

David Adame gave an update on TNT Boxing. They now have 3 basketball teams in addition to their boxing activities. They are trying to find a building in Meadowlake, El Cerro Mission since that is where most of their youth are from. He said transportation is a big problem. They are trying to expand and would appreciate support.

Violeta gave update on ScOutreach program. They now have 37 kids and referrals keep coming in. They are going to start meeting at the Henry Perea Building as they have outgrown the Transportation Center. She states she works with TNT Boxing a lot and they do a great job. They are re-doing the surveys with the help of Diana. They are looking for a new employee and interns.

Cristina said the Boys and Girls Club is doing well. They took some of their youth to the legislative session. They also had one girl compete in the Youth of the Year contest.

Roberta gave an update on RAC. She said that the schools are changing how they do referrals. They are still working to find more resources.

Ruben told the board about the newly modified school attendance law. They can now take away drivers licenses of youth who do not attend school.

- ❖ Systems Advocacy Task Force which includes the following projects; parenting advocacy, BMS and homeless youth: see above
- ❖ Services Task Force which would include the following projects: Parenting Education and TNT Boxing.: See above
- ❖ Other business as time allows: none
- ❖ Adjourned 1:30 pm