

MINUTES
CITIZENS ADVISORY COMMITTEE (CAC)
Clark County
Department of Juvenile Justice Services
Zenoff Conference Room, 601 N. Pecos Road, Las Vegas, NV 89101
December 7, 2011 at 9:00 am

Advisory Members Present: **Larry Ashley, Tom Maroney, Robert Henry, and Louise Helton**

Advisory Members Absent: **Mathew I. Reed**

Guest: Fritz Reese, Eric Gant, and Satonya Boyd

- I. Tour
Fritz Reese took the committee members on a tour of DJJS Intake and Booking.
- II. Call to Order at 9:40 am.
- III. Announcements from the Co-Chairman of the Citizens Advisory Committee and inform Committee Members.
 - Larry Ashley, Chairman – stated that the new DJJS Director, Russ Jennings will start on January 3, 2012.
 - All the ordinance changes were approved by the Policy & Fiscal Board. Mr. Ashley reminded members that there are currently two vacancies, and if anyone has someone of interest please to let him know.
- IV. Public Comments
 - Tom Maroney – stated that Judge Voy asked for additional funding for the Ropes Course and the Children’s Service Guild approved.
 - Mr. Maroney briefly discussed Project Soar.
- V. Approval of October 5, 2011 Minutes
 - Members approved the November 2, 2011 Minutes.
- VI. Approval of Agenda
 - Members approved the agenda.
- VII. Strategic Plan
 - Nothing to report.
- VIII. Membership/Ordinance
 - The Board of Commissioners approved the Citizens Advisory Committee’s membership/ordinance request to increase committee members from seven to eleven members.
 - Robert Henry stated that the ordinance can be staggered with the new members.

IX. Operating Procedures

- Nothing to report.

X. Work Plan

- Committee members briefly reviewed the revised Work Plan.

XI. Partnership with Juvenile Detention Alternatives Initiative

- Nothing to report.

XII. Eric Gant, Coordinator, Clark County School District – Attendance Enforcement Office

- Eric Gant is the residence expert at Clark County School District with regards to truancy. Mr. Gant went over the notification process for truancy for the elementary and secondary schools. Families receive three notifications letters. The letters are sent to the address that is on file with the school. Phone calls and meeting with parents are also done in English & Spanish. The notification letter can go out with the first unexcused absence. If a child missed school all day the school can place a phone call. If a child is out three days Child Protective Services (CPS) can get involved. An agent from CPS will do a home visit. Kids get citations once they are twelve years old. Mr. Gant stated that this based on the CCSD Statute.
- Mr. Grant also discussed credit deficiency youth with regards to diversion programs, etc.
- Mr. Reese stated that the Nevada Revised Statute dictates that confidential information is not shared amongst agencies.
- Louise Helton suggested to Mr. Gant that there needs to be a parent orientation done. She further stated that the Latin Chamber of Commerce would possibly be willing to help. This would be a great topic for the Citizens Advisory Committee's town hall meeting on **January 18, 2012 at 6 PM.**
- Truancy is a community issue.

XIII. Receive the Director's Report on the Activities of the Department of Juvenile Justice Services (DJJS) and inform Committee Members

Personnel Update

- Fritz Reese stated that the announcement of the new DJJS Director will be on December 20, 2011 BCC Agenda.

Budget/Personnel Update

- DJJS is on track with the budget.

Legislature

- No legislation information to report.

Juvenile Detention Reform

- Fritz stated that the DRRP Program is going great. The new GPS Unit is working great.

Juvenile Justice Programming

- No Juvenile Justice Programming information to report.

XIV. Public Comments

- Fritz invited everyone to the DJJS Holiday Party on December 14, 2011.

Next Meeting – (January 4, 2012, 9:00 a.m., Zenoff Conference Room, 601 N. Pecos Rd., LV, NV 89101)

XV. Adjournment

Adjourned at 10:39 am