

Valencia County Juvenile Justice General Board Meeting
May 28, 2015 @ 12:00 p.m
750 Morris Rd.
Los Lunas NM 87031
General Meeting Minutes

- ❖ Introductions and welcome by Judge Garcia. During the introductions, Mr. Sanchez from YDI introduced himself and gave description of the work he is doing with YDI. He will be attending the meetings going forward. He is working with YDI on a pilot program which is focused on reunification of families. He stated that it is cheaper for the state and healthier for the families to keep the kids in the home. He spoke as to some of the programs they are offering.
- ❖ Update from Executive Board as to Subcommittees/Task Forces and selected projects: Judge Garcia spoke to general board about the progress of the subcommittee formations to date. She reviewed what had been decided at the last meeting and explained that the board would be utilizing the same subcommittees as previously. The 2 main subcommittees will be the Education and Prevention and the Health, Wellness and Family Subcommittees. They will meet during the regular monthly meetings, although there is the option of having additional meetings outside of the monthly board meeting when necessary. She spoke as to what has been accomplished by the subcommittees since inception of the board. She asked the board members for feedback and ideas. It was decided after feedback from the board, that there will be an initial 5 minutes introduction session at the general meeting and then the subcommittees will break into groups for work for 45 minutes. There are other rooms which may be utilized so that people are not talking over each other. The subcommittees will then come back and report to the whole board at 12:50 and the meeting will adjourn at 1 pm. There was a brief discussion and then the board broke into subcommittees for a working session.
- ❖ Work within task forces/subcommittees began. Afterwards the meeting reconvened and there were reports back to the general board by the subcommittees. The first report was by Father Mundy. He spoke first about the history of the Health, Wellness, and Families subcommittee, of which he is the chair. The initial focus was on mentoring with the mentoring dinner being the first activity. The partnership with Big Brothers Big Sisters was

included. He then discussed the projects the committee had done which included the Safety Fair, licensing instructors for OHV training, and some of the activities which had been included in those. He then talked about the identified need for parenting programs as a project. He mentioned the work to get use of the senior center in Meadowlake for youth. Lisa Storey then stated that the county had just decided to hire a building coordinator for the county buildings. This news was positively received. Father Mundy talked about the Resource Directory and how they partnered with CWC to get that completed. Diana Good was the person who completed the resource directory,

Diana Good then spoke to the work her Education and Prevention subcommittee did. She was the ad hoc chairperson as Ruben Barreras who is the chair of the Education and Prevention subcommittee was not in attendance. This group's primary focus, after receiving JJ Board approval and guidance is working to get Behavioral Management Specialists(BMS) into Los Lunas Schools and to expand their use and expertise in Belen Schools. Ms. Good gave a brief overview of the work the group has already done and she will be sending out a copy of the BMS Service agreement and Letter to Schools for our review. Additionally, The group decided that more research into the barriers to getting BMS into Los Lunas schools should be conducted and Ms. Good was going to do some legal research into any pending or past legal actions that have resulted from BMS in the schools. The group agreed that it would be helpful to be able to produce any research that exists regarding the successful outcomes of BMS when utilized in a school setting which will be requested of Dr. Morris from Open Skies. BMS is already in place at some of the Belen Schools and at Belen High School there is a program where academically and behaviorally successful seniors are assigned some incoming Freshman to mentor; however, there does not seem to be any formal training for these seniors which suggests an opportunity for the JJ Board to offer training for these seniors to help grow this existing program. One of the trainings identified was Mental Health First Aide which Ms. Good is a certified instructor. Plans to follow up with the above was made and the group reconvened with the rest of the JJBoard to provide the groups progress and then adjourn.

❖Other business as time allows: Ambar Chavez from YDI introduced the 8 youth she had brought with her to the meeting. They were members of the Valencia County Alliance. The youth spoke to the board about the projects they were working on, such as pregnancy prevention, substance abuse prevention, and their work with other youth. Cynthia Ferrari then asked if they would be willing to reply to the survey and they stated they would be.

Ambar then asked if the board would take the survey she handed out. She also stated that there would be another Get Up and Move event and asked the JJB to partner with YDI on it. Judge Garcia invited everyone to the Magistrate Court open house the next day from 10 to 2. Ginny Adame invited everyone to the upcoming Crunch event at the transportation center.

❖ The meeting adjourned