

Valencia County Juvenile Justice Board Meeting
Partners in Wellness
750 Morris Road SW
Los Lunas, NM 87031

May 23, 2013 @ 12:00 pm
Meeting Minutes

❖ **Welcome and Introductions**

- ❖ Update on RFI, annual retreat, and summer schedule: The RFI JJAC meeting has been postponed. It is possibly to be held on June 6 instead. The retreat date is tentatively set for Sept. 26, 2013. It is likely that the June meeting will be canceled again this year. An email will be sent out to let everyone know.
- ❖ Sasha Poole, DOH Families First Program presentation 10 minutes: Sasha Poole new coordinator for Families First presented to the board. They provide educational, social and health services support, in addition to having a voluntary home visit program. They provide educational information about education, parenting and child development. One of their main functions is to hook up clients with resources in community. They provide a lot of facilitating and education to community members. Sasha tries to tailor the services to each family. These are free services but they do bill Medicaid. Questions from board members: Ruben asked about bringing parenting classes to pregnant women and women with infants. Sasha answered that they only have parenting in Albuquerque right now, but, she would love to help facilitate that. Discussion as to possible classes and to use at an intervention to avoid prosecution at truancy hearings.
- ❖ Teen Court update; No one present from Teen Court
- ❖ Scoutreach update: ScOutreach is in process of adopting a Belen Park. Currently, they have 30 participants. They have 3 new referrals. Further, 5 kids need intake meetings. The 3 graduates bring May total to 5. They met with Lenore at Belen and there are a lot of exciting projects in their future, including pancake breakfast at Methodist Church. Next meeting topic is drugs, alcohol and addiction.
- ❖ Mentor program update: Mentor program actively serving 20 kids which brings total to 24, which is only one shy of meeting OptumHealth grant requirements. Virginia stated that they have an activity that all the matches can do. Their new site based program will be at HG Jaramillo and they have just signed an MOU for that site based program. They were looking for high school volunteers, but, did not have time to complete before the end of the school year. Virginia went to Belen Senior Carnival. She handed out bags and flyers. Virginia also met with

Major Aguilar who oversees several armories. He wants to make it his personal mission to help BBBS. They are looking at 80 soldiers to mentor youth.

- ❖ Juvenile Drug Court update: the numbers are down right now for the first time in 2 years. There have been quite a few graduations lately. The kids have several Santa Fe Mountain Center activities planned for the summer. The big event is the annual rafting trip for the kids. They are back to cleaning the Belen parks monthly now that it is summer.
- ❖ RAC update: RAC served 20 kids in April. This month will be taking 25 kids to the jail. Roberta will do another jail tour on June 10. The numbers are good this month. Roberta has found that the jail tours really affect the parents. Next, she would like to take them to the prison. Parents are taking their kids issues seriously.
- ❖ Other business as time allows: Richard Lindahl speaks to board. Silver City has 2 legislators on their board. There is discussion on school to prison pipeline. Other continuum sites are focusing on keeping kids in school. Last night he attended Bernalillo board and there was a presentation from someone whose son died from a heroin overdose. Part of the discussion is how easy it is to get heroin. At the Sandoval meeting there were 6 youth who came to the board and made a presentation to board on underage drinking. They asked to be made a subcommittee. Los Alamos has kids on their board. Sandoval may change meeting time to accommodate youth. One board member stated that we encourage having youth on boards. Any kids from our programs can be on the subcommittees, and, we have been in discussions as to how to formally include youth. Richard updated board on JJAC and current issues. Loretta Chavez Johnson has resigned, and that may be another reason for postponing the date of the JJAC meeting. JJAC still needs members.

Roberta Goodson brought up lodgers tax funding as a possible revenue source. Ruben spoke in favor of getting the kids input on the issues we are working on.

Father Mundy brought up members donating at meetings. Ruben clarifies that we don't want it to be a burden.

Virginia suggested getting donations during the retreat. Ruben suggested different events throughout the year.

Ruben will try to push law enforcement support. Ambar Chavez will see about getting teen court kids to attend.

Ambar said they will be starting another youth coalition to be an advisory to Valencia County.

- ❖ *Education and Prevention*
Co-chairs Ruben Barreras (RBarreras@lsschools.net) and Richard Romero (rrromero1955@msn.com): They are currently working on learning lab. The Sandoval coordinator did a presentation to them last week. It was a very good presentation and gave them ideas for what we need here.

Health and Wellness/Community and Family

Chair Father Mundy (frrobert@mundy.com) and Co-Chair Jaime Najera (Jaime.Najera@state.nm.us): At the last meeting they talked about the after graduation event. They are hoping to get youth advisory boards within every high school involved and have them come together as one big group quarterly. Someone from the board will act a liaison for the youth groups. They also talked about having kids work on fund raisers. Ginny Adame from the DWI program has said we could combine efforts.

Juvenile Justice Case Processing

Chair Lindsey Lucero (Lindsey.Lucero@state.nm.us); Case Processing is not getting good attendance. They will try to get on July agenda.

Data and Sustainability

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

Adjourned 1:10 p.m.