

**DFS Citizens Advisory Committee
Meeting Minutes**

Meeting Location:	VIA: WebEx - Clark County Department of Family Services
Date:	May 20, 2021 8:30 am – 10:00 am

		Present	Absent
Membership:	Brian Adams	X	
	Shelia Parks	X	
	Crystal Bomar	X	
	Judge Frank Sullivan	X	
	Andre Bailey	X	
	Matthew Cox	X	
	Dashun Jackson	X	
	Donna Smith	X	
	Carly Aldis		X
	Rhiannon Foreman	X	
	Ron Harris		X
County/Department Management:	Tim Burch, Administrator		X
	Debbie Croshaw, Assistant Director	X	
	Abigail Frierson, Assistant Director	X	
	Margaret LeBlanc, Assistant Director		X
	Jill Marano, Assistant Director	X	
	Judy Tudor, Assistant Director	X	
	Mari Parlade, DFS Legal & Strategic Initiatives Manager	X	
Public:	None		

Agenda Item I:	Call to order and welcome	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The meeting was called to order at 8:37am Chair Donna Smith and roll was called by Mari Parlade. 	
Agenda Item II:	General Public Comments	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> None 	
Agenda Item III:	Approval of April 15 and February 18, 2021 Minutes	(For Possible Action)
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> April 15, 2021 Minutes Approved – February 18, 2021 Minutes Approved 	
Agenda Item IV:	Department of Family Services Report Out	(Information only)

1. Prevention:

- Judy shared that DFS received a draft from DCFS of the propose plan for FFPSA to review and provide feedback. There is a meeting next week with DCFS that will provide information for prevention services. The results from our survey to the community providers should be available next and a plan will be submitted in June. There is not a lot of substance abuse programs on the clearing house list. The three current treatment programs the department is using are: Safe at Home, WIN and Mobile Crisis.
- DFS is partnering with ACTION to do the evaluation for SAFE AT HOME, however there aren't funds in DCFS budget to perform the evaluations.
- Brian stated that CCSD has a substance abuse awareness program (Safe and Drug Free Schools) that offers classes for students who are repeat offenders of drugs and alcohol, who were caught on campus and whose parents are involved in their lives.

2. Intervention & Accountability:

- Judy discussed 3 components with the communication initiatives - 1. Racial Equity Workgroup, we are close to finalizing the strategic goals. We held a listening session about how race impacts the workplace. 2. Organizational culture workgroups to develop Belief Statements as an agency that will help us achieve our results and goals. 3. Developing a Child Stat Process to examine each program area or a geographical zone. To look at specific data points, case reviews. Our focus is decreasing entries into foster care and increasing exits out of foster care.

3. Transitional Aged Youth Supports & Independent Living

- Judy discussed the Pandemic Recovery Act regarding youths that have exited the system between January of 2020 and September 30, 2021. A flyer and public announcement were sent out by the state letting the youth know that we can provide services and support up to the age of 27. Step-Up sent notification to young people via email or text messages about the additional money. Young people who are part of Step Up program receiving \$773/month received an increase to \$973/month as of May 1st. All young people who are part of Step Up program under court jurisdiction, SAFY funding are now qualified to receive additional \$200. Additional financial resources are also available through educational and training vouchers.
- Bill for extended foster care, extend adoption and guardianship subsidy is still in the senate committee.

4. Education

- Brian reports CCSD is doing Lifeline suicide awareness training for all support professionals through September.
- 134,000 students have been surveyed with the Lifeline panorama, which is a SEL screener survey. From that 120,000 referrals were received from Safevoice, teachers, and administrators calling in -- which had led to 680 suicide protocols.
- Most of the other students will be coming back in person learning. 10,000 have opted to continue full on distant learning.
- Deadline for online registration for distant learning is 5/21. The general registration deadline is 5/28.
- CCSD Superintendent called in a meeting for a Human Trafficking.

5. Policies and Procedures

- Next month there should be policies and procedures that will be approved.

6. Mental Health Crisis in Foster Care

- Jill shared QRTP is a qualified residential treatment program under FFPSA. We have been meeting with consultants to figure out and how would we want to develop QRTP in the community. State and local level discussion have been made for funds for QRTP.
- DFS has already submitted a letter to DCFS for assistance for health and human services mental health treatment level. DFS asked for five changes: 1. Crisis and Planning. 2. Consider making changes to 433B10. 3. Desert Willow Treatment Center to be staffed at full capacity to include an acute unit for children 11 years old and younger and adolescents. 4. Create a residential programming especially geared for children autism, intellectual and mental disabilities to access prior to enrollment of programming offered through aging and disability. 5. System scan to show the unmet needs in the mental health array.

7. Legislation

- Mari reported that legislative tracker of the assembly bills was sent out to the committee. Next month we should have more updates on these bills.
- Bill AB67 – Oppose.
- AB197– Support.
- AB228 – Support, Children’s Advocacy Center bill.
- SB 397 – Strong Support. Extended Foster Care Bill

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • There are many more bills available for review on the Legislative tracker. There are only twelve more days in legislative session left. <p>8. Ombudsman’s Report</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Report numbers were provided to the committee. In April a total of 35 complaints; 8 were Referrals to other services, 1 was a Referral to DFS and 26 were investigated by Tisa. All the complaints were resolved. 	
Agenda Item V:	CAC Discussion and / or Recommendations on the Top 7 Priorities (delineated in Section IV)	For Possible Action
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Brian is sending information to Judy about CCSD’s Substance Abuse Program. Rosa O’Bannon is the program coordinator. • Matthew is sending information about a national motivational interviewing trainer. 	
Agenda Item VI:	Mental Health Crisis Informational Items / Announcements	(Information Only)
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Rhiannon provided information on Dominion Youth Services in Virginia. The website is dominionyouthservices.com and phone number 702-278-6397. 	
Agenda Item VII:	Informational Items/Announcements	(Information Only)
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • None 	
Agenda Item VIII:	Comments by General Public	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • None 	
Agenda Item IX:	Adjournment – 10:00am	
	Next meeting will be Thursday, June 17, 2021 @ 8:30 am in person with the option of virtual participation.	