

DFS Citizens Advisory Committee Meeting Minutes

Meeting Location:	VIA: WebEx - Clark County Department of Family Services 500 South Grand Central Pkwy, ODC Room #1 Las Vegas, Nevada 89155
Date:	June 17, 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:	Jamelle Nance – Children’s Advocacy Alliance	X	

Agenda Item I:	Call to order and welcome	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The meeting was called to order at 8:38 am and roll was called by <i>Chair Donna Smith</i> 	
Agenda Item II:	General Public Comments	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> None 	
Agenda Item III:	Approval of May 20, 2021 Minutes	(For Possible Action)
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> May 20, 2021 Minutes - Approved 	

Agenda Item IV:	Department of Family Services Report Out	(Information only)
	<p>1. Prevention:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Judy shared update Thrive by Five Program. Program provides services to families with children between the ages of 0 to 5 who are brought to our attention but do not meet the requirement for an assessment of abuse and neglect. They are referred to Southern Nevada Health District which will reach out to provide services. Stats from January 2021-May 2021 the department has sent 230 family’s referrals to SNHD. Which could only take a reduced number of families from January-April around 30 families a month. In May SNHD took approximately 90 families, 15 families have agreed to get services and 117 have declined services. • Family First Prevention Services Act division has a plan. The Division Children Services Bureau will notify the department if we are approved. If it does get approved the start date could be as early as October 1st. <p>2. Intervention & Accountability:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Organizational culture internal beliefs statements have been finalized; we are in the process of scheduling site visits to share with our staff. Our agency beliefs statements have already been shared with our Leadership team and supervisors, and plan to share with stakeholders. <p>3. Transitional Aged Youth Supports & Independent Living:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • LifeSet Program currently has 60 young people enrolled. There has been a turnover in staff, however we need to hire two additional staff. • New York Times reach out to Youth Villages they would like to interview one youth. To do article “How did the Pandemic Affect Young People?” • Implementation Public Law 116 Pandemic Recovery Act money; over 300 youth/young adults have reached out for assistance, mainly for housing assistance. • Various employment openings have been offered through Step-Up partnership between MGM, UNLV, and Workforce Connections. • We are partnering with Children’s Advocacy Alliance in transferring and transiting foster and adoption youth. 	

4. Education:

- Mari shared - School has ended.
- CCSD this is the first time it's offering Summer School free this year. Summer School or credit retrieval or enrichment assistance for necessary support.
- CCSD meeting with Dr. Jara this morning 6/17 for Community Call to Action. Dr. Jara is seeking feedback from the community. CCSD will received 770 million dollars in federal funds over the next three years to help support the needs of students and address the impact of the Pandemic on educational outcomes.

5. Policies and Procedures:

- Time and Attendance policy needed some adjustments.
- Telecommuting Application policy have been updated.

6. Mental Health Crisis in Foster Care:

- The department has been having conversations with DCFS as well community partners. Having meetings with county management and commissioners about concerns dealing with mental health. During the Legislative session there wasn't a lot of conversation about mental health.
- The department just toured the Oasis Campus yesterday (6/16) since some buildings are not being utilized. DFS is looking at a potential QRTP to open as a residential treatment facility. The facility will be geared for step down or step up lock residential facility to assist with acute settings and provide higher level of care to children.

7. Legislation

- Mari reported that Legislative tracker was sent out. Some of the bills have been signed by the governor and additional bills will follow for signature.
- Excel Spreadsheet very interactive, able to read the bill with further details.

	8. Ombudsman's Report	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • May total 31 Complaints: 16 Investigate, 10 – Information referrals, 4 Referrals sent to DFS & 1 Unrelated to DFS. 	
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"> • Sheila (Education) – Utilize funds for tutoring assistance. • Department does not currently have a policy about COVID vaccine. We are trying to create an event to encourage parents to consent to the COVID vaccine. • State CRP Report – what kind of recommendations. Allow time to discuss in the July CAC meeting move Agenda Item VII moved from to IV. 	
Agenda Item VI:	Mental Health Crisis Informational Items / Announcements	(Information Only)
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • None 	
Agenda Item VII:	Informational Items/Announcements	(Information Only)
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Tisa – provide examples of the complaints coming into Ombudsman office in August meeting. • Ombudsman Report – Quarterly topic to be discussed. 	
Agenda Item VIII:	Comments by General Public	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • None 	
Agenda Item IX:	Adjournment	
	Next meeting will be Thursday, July 15, 2021 @ 8:30 am via WebEx or in person 500 South Grand Central Pkwy, Pueblo Room Las Vegas, Nevada 89155.	