

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

**June 28, 2012 @ 12:00 pm**  
**Meeting Minutes**

❖ **Welcome and Introductions**

- ❖ Open discussion with Board Members regarding retreat agenda items, community concerns, goals, obstacles, collaboration on grant applications, etc.: Discussion led by Judge Garcia stating that the board being a community project needs continuing input from general board members. She stated that there are a lot of ideas and that the board needs to look at what remains undone and what are our priorities going forward. She requested topics for the September retreat. Ideas were: put community notice in News Bulletin, have Teen Court sessions in Belen, get SRO's in Belen schools, how to bridge gaps between communities, and how to ensure that the Isleta Pueblo is included in board and decisions.

Discussion ensued regarding Belen and ensuring that services were provided in Belen and not centered solely in Los Lunas. Cynthia Ferrari suggested that Belen propose projects that the board could assist with. Discussed the mentoring program initiatives being held in Belen. YDI stated that Teen Court is currently held in District Court for centrality of location as it is about the same distance from Meadow Lake, El Cerro as from Belen. Tasa Stromei stated that if there were enough teens in Belen to hold a separate teen court there, that it was a possibility at a later date. ScOutreach is willing to hold program in Belen.

Cynthia stated she would follow up with the Bulletin regarding getting meeting notices in the paper. Discussion ensued regarding unifying Belen and Los Lunas and emphasizing that the board serves Valencia County and not individual towns or communities at the exclusion of others. Roshanna suggested contacting Isleta regarding their involvement. Cynthia stated that she and Virginia were meeting with representative from Isleta after the meeting to discuss the mentor program grant and its involvement with the Isleta Pueblo.

- ❖ Anne Martinez from Partners in Wellness gave the board an update on their gender specific Teen Anger Management group they are now facilitating. The group is focusing on the bullying problem.

- ❖ Teen Court update: Have 29 clients. A flyer regarding the Teen Attorney training was handed out. Volunteers were requested.
- ❖ Scoutreach update: 45 referrals, 6 graduates from the program. ScOutreach has held 3 community service events.
- ❖ Mentor program update: Grant will fund further expansion of mentoring program. Same number of children waiting for matches, about 20 boys at this point. A need for male mentors was emphasized.
- ❖ Juvenile Drug Court update: Juveniles just returned from annual rafting trip with SFMC. Summer brings an increase in alcohol use in teens and the program is currently addressing that with increased alcohol testing.
- ❖ Other business as time allows

❖ *Education and Prevention*

Co-chairs Ruben Barreras ([RBarreras@lsschools.net](mailto:RBarreras@lsschools.net)) and Richard Romero ([rrromero1955@msn.com](mailto:rrromero1955@msn.com)): Working on Day Reporting Center ideas.

*Health and Wellness/Community and Family*

Chair Father Mundy ([frrobert@mundy.com](mailto:frrobert@mundy.com)) and Co-Chair Jaime Najera ([Jaime.Najera@state.nm.us](mailto:Jaime.Najera@state.nm.us)): Working on 4 wheeler safety training. Next meeting will be canceled because of member vacations.

*Juvenile Justice Case Processing*

Co-chairs Pam Candelaria ([PCandelaria@da.state.nm.us](mailto:PCandelaria@da.state.nm.us)) and Lindsey Lucero ([Lindsey.Lucero@state.nm.us](mailto:Lindsey.Lucero@state.nm.us)): Not held. The scheduled time is difficult for ADA to participate. Judge Otero who has taken over Judge Pope's caseload has implemented an efficient system which is speeding up the case processing.

*Data and Sustainability*

Chair Edward Raff ([Ed.Raff@state.nm.us](mailto:Ed.Raff@state.nm.us)): Was canceled last time for training.