

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

July 25, 2013 @ 12:00 pm
Meeting Minutes

❖ **Welcome and Introductions by Judge Garcia**

❖ **Presentation by United Way:** Ted Jurney presents on the United Way. He distributes presentation copies to board.

He states that their mission covers 4 counties. However, their presence not felt in all counties, especially in delivery of services and education. There are 3 new board positions in Valencia County. There is also a standing agenda item for each county. The board will work with community also. Casey Pena is Valencia Representative. Last year raised 28 million, \$43,000 raised in Valencia County. Donors can select who they want to support. Community fund donations can go to charity or community fund which is a group that applies for grants from United Way. United Way wants a better presence in Valencia County. They also want the community fund to be forefront. This is a process in development. There have been 3 meetings. Stephanie Kozemchek will take over for Ted in Aug.

❖ **IOP Presentation:** Numbers are low and they need referrals for adolescent IOP. Criteria and program information was presented to board. There was further discussion and questions and answers as to IOP.

❖ **RFI update on funding and upcoming funding:** We received \$120,000 initially and have been approved for the additional \$30,000 which we requested. We will be able to fund all our requested programs. There will be another RFI issued in October.

❖ **Retreat agenda items requested:** Judge Garcia discusses the importance of all board members attending our retreat. We need a rsvp because we are providing lunch.

❖ **Teen Court update.** There has been a large increase in referrals. The teen court team would like to increase their hearings to 2 times per month. There is a need for more volunteer judges.

❖ **Scoutreach update;** Had 8 graduates this summer. No terminations. Parents have been more willing to contact them and this has made a positive impact. This past month they took students to Alb and did tour of UNM. They did community service at Casa Esperanza and then toured OMI. Lots of kids were interested in UNM.

ScOutreach graduates will go to camp for a week. Invites anyone on board to come visit the camp.

- ❖ Mentor program update: The mentoring program has met Optum grant requirement with 25 kids. Have to get new matches for US Bank and OptumHealth new funding. Have 6 volunteers ready to be matched. They will be working with Boys and Girls Club. Virginia has met with Manny at Belen Fire Dept, National Guard and UNM. Need more ideas as to where to find mentors. Just had RailRunner passes donated.
- ❖ Juvenile Drug Court update: The kids are doing quite well at this time. Cynthia Ferrari explained the detention alternative program and how it works to keep kids out of detention. There are about 33 active clients at this time.
- ❖ RAC update: Roberta is off for the summer this year. She is still doing follow up with kids on her time.
- ❖ Boys and Girls Club update: All sites are in school so in June and July they don't do the school programs. They are currently doing a lot of teen outreach. Bringing in kid volunteers. They received a grant for photography equipment and will take the kids to Ruidoso to take photos. Christina Jaramillo is working with News Bulletin to see if they can do interning. They are now gearing up for school year. They are doing a lot of character counts. They want to start a smart girls and boys group.
- ❖ Other business as time allows: Ruben addresses board that we need involvement from all members.
- ❖ *Education and Prevention*
Co-chairs Ruben Barreras (RBarreras@lsschools.net) and Richard Romero (rrromero1955@msn.com): working on DRC
- Health and Wellness/Community and Family*
Chair Father Mundy (frobert@mundy.com) and Co-Chair Jaime Najera (Jaime.Najera@state.nm.us): Did not meet on July 4
- Juvenile Justice Case Processing*
Chair Lindsey Lucero (Lindsey.Lucero@state.nm.us):
- Data and Sustainability*
Chair Edward Raff (Ed.Raff@state.nm.us) : work on fortifying and ensuring programs we have in place are adequately funded. Need for day reporting center. Need buy in from schools.