

**JUVENILE DETENTION ALTERNATIVES INITIATIVE**  
**EXECUTIVE AND STAKEHOLDERS COMMITTEE**  
**Juvenile Justice Director's Office Conference Room**  
**February 16<sup>th</sup>, 2022, at 12 PM**

**MINUTES**

- **Welcome & Introductions**
  
- **Probation Reform Update**
  - We continue to make efforts in creating equity and consistency in our decision making by aligning ourselves with best practices and evidence-based practices.
  - There is still talk regarding a possible Domestic Violence Court or caseload to handled low-level cases. This would provide a structured intervention and a system of care that would provide the necessary resources for these cases.
  - Reduction in room time has been a focus for years though we are in hopes it will make its way into legislation so it can be more policy driven.
  - Trauma involved healing is a slow rolling project. We are evolving a training and researching ways to heal youth while they are in our system. We continue to look for strategies that have been successful.
  - There are 3 Probation Officers located in CCSD Academic Centers schools right now. This program has been working great as they offer support to staff as well as youth. They are building relationships and engaging youth and strengthening the School Justice Partnership. We hope to expand this into more schools.
  - Our focus on Family Engagement continues from last year. Our policies, annual evaluations, and performance/job factors now include the importance and necessity of family engagement.
  - Jack shared his recent meetings with the young men who participated in the Inaugural Young Men of Color Leadership conference. He shared upcoming job and learning opportunities with them such as conducting podcasts, sports casting, coding, automotive, culinary, etc. We know how important that job connection is in being successful.
  - Mr. Martin has been meeting with legislators regarding CSEC (Commercial Sexually Exploited Children) and the lack of resources we have. We are partnering with RFK again for a 2-year project launch of CSEC/Dual Custody youth. That starts later this month and while it focuses on Dual Custody youth, it also includes CSEC.
  - DJJS submitted a BSC application for promoting equity, community, and wellbeing for youth of color. We were selected and are partnering with the Courts, CCSD, Las Vegas Metro Police Department, and DFS. We will work with 4 other teams across the nation on how to cross barriers within the youth juvenile justice systems and communities in reducing racial and ethnic disparities for youth of color.
  - Staff are currently being trained in “Forward Thinking”, a workbook based, cognitive behavioral therapy program to assist youth reduce their delinquent thinking and behaviors. Forward Thinking works great with YLS as it finds the individual needs of each child.

- **Juvenile Assessment Center - The Harbor Update**
  - The Harbor hit a milestone and has served 21,000 families with still a 90% success rate!
  - A Domestic Violence Grant was submitted to offer services at Harbor locations to assist with DV low-level incidents. These cases would mainly be family conflicts in homes where we can wrap services around the family and help solve the root problem. The response team would respond to the home and create a safety plan before leaving to reduce further escalation.
  - Another Harbor goal is to create a CSEC pipeline to help youth get connected to services sooner and never reach jail.
  - We will be receiving ARPA funding for 2 projects we submitted for in late 2021. The Harbor Mobile and Rural Response will be used to expand our footprint outside of our community. This will also enable us to conduct pop-up events in neighborhoods that could really use support.
  - Cognitive behavior programs have been expanded at Harbor locations as well as mentoring services, a new bike program, and many other exciting opportunities.
  - The Harbor Executive Steering Committee now has a parent and youth on its board! This is great to have these perspectives added to the group.
  - Harbor has recently partnered with Mission High School. We will update the group on how that goes.
  
- **Spring Mountain Residential Center Girls Program**
  - Girls Programming is at a standstill right now due to user and provider agreements not completed yet. We are expecting to see movement later this month.
  
- **Truancy Prevention Outreach Program (TPOP)**
  - TPOP continues to grow in partners and thrive! If a student reaches 7 unexcused absences, TPOP will reach out to the family and engage. We now cover 7 days a week, 7am-7pm.
  - The Explorer Program still holds monthly events to expose youth to new activities and instill good habits.
  - Mr. Martin and Assistant Director Cheri Wright will present an update from TPOP to the board of County Commissioners in a couple weeks. They continue to watch trending data and obstacles to reach every student. It is imperative that Principals are on board. Out of a sample size of 500 youth, there is a 60% improvement on attendance. This is great considering TPOP is only 18 months old.
    - We continue to struggle with accessing information from CCSD.
  
- **COVID-19 Update**
  - Masks are still mandatory in Detention and SMYC.
  
- **Other Topics of Discussion**
  - Charlotte Watkins shared information regarding a March 7, 2022, for Nevada Mental Health Crisis Hold and Involuntary Treatment Summit. Shannon will send that out to the group.