



Specialty Care Work Group Meeting Notes

March 25, 2025

9:00 a.m. - 10:30 a.m.

Paso del Norte Health Foundation

221 N. Kansas, 19th Floor

El Paso, Texas 79901

Meeting Room C

Attendees:

Merissa Amerete-Soliz
Tanya Berry
Cynthia Henry
Josue Lachica
Bety Marin
Enrique Mata
Nicole Schiff
Kathie Valencia
Sharon Butterworth
Sandra Day
Mida Ponce
Vanessa Leon
Iyali Lara
Sereka Barlow
Catherine Garcia

Representing:

El Paso County Juvenile Probation Dept.
Texas DFPS Child Protective Services
Paso del Norte Center of Hope
Paso del Norte Center at Meadows Institute
El Paso Center for Children
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Welcome and Introductions

Nicole Schiff welcomed the group and called for introductions.

Overview of Last Meeting

Josue Lachica provided an overview from past work group discussion.

Integral Care Respite Center Meeting

Josue Lachica provided a summary of the meeting with Integral Care. Tanya provided a summary of the DFPS El Paso visit that presented on the need for a TLP in El Paso.

RYTC Data Discussion

Partner agencies provided brief summaries of raw data on clients that access RTC programs

- **CASA:** has had 36 out of town placements with an average cost of \$1000.00 to visit each youth [2024]
- **JPD:**
 - 2024: Total of 33 out of home placements
 - County Funding: budget of \$725,000/year for placements
 - They used \$712,000 of the budget
 - State Funding: \$400,000/year for placements
 - They used \$406,000
 - 2025:
 - State Funding: \$400,000
 - They used 274,000 [as of March 2025]
- **CPS:**
 - RTC Data [2023 – current]
 - Average of 19 children in RTC's at any time
 - Average Age: 14-17 yrs
 - As young as 10 yrs
 - 3% leave Texas
 - Most El Paso youth end up in Region 6
- Center of Hope: Average of 15 youth on Runaway status

To dos

- Nicole, Josue, Enrique will meet with Carrie Bell CEO
- Nicole will reach out to PHIX to continue data needs

Adjourn

Nicole Schiff adjourned the meeting at 10:29 am. Presentation slides are included with these notes.