

DFS Citizens Advisory Committee Meeting Minutes

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Date:	May 18, 2023 8:30 am – 10:00 am

Membership		Present	Absent
CAC Members:	Dashun Jackson	X	
	Andre Bailey		X
	Matthew Cox	X	
	Donna Smith	X	
	Shelia Parks	X	
	Judge Stephani Charter	X	
	Ali Caliendo	X	
	Pamela Roberts	X	
County/Department Management:	Jill Marano, Director	X	
	Wonswayla Mackey, Deputy Director	X	
	Margaret LeBlanc, Deputy Director		X
	Patrick Barkley, Deputy Director	X	
	Lisa Martinez, Deputy Director	X	
General Public:	John “Jack” Martin, Director DJJS	X	
	Ebony Washington, Deputy Director DJJS	X	
	David Ponce, Juvenile Detention Assistant DJJS	X	
	Cheryl Wright, DJJS	X	
	Amet Landry	X	
	Pat Schriber	X	
	Lee Quick, Southern Nevada Housing Authority	X	
	David Doyle, Eagle Quest	X	
	Eric Gant, Vice President Acceleration Academies	X	
	Dr. Tiffany Tyler-Garner, City of Las Vegas	X	
	Dr. Christina Vela, St Jude Ranch for Children NV	X	
	Sharifa Wahab, A Compassionate Health Care LLC	X	

Agenda Item I:	Call to order and welcome	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The meeting was called to order at 8:32am by Chair DaShun Jackson and roll was called. 	
Agenda Item II:	General Public Comments	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> None 	
Agenda Item III:	Approval of February 16, 2023, Minutes	(For Possible Action)
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> DFS CAC March 23, 2023, Minutes – Approved. 	

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> DJJS CAC April 5,2023, Minutes – Approved. 	
Agenda Item IV:	Mental Health Crisis in Foster Care:	(For Possible Action)
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> DCFS Dr. Cindy Pitlock and Elvira Saldana were invited; however, DCFS was not present to report out. 	
Agenda Item V:	Department of Family Services Report Out	(Information only)
	<p>1. Prevention: DFS Director Jill Marano discussed: New ways to recruit foster parents and offer families more support and resources. DFS is utilizing a nationwide Foster Parent Placement/recruitment expert to assist with the placement process. These efforts are for foster parent retention and for children to find forever homes. DFS piloted a successful two week, expedited Foster Care Licensing class for families interested in fostering infants. The families were licensed in record time, have taken placements of infants, and have built a support network. Our next expedited Foster Care Licensing class will be at the end of June for teens and siblings’ groups, this training was amended to provide supportive resources.</p> <p>The department is also looking into helping Kinship families and Guardianship programs how can the department help families whether they’re involved or not. DFS will be submitting a request to DCFS amendment to the 4E plan for additional reimbursements.</p> <p>DFS submitted the general fund budget request and supplemental positions to the finance department and is expecting to hear in mid-June about what was approved. Many of these positions requested were a result of the upcoming workload and administrative supports surrounding the Families First Prevention Services Act (FFPSA). This includes more robust eligibility requirements and reviews as well as positions dedicated to developing programs to support this new population.</p> <p>2. Intervention & Accountability: No Updates.</p> <p>3. Transitional Aged Youth Supports & Independent Living: DFS is submitting an amendment to provide additional services to youth leaving the system.</p> <p>4. Education: No Updates besides the school bills being monitored.</p> <p>5. Policies and Procedures: No Updates.</p> <p>6. Ombudsman’s Report: Ombudsman Report was provided for April 2023.</p> <p>7. Legislation: CAC Members from both committees asked how they can support department initiatives and the bills we are supporting through this session.</p>	

	<p>DFS shared there are school bills they are monitoring as well as an amendment to a Childcare bill that could created a new level of care for youth in the system.</p> <p>DJJS shared it’s monitoring the Restorative Justice Act from 2019 and Community Service bill. That bill will assist in making community service hours more productive for youth or possibly add vocational training as options.</p>	
Agenda Item VI:	CAC Discussion and/or Recommendations on the Top 7 (For Possible Action) Priorities (delineated in Section V)	(For Possible Action)
	<p>DJJS Director Jack Martin discussed:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. JPO vacancy is at 47. Recruitment remains a difficult task. DJJS is working with downtown HR on ways to expedite the process. Typically, we have over 500 applicants for JPO, this round we had less than one hundred. 2. Detention population increased to 150 while Use of Force incidents and room isolations has decreased. SMYC has opened an additional dorm to help detention. 3. Waiting for our supplemental and budget requests. 4. We recently implemented individuals training modules. These can be created specifically for someone needing additional help. 5. Please share any feedback you have on Harbor locations. Over thirty thousand families were serviced in 6 years since opening. We started with one location and now there five! There is an 80% success rate for youth not re-entering the juvenile justice system after Harbor intervention. Please call the DJJS Director’s office if you would like a tour. UNLV is completing an analysis to ensure DJJS is align with best practices. 6. Forestry Program began at SMYC, please join us at the Forestry Picnic in August. To celebrate them DJJS cancels their August CAC Meeting so members can attend. 7. The Pivot Point is open and provides 12 beds for girls. The second home will also provide 12 beds. Please call the DJJS Director’s office for a tour. <p>RFK Reform</p> <p>Dually Involved Youth (DIY) Caseload – Group discussed how to create consistency in this program and how to offer caseworkers additional support. Policies are being reviewed and revised.</p> <p>Commercial Sexual Exploitation of Children (CSEC) – Recently there have been new placement resources opened for CSEC youth. Strong Home, an Eagle Quest home, opened in April and is funded solely by DFS. Pivot Point provides 12 beds, and the second home will open later this year. The more joint resources we can provide, the better our service to the community will be.</p> <p>Policy & Fiscal Affairs Meeting is this afternoon at 12:30-2pm, it’s open to the public meeting.</p>	
Agenda Item VIII:	Informational Items/Announcements	(Information Only)
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • DJJS is requesting if Policy & Fiscal Affairs could be in person meeting. • Jill Marano mention May is Foster Care Appreciation month. If you know any, please take the time to thank them for helping our most vulnerable children. • DFS and DJJS agreed to merge CAC Meetings twice a year. 	

	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Policy and Fiscal Affairs Meetings – These meetings will continue to be virtual until the Judges and County Commissioners decide otherwise. DJJS and DFS do not have any authority to make changes.
Agenda Item IX:	Next Meeting Date
	Next meeting will be Thursday, June 15, 2023 @ 8:30am via Microsoft Teams.
Agenda Item X:	Comments by General Public
	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• None
Agenda Item XI:	Adjournment
	Meeting adjourned at 10:00 am