

**Valencia County Juvenile Justice General Board Meeting**  
**June 25, 2015 @ 12:00 p.m**  
**750 Morris Rd.**  
**Los Lunas NM 87031**  
**General Meeting Minutes**

❖ Introductions and welcome from Board Chair Judge Garcia

❖ Report from coordinator on Survey, Cynthia Ferrari explained to the board her method for analyzing the narrative portion of the survey monkey. Judge Garcia requested that the general and executive board members review the survey results at the next board meeting and discuss what the board would like to do regarding the priority issues resulting. She asked the board members to review the results that Cynthia will send out to the board in advance of next meeting and come up with ideas. She also asked that if they have any resources that could be utilized in addressing the priority issues, that they bring those to the next meeting. She then read the results of the survey monkey as follows:

1. What are the strengths of Valencia County Juvenile Justice Board?  
The answers to this question were very close. The #1 response was that the board has been successful in expanding services for youth in the county.
2. What services are needed in Valencia County for youth?
  - a. More positive activities and entertainment
  - b. Education related services
  - c. Legal system related services, job training, mental health, parenting classes, and expansion and enhancement of current services
3. In what ways could the Juvenile Justice Board be improved?
  - a. Have more youth involvement
  - b. Have more law enforcement involvement
  - c. Have more community involvement, clear roles for board members, clearer direction, better board meeting attendance, and a Day Reporting Center
4. How often have you seen changes in our community as a result of the efforts of the board?
  - a. Moderately often
  - b. Very often
  - c. Slightly often
5. What changes would most improve the Juvenile Justice Board?
  - a. Youth related activities
  - b. Community based activities
  - c. Improve the way projects are worked on and accomplish goals
6. What would inspire you to be more involved with the Juvenile Justice Board and it's projects and what types of projects would you volunteer to work on?

- a. & b. tied for first place  
a/b. projects for youth, parents and families. Community based projects like a community clean up
  - b. Legal services, projects with clear goals and structure, more hands on, executive board members to head subcommittees, positive parenting, and more clarification of roles for general board members.
7. Are there any changes you would like to see made to the structure, format or time of the board meetings?
- a. No, it is good the way it is
  - b. More meetings, more time to discuss, return to the subcommittee format, short meetings, 1 issue addressed at each meeting, less bleed between executive and general board meetings, orientation for new board members during executive board meetings, let people know they can bring lunch to meetings, circle seating and another brainstorming meeting on community projects
8. What types of projects would you like to see the board work on in the upcoming year?
- a. Activities for youth, parents and families
  - b. Expand and support current programs and projects
  - c. Another Safe Graduation party, job, health and book fairs, mentoring, orientation services for new members, BMS in Los Lunas schools, Day Reporting Center, community events, youth service projects and positive parenting approach
9. How can the board be more effective?
- a. Getting more involvement from outside the board, young people and county officials
  - b. Doing more and taking specific action
  - c. More discussion time, one topic for each meeting, advertise, better attendance and participation, be strong, informed and good communication
10. Do you have any comments, questions or concerns?
- a. We need to support each other and make the community a better and safer place
  - b. We need to advertise to get the general public to be part of the board
  - c. More participation by law enforcement and representation from each agency in the county

The board held discussion as to some of the survey results and there were several ideas which were proposed, such as having a Round Table quarterly meeting with business members and law enforcement. Also, improving attendance by sending a flyer to members who have not been attending. The coordinator stated that previous attempts with advertising and newspaper articles to gain new members have not proved successful. She stated that the best recruitment method is a personal invitation from a member, and, requested that board members ask colleagues and friends who may be interested to attend a meeting with them. The idea to approach PTA's was raised also.

❖ Work within task forces/subcommittees or as alternately decided by executive board; The members broke into 2 groups to work on projects.

❖ Other business as time allows:

Presentations;

The youth members of the Valencia County Alliance gave a presentation to the board. The alliance has 40 youth members aged 12 to 25. The youth asked for support from individuals and businesses. One of the most important needs is transportation to meetings and events. 50% of youth do not have

transportation to these events and meetings. 4 years ago there was a project to expand the Meadowlake Community Center. This project was abandoned and they would like to start it up again. They also

Wanted to know where the funds from the phone tower in Meadowlake is going.

The programs gave the board brief program updates.

The board meeting was adjourned at 1:15 p.m.