

MINUTES
CITIZENS ADVISORY COMMITTEE (CAC)
Clark County
Department of Juvenile Justice Services
Zenoff Conference Room, 601 N. Pecos Road, Las Vegas, NV 89101
October 5, 2011 at 9:00 a.m.

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

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

Guest: Fritz Reese, Jack Martin, Judge William Voy, John Rhoads, and Satonya Boyd

- I. Call to Order at 9:02 a.m.
- II. Announcements from the Chairman of the Citizens Advisory Committee and inform Committee Members.
 - Larry Ashley, Chairman stated that he trained the Metro Crisis Team and they wanted to extend a compliment to Fritz Reese, Director by saying they see major changes within DJJS and they appreciate Mr. Reese's many efforts in all of the positive changes.
 - Mr. Ashley stated that on October 13, 2011 and October 14, 2011 interview process for DJJS Director's position will be held at the Clark County Government Center. Mr. Ashley will be representing the Citizens Advisory Committee.
- III. Public Comments
 - John Rhoads, Consultant for the Annie Casey Foundation and Juvenile Detention Alternatives Initiative (JDAI) introduced himself. He appreciates all of the work that Clark County Juvenile Justice Services has done. Mr. Rhoads stated that he thinks that it is very important that Clark County stays affiliated with the JDAI.
- IV. Approval of September 7th and September 15th Minutes
 - Members approved the September 7, 2011 Minutes and the September 15, 2011 with minor grammatical errors being corrected.
- V. Approval of Agenda
 - Members approved the agenda.
- VI. Strategic Plan
 - Citizens Advisory Committee members need to start thinking of potential candidates to join the Citizens Advisory Committee for desired new positions. Eloiza Martinez' position needs to be filled as well.
- VII. Membership/Ordinance
 - Motion approved to discuss changes and place membership/ordinance on agenda for. The committee members to have eleven members instead of seven members.
- VIII. Operating Procedures

- Motion made and approved to adopt the operating procedures.

IX. Work Plan – Review an update from committee and discuss

- Committee discussed changes.
- Robert Henry will be on the Truancy committee. Judge Voy stated that he will have someone from Diversion Court to appear at the November 2, 2011 to speak to the Citizens Advisory Committee Meeting.
- Citizens Advisory Committee briefly discussed the Town Hall meeting that will be held in late October 2011 at the Cambridge Center.
- Mr. Henry stated that the committee needs to start focusing on the Mental Health Services. A sub-committee was established at this meeting, which is Larry Ashley, Brad Donahue, and Mr. Henry. Fritz Reese stated that Cheryl Wright, of DJJS Clinical Services will be available to ask questions to if the sub-committee needs her.
- Louise Helton agreed to put together the Citizens Advisory Committee orientation for new members.

X. Partnership with Juvenile Detention Alternatives Initiative - Review and discuss

- Mr. Henry wants the members to think of a way to blend information from the Juvenile Detention Alternatives Initiative Executive meetings and DMC meetings.
- Motioned made to keep Juvenile Detention Alternatives Initiative (JDAI) as a standing agenda item.

XI. 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 briefly stated that the County is still in the red financially.
- At this time there are ninety-two youth in the DRRP program.
- Jack Martin, Assistant Director is in charge of establishing some of the training that DJJS Probation Officers will be taking. There will be eleven Probation Officers attending the *Thinking For a Change* training on October 22nd through October 25, 2011. This is a thirty-two credit hour training. Richard Robinson will be the Facilitator of the training.
- The Department of Juvenile Justice Services would like to do presentations that the Citizens Advisory Committee would like to do. DJJS can do fieldtrips (Detention, the courtroom, Clinical Services, etc.) that interest the committee.

Personnel Update

- Mr. Reese stated that DJJS has approximately twelve positions in limbo due to the County being in the red.

Legislative

- No legislation information to report.

Juvenile Detention Reform

- No Juvenile Detention Reform information to report.

Juvenile Justice Programming

- No Juvenile Justice Programming information to report.

XII. Public Comments

- John Rhoads stated that Annie Casey sent out information October 4, 2011 called “No Place for Children.” Please take a look at this information you can find it online.
- Mr. Rhoads suggested that DJJS look for partnerships in the area of Mental Health. This type of partnership can really benefit Clark County and Juvenile Justice Services as a whole.

Next Meeting – (November 2, 2011, 9:00 a.m., Zenoff Conference Room, 601 N. Pecos Rd., LV, NV 89101)

XIII. Adjournment

Adjourned at 10:20 am