



THE HARBOR – EXECUTIVE STEERING COMMITTEE

Juvenile Assessment Center Minutes

January 25, 2017 - 1:00 PM

DJJS Zenoff Conference Room

Las Vegas, NV 89101

Minutes taken by Satonya Patton

Clark County Department of Juvenile Justice Services

John M. Martin, Director

Steve Morris, Manager

Cheryl Wright, Clinical Services Manager

Cesar Lemos, Executive Director Harbor

Satonya Patton, Executive Assistant

Helen Kawi, Principal Accountant

Evelyn Grippaldi, Management Analyst

Vasiliki Andrews, Administrative Secretary

Clark County Department of Family Services

Paul Hammack, Interim Director

Clark County District Attorney's Office

Brigid Duffy, Deputy Juvenile District Attorney

Catherine Jorgenson, Deputy Civil District Attorney

Clark County Law Enforcement

Matt McCarthy *on behalf of Kevin McMahon, Undersheriff LVMPD*

Clark County School District Police

Jim Ketsaa, Chief CCSD

Department of Health and Human Services

Ellen Richardson-Adams, Outpatient Administrator

Clark County Family Court

Judge William Voy

Youth Representative

Arnijia Hooks, Student from Cheyenne High School

Guest

Girma Torfi, Intern with The Harbor

Lashay McMulty, MSW Student Intern

Khadyja Carter, Department of Health and Human Services

I. Call to Order

Cesar Lemos, Executive Director for The Harbor called the meeting to order there was a quorum at 1:05 pm.

II. Public Comments

None at this time.

III. Approval of October 26, 2016 Minutes

October 26, 2016 minutes were approved.

IV. Approval of Agenda

The agenda was approved.

V. Appointment of ESC Citizen Representatives for One-Year Terms**a. Parent Representative**

Board members motioned to appoint Punam Mathur as the parent representative. Motion was approved. Ms. Mathur is a parent and she is the Executive Director at EPW & Family Foundation.

b. Youth Representative

Board members motioned to appoint Arnijia Hooks as the youth representative. Motion was approved. Ms. Hooks attends Cheyenne High School and she is eighteen years old. She is also a Reserve Officer Training Corps participant at her school.

VI. Nomination and Election of Committee Officers**a. Chair**

Board members motioned to appoint Brigid Duffy, Deputy Juvenile District Attorney as the Chair. Motion was approved.

b. Vice-Chair

Board members motioned to appoint Punam Mathur, parent representative as the Vice-Chair. Motion was approved.

VII. To Approve Amendment 1 to the Inter-local Agreement

Board members motioned to approve and all recommended moving forward with the Amendment 1 to the Inter-local Agreement.

VIII. Progress Report from The Harbor Executive Director

Cesar Lemos, Executive Director stated that The Harbor has been open for three months, and has serviced 317 youth. 13 of those youth were referred to the Department of Juvenile Justice Services (DJJS). Hours of service are 8 am – 8 pm, Monday through Friday. Mr. Lemos along with Mrs. Duffy have been going to several locations doing presentations about The Harbor. Ms. Duffy stated that the Rancho High School Dean supports The Harbor. The Dean wants to know if she refers a youth to the Harbor as an alternative to expulsion or suspension how will she know if the youth is following through Ms. Duffy wants a process to be established to get information back to the school counselors and deans after they have referred a youth to The Harbor. Ms. Duffy stated that she would add items to the agenda pertaining to this.

Mr. Lemos stated that they will be doing a presentation at North Las Vegas Police Department and four command offices in the near future. He will be presenting at Mohave High School tomorrow.

IX. Review and Discuss Each Member's Performance Measures

Mr. Lemos asked what the Board would like to be added for The Harbor's performance measures. Mr. Martin suggested that performance measures should consist of: youth ages, offenses, race, types of referrals, presenting issue, diagnosis (if there is one), where referred to and what services were referred, and general success rates of those referrals.

Judge Voy asked Paula Hammack, Interim Director if the Department of Family Services (DFS) has been referring families to The Harbor. Ms. Hammack stated field CPS workers have been doing so. Ms. Hammack also stated it would be helpful to look at impacted families. DFS staff should have the tools to get the information out to the families about The Harbor. Ms. Hammack wants to know how many families have been referred to DFS from The Harbor. Mr. Lemos advised only four families have been referred to DFS. Ms. Hammack wants to know what services are being tracked; and what services need to start being tracked; and lastly, what services we do not have to give to families.

Mr. Martin stated that the Substance Abuse Prevention and Treatment Agency (SAPTA) Director should be reached out to for youth that have substance abuse problems. This will clear up the issue if there is a problem with medical insurance.

Mr. Martin stated that DJJS has hopes that the 1.9 million dollars will be approved by legislation, as these funds will assist with GAP Services to service families.

Ellen Richardson-Adams, Outpatient Administrator briefly discussed that it may be helpful to track the different insurance types when a youth enters The Harbor.

Jim Ketssa, Chief of CCSD Police Department would like to know what Clark County School District is not doing correctly so it can be brought up at staff meetings.

Matt McCarthy, Deputy Chief stated that the goal is to change the minds of the Officers that are booking youth. His team wants Officers to embrace the concept of The Harbor as it would be better for the youth instead of getting them into the system. Metro has to make a policy for their Office to take youth to The Harbor. Having a policy in place would help sell The Harbor concept to Officers. Ms. Duffy stated that Officers in northeast, Las Vegas has embraced the concept. Steve Morris, DJJS Manager stated that the limited hours are possibly contributing to the low numbers for The Harbor. Mr. Morris suggested that hours of service for The Harbor need to be increased to the weekend.

Ms. Duffy asked newly appointed youth representative, Arnijia Hooks what other performance measures would she like to see being added. Ms. Hooks stated that she will think about it and get back to the Board.

Mr. Martin stated that Dr. Tiffany Tyler, with Communities In Schools wants to be able to offer wrap around services to youth that may go to The Harbor.

X. Informational Items

- a. Announcements
Next meeting February 22, 2017 at 1:00 pm, Zenoff Conference Room, 651 N. Pecos Road, Building I, Las Vegas, NV 89101.
- b. Other information that may be of interest to the Committee and the Public.
Information of interest was previously discussed throughout this meeting.
- c. Identify emerging issues to be addressed by the Committee at future meetings.
 - Ms. Duffy has hopes that an official policy can be put in place by the police departments to make Officers bring youth to The Harbor, and this information will be tracked and reported to this Board.
 - For the next agenda John Martin would like The Harbor's Executive Director to provide a report that shows how much it would cost to run The Harbor for twenty-four hours, seven days a week.

XI. Public Comments

None at this time.

XII. Adjournment