

VALENCIA COUNTY JUVENILE JUSTICE BOARD GENERAL MTG MINUTES

October 25, 2012 12 p.m. to 1 p.m.

Partners in Wellness

750 Morris Road

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Update on Autumn Safety Event: Undersheriff Linda Barreras gave board members an update as to the upcoming event. She showed diagram where everyone was to be and described activities. She was recognized by the board and thanked for her many hours dedicated to making this project a reality. She stated that she estimated that she put in 150 hours of her time working on this.

Presentation by Academy Trades and Technology. The school will be a mock construction company. The school offers dual credits, graphic arts and construction. The instruction is hands on. Teachers also teach financial literacy. There are wrap around services where the school receives assistance from outside agencies to help students. They work with whole child not just academically.

Intervention specialist Peter, worked with juvenile justice and violence prevention. They are doing a lot of recruitment trying to get students to transition back into community. They are currently taking students ages 18 to 20 with no credits in addition to the younger students. They focus on strong credit recovery. A student can get 12 credits in a year to a year and a half and get diploma. The staff works hard to provide the students with job opportunities. Students can get credit for having a job. The instructors understand challenges the students face. They can provide students with transportation assistance. The RailRunner stops right by the school. There are smaller class sizes. They also take kids with IEPs and expelled students. Although many students are in gangs they have not had one fight this year.

They can take up to 30 more students. Students can start at age 20 and can keep them until they finish. The school is run with the same schedule as Albuquerque public schools but they are flexible. They have ongoing registration. Students can get credit at CNM at the same time. They offer credit recovery classes on the internet. All meals provided for students. They do incentive trips with the students as well. If they are doing well on grades, the teachers take them on activities. They do a lot of field trips. They do project based learning, hands on. They have a basketball team. The teachers try to encourage and support the kids. They have a week of events planned such as red ribbon week which a drug awareness. There is social development also.

This is the 9th year in existence. The school is funded by the state. Also, they write grants. Because they are a charter school they can be innovative and creative. These are students who

would otherwise be locked up or in jail. They target the low performing students and bring up their skills. The school offers the service of graphic design and only ask that materials are paid for.

Update on Funding and RFP: Cynthia informed the board that she has been notified that funding will be extended at the same level until June 30, 2013. The RFP will probably be issued in November.

Mentor program dropped from 17 matches to 14. They have received 18 inquiries for potential volunteers. 83 volunteers inquiries from Valencia County and only 25 child inquiries. BBBS is hoping that success with site based program will help with matches. Site based vs community based is when volunteer comes to school or community center one hour per week every week and sit with the child. BBBS is looking for an afterschool program. There is one school Jaramillo Elementary that may work.

ScOutreach discussed starting new classes in Belen.Lt. Miller found the space for them. Will be working at the Autumn Safety Day. Also gave update on the many community service projects they have been doing. A request for community service projects was made to the board. The program is doing well and thriving.

Juvenile Drug Court; Just hired a new court probation officer. The program is bringing back its horse program. There are 38 kids in the program currently. Referrals have been good. Tutoring location moved to Valencia Counseling. Youth entered the annual Children's Law Institute Art Contest.

RAC numbers are back up. Roberta has attended 2 truancy hearings. Face to face referrals are down. There is a better response with face to face meetings rather than on the phone, so Roberta is requesting assistance to improve those. Things are going well overall.

Ruben Barreras said Father Mundy suggested getting \$5 per month from the board members. Linda accepted donations from the board members for beverages for the "Safety Awareness Day"

Meeting Adjourned 1:10 pm