



## Family Services

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### Clark County Family and Juvenile Justice Services Policy and Fiscal Affairs Board Minutes Thursday, November 21, 2024 @ 12:30 p.m.

- I. Called to order at 12:35 PM
- II. Public Comments – None
- III. Announcements – None
- IV. Approve August 15, 2024, minutes – approved.
- V. Direct DJJS to develop a policy for third party audits of DJJS and the YLS/CMI 2.0.
  - a. John Munoz reported that funding has been secured for various projects including a third-party audit for quarterly audits. This funding is part of an ongoing discussion about establishing a policy for audits.
  - b. The committee agreed to remove the agenda item regarding policy adoption since the necessary actions have been taken.
- VI. Receive report from County management regarding CCFS/CCJJS budgets for fiscal year 2024-2025.
  - a. Deputy County Manager Abigail Frierson was not able to attend.
  - b. Judge Gibson would like an update for next meeting. He would like to have someone from County Management provide an update on the upcoming budget.
  - c. Commissioner Justin Jones ensure a representative from county management is present at the next meeting to discuss budget updates.
  - d. Damon Harris CCJJS attended to discuss the budget JJS and expressed willingness to address specific questions in future meetings.
- VII. Receive the Director's Report on the activities of the Clark County of Juvenile Justice Services (CCJJS). *John Munoz, Director*
  - a. Judge Gibson confirmed that the board members received the report.
  - b. There were no questions or comments regarding the report.
  - c. John Munoz provided updates:  
*Healthcare Services*
    - i. 1,372 face-to-face contacts were made with youth on safety precautions. 726 therapeutic sessions were provided to detained youth. Three acute psychiatric hospitalizations for detention
    - ii. Ongoing challenges include vacant HCS clinical supervisor position.



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- iii. Competency assessments increase adapting to the community needs due to significant increases in referrals. Seeking for an additional provider. Need increased budget for providers who complete specialized evaluations.
- iv. The current medical provider is Wellpath the department will be transitioning to Naphcare, on December 9, 2024.

### *Probation and Detention*

- v. Decreased and streamline court reports.
  - vi. Efforts to reduce probation caseloads and improve documentation quality were noted, along with a significant reduction in the detention population.
  - vii. Partnering with local law enforcement agencies to increase diversion programs and community safety initiatives were noted.
  - viii. The detention population has decreased significantly, with efforts to streamline processes and reduce probation caseloads.
  - ix. The 2nd Girls Home was built and waiting for licensing approval.
  - x. New initiatives include the creation of family support specialist positions and the implementation of a GPS tracking tool for low moderate-risk offenders.
- d. Judge Gibson recognized Director Munoz vital addition to CCJJS.

### VIII. Receive CCJJS Citizens Advisory Report. *David Doyle, Chair*

- a. David Doyle mentioned CCJJS did not submit a report. We value Director's Munoz time he has demonstrated by the results within the department. As CAC chair we continue to be supportive of the department's goals initiatives and strategic planning.

### IX. Receive the Director's Report on the activities of the Clark County of Family Services (CCFS). *Jill Marano, Director*

- a. Judge Gibson confirmed that the board members received the report.
- b. There were no questions or comments regarding the report.
- c. Jill Marano provided updates:
  - i. Shared concerns significant budget deficits and challenges with state funding impacting services, particularly \$40 million for kinship care and extended foster care.
  - ii. Changes in federal licensing requirements for relatives and the impact on funding were highlighted.
  - iii. The need for more staff and resources for extended foster care services was emphasized.
  - iv. The last legislative session, the state funded another unit of independent living. The program was not cut but DCFS reduced our overall budget.



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- v. Jill Marano shared her last day in CCFS is on December 6<sup>th</sup>. The new director starts on Monday, December 9<sup>th</sup>.
- X. Receive the CCFS Citizens Advisory Report. *Donna Smith, Chair*
  - a. Donna Smith reported
    - i. The committee's priorities for 2025 were listed on the report.
    - ii. 10 out of the 11 committee members were filled. Potential for four open spots in the committee due to term expirations. One person has resigned for the committee.
    - iii. Concerns were raised about the effectiveness of the Ombudsman's office with ongoing issues regarding service levels and professionalism.
- XI. Follow Up Items:
  - Review the vacancies at CCJJS and CCFS and receive updates from Director's.
    - John Munoz announced that CCJJS has 24 field vacancies, 9 in our detention facility and a handful at Spring Mountain. Office space is limited, telecommuting ideas are being explored.
    - Jill Marano announced there's the 80 vacant positions, but 40 of those are people sitting in the academy.
- XII. Identify emerging issues for the next meeting:
  - Commissioner Justin Jones asked if someone from Government Affairs team or senior member can provide an update on the upcoming BDRs.
  - Judge Gibson merging issues for the next meeting, does anybody have any, any issues. Will be coming into Legislative session, information about the upcoming legislative bills.
  - David Doyle shared potential crisis regarding the availability of general liability insurance for foster care providers was discussed with rising costs and limited options.
  - Judge Gibson shared if both departments, oversight committees and court administration meet and come across any issues for Policy & Fiscal discussion. If there are any items, they can be placed under Identify emerging issues section for possible action. Please send all Agenda items for the next meeting to Flor Molina.
- XIII. Public Comment



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- a. Justin Jones recognizes commissioner Ross Miller; this will be his last meeting on this committee he is leaving the county commission.
- b. Judge Grierson shared updates on the CASA program indicated a significant increase in volunteer recruitment. Over the last 4 years we had added 130, we hope to add additional 195 new CASA volunteers.
- c. Kim Abbott echoes your honors comments particularly acknowledged the collaboration between juvenile justice new administration and community organizations like Legal Aid.

#### XIV. Next Meeting

- a. *Thursday, February 20, 2025 @ 12:30 PM*

#### XV. Adjournment – 1:20 PM