

MINUTES
CITIZENS ADVISORY COMMITTEE (CAC)
Clark County
Department of Juvenile Justice Services
Zenoff Conference Room, 601 N. Pecos Road, Las Vegas, NV 89101
November 2, 2011 at 9:00 am

Advisory Members Present: **Tom Maroney, Robert Henry, Louise Helton, Mathew I. Reed, and Brad Donohue**

Advisory Members Absent: **Larry Ashley**

Guest: Fritz Reese, Jack Martin, Attorney Mari Parlade, Judge Voy, and Satonya Boyd

- I. Call to Order at 9:02 am.
- II. Announcements from the Co-Chairman of the Citizens Advisory Committee and inform Committee Members.
 - Tom Maroney chaired the meeting in Larry Ashley's absence.
 - Mr. Maroney stated that he is still working with the Ropes Course Program.
- III. Public Comments
 - No public comments
- IV. Approval of October 5, 2011 Minutes
 - Members approved the October 5, 2011 Minutes.
- V. Approval of Agenda
 - Members approved the agenda.
- VI. Strategic Plan
 - See the item IX
- VII. Membership/Ordinance
 - The ordinance changes made by the Citizens Advisory Committee will be on the agenda for the Policy and Fiscal Board Meeting on November 10, 2011 at noon.
- VIII. Operating Procedures
 - Committee had nothing to report or discuss.
- IX. Work Plan – Review an update from committee and discuss
 - Sub-committee – Tom Maroney said he would get together with Louise Helton and Mathew Reed to work on the work plan.
 - Brad Donohue discussed his handout regarding the mental health and the work plan. The Citizens Advisory Committee would like to incorporate Mr. Donohue's hand out into the work plan. He stated that what he has proposed is viewed by UNLV as a practicum. This would be geared towards more of the 3rd or 4th year students that would volunteer.

- Louise Helton agreed to put together the Citizens Advisory Committee orientation for new members. Fritz provided the Mission and Objectives for DJJS for the orientation, as well as a DVD regarding the Court Process created by Ron Moore. A field trip will also be incorporated in the orientation for new members.
- X. Partnership with Juvenile Detention Alternatives Initiative - Review and discuss
- The next Juvenile Detention Alternatives Initiative (JDAI) Meeting will be held on December 14, 2011 at noon. The meeting will be held in the Zenoff Training Room, located at 601 N. Pecos Road, Las Vegas, NV 89101. No other matters were discussed.
- XI. **Town Hall Meeting**
- The upcoming town hall meeting is post-poned. Some of the sub-committee members have had an obstacle getting the word out to everyone about the town hall meeting. Mathew Reed stated they would like to still have the meeting at the Cambridge Recreation Center located at 3930 Cambridge Street, Las Vegas, NV 89119. Childcare may still be an issue during the town hall meeting. The committee tentatively rescheduled the event to **January 18, 2012 at 6 PM.**
- XII. Receive the Director's Report on the Activities of the Department of Juvenile Justice Services (DJJS) and inform Committee Members

Budget/Personnel Update

- Fritz Reese, Director stated that DJJS is on track for the budget.
- Fritz briefly went over the Detention Review sheet that was created by our ART/IT Unit.

Personnel Update

- A candidate has been selected for the Assistant Manager position in Detention, but cannot be announced until the background check is completed.
- There are three candidates for the DJJS Director position. November 16, 2011 starting at 8 AM will be speaking engagements for the candidates located in the Zenoff Training/Conference Rooms. Candidates will tour SMYC. Fritz will send out times and schedules to staff.

Legislature

- No legislation information to report.

Juvenile Detention Reform

- Fritz stated that the DRRP Program is going great.

Juvenile Justice Programming

- No Juvenile Justice Programming information to report.

XII. Public Comments

- A field trip will be conducted during the December 7, 2011 Citizens Advisory Committee meeting scheduled at 9 AM. Mr. Reese will take the committee members on a tour of Intake/Booking.

- Attorney Mari Parlade is with the Diversion Program (Truancy Court). She stated that the District Attorney's Office had a lack of resources when filing youth petitions; therefore truancy court was disseminated. Mari indicated there was a 69% turnaround period with the Truancy Court, which was good. The youth's grades and truancy situation were looked at and monitored. Truancy Court was successful because many services were wrapped into the program. The Truancy Diversion Program is not as successful as Truancy Court because it is on a volunteer basis. The youth are not giving the slips to the parents. The Diversion Program is in fourteen schools. The participation from the parents is needed. Mari would like the Citizens Advisory Committee to keep this in mind during the 2012 legislation. Perhaps a bill draft can be presented on behalf of the Diversion Program.
- Judges approved \$1,000 for the Detention Library.
- The *Thinking For a Change* training was held October 22nd through October 25, 2011 and it went well. This is a thirty-two credit hour training. Richard Robinson will be the Facilitator for the training.
- Judge Voy stated that the "*Changing Our Youths in America* (COYA) Program was approved for \$432 per kid for twelve weeks at SMYC. The Judge stated this is an excellent program for the youth. COYA is a nonprofit program providing intervention, services and mentor programs for middle and high school youth in the Clark County area. The program will form partnerships with local school districts, juvenile justice service entities and the juvenile court system.
- Judge Voy stated that monies were approved for the revised Ropes Course.
- Judge Voy, Fritz Reese, Jack Martin, and Tim Moody from Metro had a meeting to do a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU). The MOU is to have Metro Police Officers to partner with DJJS Officers while they are out in the field when working with youth.
- Jack Martin – Stated that he went to the HUD / Sherman Gardens Project meeting. Jack indicated it was a positive turn out. Some members from this meeting will be helping the Mack Kelly School Administration to work with the youth that may have some behavioral issues.
- Mr. Gant will be added to the December 7, 2011 agenda per Robert Henry's request.

Next Meeting – (December 7, 2011, 9:00 a.m., Probation Administration Conference Room, 601 N. Pecos Rd., LV, NV 89101)

XIII. Adjournment
Adjourned at 10:19 am