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Clark County Family and Juvenile Justice Services
Policy and Fiscal Affairs Board Minutes
Thursday, August 11, 2022 @ 12:30 p.m.

- I. Call to order at 12:34pm
- II. Public Comments –
 - a. Dave Doyle with Eagle Quest requested for the Policy & Fiscal Affairs meeting resume to in-person meetings. He requested for his suggestion to be considered. The second comment is through the Family Focus Treatment Association which represents specialized foster care and higher level of care. Dave shared that they have submitted a letter to the State requesting for ARPA money to be used to increase the daily rate of pay for foster parents to go towards room and board. They are requesting for an additional twenty dollars per day.
- III. Approval of May 17, 2022, meeting minutes- approved
- IV. Election of New Vice Chair.
 - a. Commissioner Jones nominated Judge Burton for Vice Chair. Judge Burton nominated Judge Gibson. Commissioner McCurdy motioned for Judge Gibson as Chair and Commissioner Jones second the motion with no oppose.
- V. Receive report from County Management regarding the DFS/DJJS budgets for Fiscal 2022-2023
 - a. No report out
- VI. Discuss dual jurisdiction calendar/cases
 - a. Judge Gibson shared that there is still a shortage of beds and inadequate mental health services for youth. The District Attorney office has filed motions to join the State as a party under the statute to gain access to facilities and direct access to the Attorney Generals office.
 - b. Oasis continues to have staff shortage.
- VII. Receive the Director's Report on the activities of the Department of Juvenile Justice Services (DJJS).
John M Martin, Director
 - a. DJJS received 11 new positions under the supplemental positions.
 - b. JJS are experiencing extreme mental health needs, specifically suicidal intentions are on the rise. Pre-COVID, the average length of stay for State kids was 22 days and now it is up to an average of 44 days.
 - c. SMYC youth football started, and games are on Fridays. Unfortunately, the annual picnic for the youth at SMYC was cancelled due to high COVID numbers.
 - d. Detention population has doubled since last year to an average of 115 youth at any given time.
 - e. DJJS is continuing to work on reducing room confinement.
 - f. DJJS is continuing to work on a transitional program and skills development for the youth. They are continuing their partnership with Workforce.
 - g. DJJS submitted a request for ARPA dollars to DCFS for capital improvements at the Spring Mountain Youth Camp.
 - h. TPOP served around 5,000 kids and 27,000 kids and families served at the Harbor with an 85% success rate.
 - i. Commissioner McCurdy inquired about the ratio for staff to youth and if this will be addressed during the next legislative session. Jack shared that the union is interested in

turning the ration into a law however, right now, the ratio is 1:5 due to the increased suicide and mental health needs.

- j. Commissioner Jones expressed his appreciation for The Harbor and the programs available to the youth. He asked for an update on the interface with DJJS and Child Haven.
 - i. Jack shared that they had a meeting with DFS, facilitated by CEO King to discuss options. DFS submitted a proposal of what they would like JJS to do more to support Child Haven. Adjustments have been made and a follow-up meeting is scheduled.
 - ii. DJJS is looking into a specialty foster care beds to work with the youth with mental health needs. The Robert F Kennedy foundation is assisting with creating dual custody policy and procedures.
- VIII. Receive DJJS Citizens Advisory Report. *David Doyle, Chair*
 - a. David Doyle shared that in July, the CAC, Director Martin, and Director Wright met with 8-10 youth to discuss their personal experience is DJJS.
 - b. The CAC is excited about SMRC.
 - c. The CAC is happy that The Harbor will be expanding their services.
- IX. Receive Administrators Reports on the activities of the Department of Family Services (DFS). *Tim Burch, Administrator of Human Services*
 - a. Tim Burch shared that DFS received 58 new supplemental positions. 14 of the 58 supplemental positions are for Child Haven.
 - b. DFS received their ARPA funds. The monies will help with working with UNLV to add a fourth academy.
 - c. Child Haven's length of stay has increased from 6 days to 9 days.
 - d. DFS has launched its first Child Stat meeting in July of 2022. Child Stat is a process that uses data to analyze trends in the department that help create positive outcomes. Each month a zone is reviewed, and staff are recognized for their dedication and hard work.
 - e. Tim shared that DFS is actively recruiting for foster homes. In addition, DFS and Raise the future are working together to expand training procedures and policy.
 - f. Tim shared that in August at the Interim Finance Committee (IFC), DCFS requested additional funding for staffing, Mobile Crisis, and the mental health crisis. Within that request, DFS requested 2 million dollars for a new clinical unit and staff to help coordinate and assess high needs kids in Nevada.
 - i. Tim shared that there is a 25-million-dollar request for housing and rental assistance.
- X. Receive the DFS Citizens Advisory Report. *DaShun Jackson, Chair*
 - a. The DFS CAC have identified six priorities: Prevention, intervention, accountability, transitional aged youth support, policy and procedures, and the Ombudsman report.
- XI. Identify emerging issues for the next meeting
 - a. None
- XII. Announcements
 - a. None
- XIII. Public Comment
 - a. None
- XIV. Next Meeting scheduled for August 11, 2022, at 12:30PM via WebEx.
- XV. Meeting adjourned at 1:09 PM