

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

April 24, 2014 @ 12:00 pm
Meeting Minutes

❖ **Welcome and Introductions**

Presentation by NMW-I CARE: NMW-I CARE explained. Their basic function is to provide assistance to overcome barriers to employment. The program provides 20 hours of work training. It also pays for half of the client's salary for up to 12 weeks. They are now in Valencia County providing services, but they do not have an actual office here. They provide transportation for the clients. They also work with individuals with criminal backgrounds. The client must have a child in the home or be working on the reunification with CYFD.

Career Link Program is explained. The client must be on TANF to qualify for participation. They provide 20 hours of training which is education based. Clients are put in a GED class if needed. The client will take the work keys test and educational testing. They have over 90 job sites currently and are working on obtaining more. They will come to Valencia County if we can provide 44 clients or submit enough letters of interest.

- ❖ Teen Court update: May 1, 2014 will be Devon's last Teen Court as she is moving out of state. The Teen Court had 3 times as many youth participate last quarter compared to the previous quarter. The funding source they have been dependent on has been cut in half.
- ❖ Scoutreach update: none
- ❖ Mentor program update: There have been 15 matches and 4 new inquiries. They hope to be up to 18 matches by the end of the school year. They have a fund raiser coming up.
- ❖ Juvenile Drug Court update: Juvenile Drug Court youth have gone on a second outing to Popejoy Hall. They saw the Drummers act and enjoyed it very much. They continue to go on the SFMC activities. The new treatment provider is in place and things are running smoothly.
- ❖ RAC update: Things have been slow this month. Roberta is working on the after graduation party.
- ❖ Boys and Girls Club update: They have started up the SMART Girls program. They are working with the girls to teach them why and how to stay away from negative behaviors.
- ❖ Other business as time allows: There will be a presentation May 23 from 12 to 3 pm at JPO for the new MST to be provided by SWFGC. May 10 from 10 to 12 there will be a meeting in Meadowlake. There will be a workshop on June 4 on utilizing IDIS.

❖ *Education and Prevention*

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Juvenile Justice Case Processing

In hiatus

Data and Sustainability in hiatus

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