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Policy and Fiscal Affairs Board

May 11, 2017 - 12:30 pm

Joshua Conference Room
Sixth Floor
Government Center
Las Vegas, NV 89101
Minutes

Present

Commissioner Susan Brager
Judge William Voy
Judge Robert Teuton
Judge Frank Sullivan

Clark County Management

Jeff Wells, Assistant County Manager
Brigid Duffy, Chief Deputy District Attorney
Catherine Jorgenson, Deputy District Attorney

Department of Juvenile Justice Services

John Martin, Director
Patrick Schreiber, Assistant Director
Satonya Patton, Executive Assistant (*prepared minutes*)
David Doyle, Eagle Quest Director / CAC Vice Chair

Department of Family Services

Paula Hammack, Interim Director
Jill Marano, Assistant Director
Ebony Washington, Acting Assistant Director

Guests:

Anya Earl – SAFY – Specialized Alternatives for Families and Youth
Angel Hernandez, St. Jude's Ranch for Children
Curtis Stuckey, Genesis
Michael Flynn, Bamboo Sunrise
Leslie LaCombe, Apple Grove Foster Care
Caitlin Brillhart, Olive Crest
Barry Baskette, Bountiful Family Services
Jennifer Bevacqua, Eagle Quest

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I. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order by the Chair, Commissioner Susan Brager with a quorum present.

II. Public Comments

David Doyle from Eagle Quest stated that the guest in the room were all from specialized foster care agencies. Five hundred and thirty-nine therapeutic beds will be gone soon due to legislation. Mr. Doyle stated that on June 1, 2017 a placement preservation letters will be submitted regarding this. Mr. Doyle stated that there hasn't been an increase in income for specialized foster care agencies since 2008; however, there has been a twenty-two percent decrease in their income. This creates a hardship for the specialized foster care agencies. Mr. Doyle submitted a May 5, 2017 letter to the Policy and Fiscal Affairs Board Members.

III. Review & Approve the minutes of the March 9, 2017 Meeting Minutes.

The minutes were approved as written.

IV. Approve the Agenda

Correction was made to the agenda regarding item five to elect a Judge for the Chair and elect a Commissioner for Vice Chair. Item ten was moved to item six. Agenda was approved with the change.

V. Legislation Discussion

John Martin stated that on May 8, 2017 he and Brigid Duffy testified on Assembly Bill 395.

Assembly Bill 395 – Assembly Bill 395 revises provisions governing registration and community notification of juveniles adjudicated delinquent for committing certain sexual offenses; revising provisions concerning the release of certain information relating to a child subject to the jurisdiction of the juvenile court; revising provisions concerning the penalty for acts of open or gross lewdness or open and indecent or obscene exposure committed in the presence of a child or a vulnerable person; providing a penalty; making appropriations; and providing other matters properly relating thereto.

Assembly Bill 341- Jeff Wells stated that language was taken out of Assembly Bill 341 that implies that a Public Defender is needed for every interview to represent a child in a juvenile proceeding.

Senate Bill 2 - Paula Hammack stated that the Department of Family Services (DFS) meets on a weekly basis to discuss legislation. Ms. Hammack stated that Senate Bill 2 has passed. Senate Bill 2 relates to protection of children; revising provisions relating to the voluntary surrender of a newborn child to a provider of emergency services; revising provisions relating to the transfer of certain identifying information relating to parents of such children; and providing other matters properly relating thereto.

VI. Election of New Officers. *For this term, the Chair must be one of the District Judges, and the Vice Chair must be one of the County Commissioners.*

Board members voted and for new Officers. Judge Voy will be the Chair and Commissioner Susan Brager is the Vice Chair.

VII. Receive the Director's Report on the Activities of the Department of Juvenile Justice Services (DJJS) and Direct Staff Accordingly. *Director John M. Martin*

PREA Audit – Mr. Martin stated there was a recent Prison Rape Elimination Act (PREA) Audit conducted at Spring Mountain Youth Camp (SMYC). The outcome of the audit is that SMYC needs more staff so that they will be in complete compliance. Mr. Martin also stated that the population in Detention has increased by twenty percent. The Department of Juvenile Justice Services (DJJS) is looking to open more housing units for youth. DJJS will continue to provide great services to the youth.

Probation System Review – Mr. Martin stated that representatives from the *Robert F. Kennedy National Resource Center for Juvenile Justice* are doing a site visit with DJJS staff on May 10, 2017 – May 11, 2017. The purpose for the site visit is to discuss core principles; enhance practices; and improve outcomes for youth. The *Robert F. Kennedy National Resource Center for Juvenile Justice* will initiate an employee survey after their initial site visit.

Rebuild or Repair Cottages/Units – DJJS is looking at rebuilding or repairing specific cottages/units where youth are housed. The buildings are very old.

VIII. Receive the DJJS Citizens Advisory Committee Report. *David Doyle, Vice Chair on behalf of Dr. Tiffany Tyler, Chair*

The Harbor - Mr. Doyle stated that to date The Harbor aka *Juvenile Assessment Center* has serviced one thousand, thirty-three youth since it opened its doors on October 17, 2016. The Citizens Advisory Committee Board Members are happy about the success of The Harbor. Board members support the opening of more Harbor facilities around the City of Las Vegas.

Mental Health / Girls Programming - Board members are supporting the efforts of DJJS with the idea of getting mental health services for those that need it; and programs for troubled girls. Currently there aren't many services for troubled girls.

IX. Receive the Director's Report on the Activities of the Department of Family Services (DFS) and Direct Staff Accordingly *Interim Director Paula Hammack*

Medicaid – Ms. Hammack stated that there will be a Medicaid waiver implemented that would carve out foster care youth from other youth. She believes that DJJS will be included. She stated that basic skills trainings (BST) will not be taken from DJJS. Mr. Wells stated that DFS will need to do their changes first.

DFS Statistical Report – Ms. Hammack briefly discussed the DFS Statistical April 2017 Report. Youth are coming into DFS between the hours of 2 pm to 8 pm.

Annie E. Casey Foundation – Annie E. Casey Foundation is doing strategic planning with DFS staff. The Annie E. Casey Foundation is providing the best assessment for current practices within the department. The final assessment will be done May 2017.

Court – Judge Voy stated that Patrick is a DFS employee who is extremely helpful in court and asked Paula Hammack if he can be present in his court on Monday and Wednesdays. Ms. Hammack stated that if the calendar is given to her days prior to the hearings she can work on having someone in court on those days.

X. Receive the DFS Citizens Advisory Committee Report. *Deshaun Jackson, Chair*
Ms. Hammack spoke on behalf of Deshaun Jackson. The DFS Citizens Advisory Committee Board memberships are filled and board members are continuing to meet monthly.

XI. Schedule Next Meeting – August 17, 2017 in the Joshua Conference Room Joshua Conference Room – 6th Floor, Government Center at 12:30 pm.

XII. Public Comments - Anya Earl with Specialized Alternatives for Families and Youth (SAFY) thanked the Policy and Fiscal Affairs Board Members for their support for specialized foster care agencies and the services they provide.

Requested Meeting – David Doyle asked if Board Members would be opened to having a Policy and Fiscal Affairs Board meeting in June 2017. Jeff Wells stated that Judge Voy could coordinate a special meeting by phone with Director, Whitley with regards to Medicaid if the desired results are not reached in legislation.

XIII. Adjournment - The meeting was adjourned.