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Policy and Fiscal Affairs Board

August 16, 2018 - 12:30 pm

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

Chair: Commissioner Susan Brager
Vice Chair: Judge William Voy

Present

Commissioner Susan Brager
Judge William Voy
Judge Frank Sullivan

Clark County Management

Kevin Schiller, Assistant County Manager
Jason Patchett, Associate Attorney
Brigid Duffy, Chief Deputy District Attorney

Department of Juvenile Justice Services

John Martin, Director
Michael Whelihan, Assistant Director
Satonya Patton, Executive Assistant (*prepared minutes*)
Dr. Tiffany Tyler / Former CAC Chair

Department of Family Services

Tim Burch, Director
Jill Marano, Assistant Director
Ebony Washington, Assistant Director
Mari Parlade, Manager
Sheila Parks, CAC Chair

Guest

Jennifer Bevacqua, Eagle Quest
Several Community Providers

I. Call to Order

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

II. Public Comments

None at this time.

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

STEVE SISOLAK, Chairman • CHRIS GIUNCHIGLIANI, Vice Chair
SUSAN BRAGER • LARRY BROWN • JAMES B. GIBSON • MARILYN KIRKPATRICK • LAWRENCE WEEKLY
YOLANDA T. KING, County Manager

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III. Approval of the May 24, 2018 Meeting Minutes

The minutes are approved as written.

IV. Approval of the August 16, 2018 Agenda

The agenda is approved as written.

V. Update on Specific Matters – Judge William Voy

1. **School Justice Partnership** – Judge Voy stated that the School Justice Partnership is a huge undertaking for Clark County. This is a program that is focused on keeping kids in school and out of court. Clark County is the fifth largest school district in the country, therefore, there is a lot of interest for this project. Brigid Duffy stated that there needs to be some re-engagement for the Clark County Superintendent. Commissioner Susan Brager stated that she hopes the Deans are participating with the School Justice Partnership. John Martin stated that a training meeting will be held on August 18, 2018 to get everyone on the same page.
2. **Case coordination for Dual Jurisdiction Youth** – Judge Voy stated that dual jurisdiction youth with issues are referred to a special team to handle their cases. The team consists of members from the Department of Juvenile Justice Services (DJJS); Juvenile District Attorney’s Office; and the Department of Family Services (DFS). Ms. Duffy stated that a policy will be created so it can be adopted by DJJS and DFS. Michael Whelihan stated that DJJS is working on the data statistics for this policy.
3. **Medicaid Issue for Foster Care Placements** – Kevin Schiller briefly discussed the basic skills training (BST) billing and assessment. At this time the assessment process for Medicaid has not been defined. Some of the placement will create a financial impact to Clark County. This BST is creating a large caseload for staff. Mr. Schiller briefly discussed SB107 as it relates to Medicaid. He indicated that Clark County / DFS may need to go to a performance based process. Tim Burch and Jill Marano briefly discussed the Medicaid payment process. Forty providers have been trained by a DFS Team. Assessments are being done on a child by child basis. This process will impact placement and caseload costs.

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

Welcome – Mr. Martin welcomed Tim Burch back and congratulated him on his new position.

SMYC Forestry Picnic – The SMYC Forestry Picnic was held on August 3, 2018 and it was a big success. Thank you for your support and attending the picnic County Manager, Yolanda King; Commissioner Susan Brager; Assistant County Managers Randy Tarr; and Kevin Schiller. Many community partners supported this event.

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The Harbor – Mr. Martin stated that The Harbor has serviced more than 5,000 families since it opened two years ago. The two year celebration will be held on October 23, 2018 at 861 N. Mojave Road, Las Vegas, Nevada 89101.

2nd Harbor – The Harbor West will be opening on October 22, 2018 on the Department of Health and Human Services campus located at 6161 West Charleston, Building 2, Las Vegas, NV 89146. Eagle Quest was selected and approved as the vendor to operate the second location in a public/private partnership. Staff to support the second location have been identified and trained.

VII. Receive the DJJS Citizens Advisory Committee Report. Dr. Tiffany Tyler, Former Chair on behalf of David Doyle, Chair

Thanks – Dr. Tyler thanked the Policy and Fiscal Affairs Board Members for their support.

Evening Reporting Center & Harbor - Dr. Tyler stated that herself and the members of the Citizens Advisory Committee Board will continue to support Director John Martin; the Evening Reporting Center; and The Harbor. Several positive things are happening in the community due to these two projects.

VIII. Receive the Director's Report on the Activities of the Department of Family Services (DFS) and Direct Staff Accordingly. Kevin Schiller, Assistant County Manager

Foster Parent Recruitment - Mr. Schiller stated that the Department of Family Services (DFS) is preparing to launch a new recruitment campaign called *Count Me In* sometime this fall. The campaign will provide community awareness about adoption and other positive things going on at DFS. This information will be presented on FOX5 News; IHeart Radio; and other media platforms. The other part of this recruitment piece will be the faith-based initiative that includes information and training sessions dispelling the myth around LGBTQ fostering.

DFS has 590 regular foster parents, but are in need of 1,000 to ensure options for the best match for children.

Families First Prevention Services Act (FFPSA) – Mr. Schiller briefly discussed the Family First Prevention Services Act. He stated that Title IV-E reimbursement for eligible prevention services begins on October 1, 2019.

Supplemental Positions – DFS received 16 new positions (4 Intake and 12 CPS) to assist with the increase of caseloads and to improve service delivery. New Worker Academy for these employees will begin on September 10, 2018.

IX. Receive the DFS Citizen's Advisory Committee Report. Sheila Parks, Chair Goals - Sheila Parks stated that the Citizen's Advisory Committee Board Members are identifying what the top five goals are for DFS.

Safe Families Program – Board members are looking to find some more funding to assist where needed. The grant for this program will be ending in early 2019. Judge Frank Sullivan stated that he would like more details about the Safe Families Program.

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X. Schedule Next Meeting – November 15, 2018 in the Joshua Conference Room Joshua Conference Room – 6th Floor, Government Center at 12:30 pm.

XI. Public Comments

Jennifer Bevacqua spoke on behalf of David Doyle for Eagle Quest and other community providers. Ms. Bevacqua stated that the Community Providers want to provide more advocacy for the youth in their care. The system surrounding the youth is not helping the youth. There are several challenges for the BST requirement that needs to be presented by the provider. Ms. Bevacqua is asking that the assessment process be stopped so that the long term solution can be done. Community Providers will do whatever is needed to be a part of the solution. At the May 24, 2018 Policy and Fiscal Affairs Board Meeting David Doyle stated this crisis is going on regarding funding for group homes. The Medicaid rate is in jeopardy. This will close group homes in southern Nevada. The funding is going to be taken away from housing the youth.

XII. Adjournment - The meeting was adjourned.