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**Clark County Family and Juvenile Justice Services
Policy and Fiscal Affairs Board Minutes
Thursday, February 22, 2023 @ 12:30 p.m.**

- I. Call to order at 12:44 PM
- II. Public Comments - None
- III. Approval of August 11, 2022, meeting minutes- moved to next meeting
- IV. Receive report from County management regarding DFS/DJJS budgets for Fiscal 2023-2024
 - a. No updates
- V. Discuss dual jurisdiction calendar/cases
 - a. Judge Gibson shared that with dual jurisdiction kids, they are experiencing extended stays in detention. Due to their history of violence, they are being denied entry into many RTC's.
- VI. Receive the Director's Report on the activities of the Department of Juvenile Justice Services (DJJS). *John M Martin, Director*
 - a. Jack Martin shared that internally, 8 employees promoted from JPO to JPO supervisors.
 - b. Jack shared that there are many female youths, especially youth of color are lingering in the detention center due to a multitude of trauma and mental health issues. As a group, The Nevada Association of Juvenile Justice Administrators have submitted a letter to the State about stopping the "free rent" deal with youth. DJJS has a youth who has been in detention for 83 days. They are looking to charge the State for any youth with a pending State placement after 30 days of being in detention a three-hundred dollars a day fee and for any parole violation the State would immediately pay three-hundred dollars a day. Now, there are 32 State kids in the facility.
 - c. DJJS did add their staff rooms and removed all restraint chairs.
 - d. Health Care services are working hard with 166 suicidal kids in the last three months. During the period in November through January, there have been zero acute psychiatric hospitalizations.
 - e. The Pivot Point girl program is now open with 5 ladies there now.
 - f. Jack Martin shared that CCSD, and The Harbor are continuing to work together.
 - g. Eboni Washington shared that supplemental request was submitted in January to County budget. They prioritized analyst positions for their CQI Team. They also requested for a supervisor position to oversee the implementation of the FOCUS model which is a State requirement and TPOP full time positions.

- VII. Receive DJJS Citizens Advisory Report. *David Doyle, Chair*
- a. *Dave Doyle shared The Harbor is now operating in the outskirts areas such as Moapa, Mesquit and Laughlin.*
- VIII. Receive Administrators Reports on the activities of the Department of Family Services (DFS). *Jill Marano, Director of Family Services*
- a. Jill Marano shared that the State did fund specialized foster care an additional twenty dollars per day through the end of the current fiscal year. At the State budget hearing, DCFS did discuss funding specialized funding care at the rate of one-hundred forty dollars a day. For the past 9 years, Clark County has been funded at sixty dollars a day versus one hundred and fifteen dollars per day from the State. The new DCFS proposes to eliminate that gap and Clark County will be fully funded per day.
 - b. DFS requested for approximately 20 supplemental positions. Their priority was to move grant funded positions to hard money positions, particular in the Independent Living Program. She stated this go around, the positions requested are more for support staff, specifically some to support the Families First Act. They also asked for positions to increase their eligibility team.
- IX. Receive the DFS Citizens Advisory Report. *DaShun Jackson, Chair or Representative*
- a. *No report out*
- X. *Electronic Appearance Infrastructure*
- a. Judge Gibson asked DJJS for an update on the laptop request for the kids to be able to appear on video for court. Jack Martin shared that they are still working on setting-it up. Judge Gibson stated that having an available electronic appearance is important for not only the kids but the parents and courts too.
 - b. Judge Bailey also wanted to note that there is also a shortage of staff in DJJS.
- XI. *Overpopulation & Length of Stay at Child Haven*
- a. Judge Gibson shared that this has been a challenge for everyone. Kids are living in places that were not designed long-term stays. Judge Gibson wants to know where the County is with trying to fix this problem.
 - b. Jill Marano shared that DFS is focusing on recruiting foster homes. She shared that the QRTP program is now open and will help address the teen boy population on campus. For girls, Eagle quest was awarded the CSEC contract so that will help with the teen girls. DFS did also receive an ARPA grant to open another 12 bed QRTP.
- XII. *Overpopulation & Length of Stay at Detention*
- a. Judge Gibson shared that sense that the court is seeing is that a lot of the kids coming into the system have a history of violent felonies particularly with guns. Judge Gibson shared that they would be committed to holding them less in detention as long as there is enough monitoring.
 - b. Judge Bailey share that they are still working on the grid. They are working on moving away from a subjective standard to more of an objective standard while ensuring community safety.
 - c. Jack shared that DJJS has also experienced frustration. JJS landed a national grant to help fund a mentoring service from outside of the State to help with youth re-entry. Unfortunately, the corporation gave JJS the wrong quote of the cost and the new quote cost is nearly doubled. JJS is trying to find funding to fill in the gap, but it is not looking good. Jack Martin agrees that there is an influx with teens having violent gun related charges.

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XIII. *Outlying Courts*

- a. Judge Gibson shared that they currently have some juvenile courts operating in these Outlying courts. Judge Gibson feels like the calendar for these courts are relatively small. He is proposing to move those outlying courts to the local courts given the ability for everyone to appear electronically and wants to exchange and hear any feedback.
- b. Brigid Duffy shared that the DA's office felt like the courts were not needed as much as resources. By removing the contracts for the judicial officers, funding would be made available and moved to services for those communities. What is unknown is what will happen when they attempt to remove the contracts from the judicial officers at the outlying areas.
- c. Judge Teuton shared that the Outlying areas were complaining because the kids that commit offenses out there and are significant in their jurisdiction but insignificant in Las Vegas were not being held accountable for anything. Judge Teuton wants everyone to keep in mind about the quality of service. Judge Teuton stated that it would be important to reach out to the community for feedback.
- d. Judge Gibson asked Judge Bailey to reach out to the officers in the outlying area for feedback.

XIV. *Empower Program*

- a. *The Empower Program presentation was shared during the meeting.*
- b. *Hearing Master Timothy Andrews with the juvenile division shared the presentation.*
- c. *The Empower Program is designed to identify, treat, and prevent domestic violence in the home, particularly between the parent and youth. Empower is a condition that must be met by the minor to be removed from probation.*
- d. *Judge Gibson asked if they have a youth that can benefit from this program, can they refer them to this program? DeDe Parker said that they can and to let her know so she can start the referral.*
- e. *Jack Martin shared that the Harbor response team is starting in March. They provide case management, in home services, and a safety plan.*

XV. Identify emerging issues for the next meeting – None

XVI. Announcements

XVII. Public Comment

- a. Patrick Barkley shared that the ICF program at the Oasis program is open. All of the IDD kids are thriving and doing well at this program.

XVIII. Next Meeting

- a. August of 2023

XIX. Adjournment – 1:59 PM