

**Clark County Family and Juvenile Justice Services  
Policy and Fiscal Affairs Board Minutes  
Thursday, August 15<sup>th</sup>, 2024 @ 12:30 p.m.**

- I. Called to order at 12:35 PM
- II. Public Comments – None
- III. Announcements – None
- IV. Approve May 16, 2024, minutes – approved.
- V. Direct DJJS to develop a policy for third party audits of DJJS and the YLS/CMI 2.0.
  - a. Discussion on directing DJJS to develop a policy for third-party audits of DJJS and the YLS CMI 2.0. It was noted that training has been ongoing, and there is uncertainty about budget approval for the audits. The item was tabled for future discussion pending budget developments.
  - b. DeNeese Parker mentioned her recent appointment to the Juvenile Oversight Commission and indicated that there is a committee overseeing quality assurance of the YLS. This may negate the need for a formal action item regarding audits.
- VI. Receive report from County management regarding CCFS/DJJS budgets for fiscal year 2024-2025.
  - a. Deputy County Manager Abigail Frierson was not able to attend. The Budget needs to go for final approval for BCC.
  - b. Judge Gibson would like an update for next meeting.
- VII. Receive the Director’s Report on the activities of the Department of Juvenile Justice Services (CCJJS). *John Munoz, Director*
  - a. Judge Gibson confirmed that the board members received the report.
  - b. There were no questions or comments regarding the report.
  - c. John Munoz presented a 90day action plan: outlining goals and objectives for the department. Emphasis on collaboration with the courts and addressing challenges related to juvenile monitoring and court orders.
  - d. Judge Gibson highlighted the challenges consistency in courtroom procedures across judges. A lead judge, Judge Linda Marquis designated to help streamline these processes.
  - e. Judge Gibson gave credit to DeNeese Parker for being the Juvenile Court Administrator.
  - f. Discussion on the challenges of residential treatment placements and the need for more resources for girls.
  - g. John Munoz shared staffing shortages are impacting educational services in the detention facilities.
  - h. Judge Gibson recognized the forestry picnic event positive impact.
- VIII. Receive DJJS Citizens Advisory Report. *David Doyle, Chair*
  - a. Judge Gibson confirmed that the board members received the report.
  - b. There were no questions or comments regarding the report.
  - c. David Doyle mentioned the forestry picnic event was a success and its positive impact on the juveniles.
- IX. Receive the Director’s Report on the activities of the Clark County of Family Services (CCFS). *Jill Marano, Director*
  - a. Judge Gibson confirmed that the board members received the report.
  - b. There were no questions or comments regarding the report.

- c. Jill Marano shared concerns of TANF and VOCA funding cuts. TANF not being extended beyond 2025, impacting emergency assistance funds for families. Four Eligibility Workers have been approved.
- d. Jill Marano shared she will be leaving Family Services going into a new office within the county, the Office of Clinical Services. This office will be a combination of behavioral and mental health services that are currently being provided between child welfare, juvenile justice, and social services going into one office.

X. Receive the CCFS Citizens Advisory Report. *Donna Smith, Chair*

- a. Jill Marano shared Donna Smith was unable to attend. She did mention that the committee was working on identifying it's 2025 strategic priorities and she will provide details at the next meeting.

XI. Follow Up Items:

- Review the vacancies at DJJS and DFS and receive updates from Director's.
  - Jill Marano announced vacancy numbers have increased typically during the summer. 14 people are currently in academy, our goal was to have 40.
  - John Munoz announced that CCJJS has 14 POs in the academy next month. 8 lateral PO positions Michael Whelihan shared 36 people are scheduled for interviews and 13 people are pending lateral positions.
  - DeNeese Parker will check with the judges if they are receiving the assessments prior to the dispositions.
  - John Munoz shared R/Ds are now taking 7-8 weeks to get all information on the court report.
- Mental Health Screening Tool/Assessments
  - John Munoz shared 80% of youth have a dual diagnosis. Identifying youth early and then linking to the appropriate service provider.

XII. Identify emerging issues for the next meeting:

- National Crime Information Center (NCIC)
  - No updates
- Evaluating Youth Competence in the Justice System.
  - DeNeese Parker shared over 23 doctors attended the 2-day doctor training. A concern was expressed over the amount paid by Nye County for the evaluators they were paying over \$1,000 and were paying \$500. The other concern was the quality and nature of our current restoration services.
- Judge Gibson shared if both departments, oversight committees and court administration meet and come across any issues for Policy & Fiscal discussion. If there are any items, they can be placed under Identify emerging issues section for possible action. Please send all Agenda items for the next meeting to Flor Molina.
- Commissioner Justin Jones asked if someone from Government Affairs team or senior member can provide an update on the upcoming BDRs.

XIII. Public Comment

- a. Kim Abbott praised the collaboration between community partners and the court system.
- b. Dave Doyle highlighted the success of the commercially sexually exploited program and the need for additional resources.
- c. DeNeese Parker mentioned the potential for annual statewide meetings to enhance collaboration among juvenile delinquency partners.

XIV. Next Meeting

a. Thursday, November 21, 2024 @ 12:30 PM

XV. Adjournment – 1:37 PM