

MINUTES
CITIZENS ADVISORY COMMITTEE (CAC)

Clark County
Department of Juvenile Justice Services
Zenoff Conference Room, 601 N. Pecos Road, Las Vegas, NV 89101
September 5, 2012 at 9:00 a.m.

Advisory Members Present: Larry Ashley, Tom Maroney, Robert Henry, Tiffany Tyler, Heidi Swank, Joelyne Gold-Nance, Brian Petrilla, Anthony York, Leisa Moseley, and Louise Helton

Advisory Members Absent: Arnold Stalk

Guest: Fritz Reese, Brigid Duffy, John Martin, 2 UNLV Students, and Satonya Boyd

I. **Call to Order** at 9:00 am.

II. **Announcements from the Chairman of the Citizens Advisory Committee and inform Committee Members.**

- Larry Ashley, Chairman welcomed new members.
- Mr. Ashley stated that the new mental health facility named P.R.A.C.T.I.C.E. Center will be open on October 17, 2012 at UNLV.

III. **Public Comments**

- Introductions were done.
- Leisa Moseley stated that the due date for BDR's is coming up soon. One of the issues that will be a topic this year will be juveniles being charged as adults. Mr. Ashley stated that the BDR's are very important to the Citizens Advisory Committee.
- Robert Henry briefly discussed youth confinement in the adult facility (High Desert). Mr. Henry stated that it would be helpful to have someone to come out and speak to the Citizens Advisory Committee. There are six teachers and one counselor at High Desert. Louise Helton suggested that going to High Desert would be a great part of the Citizens Advisory Committee's Orientation; this would not be part of the regular meeting. This will be a field trip for the members and they will schedule at their leisure.
- Heidi Swank suggested that the endorsed Senators come to the December or January 2013 Citizens Advisory Committee Meeting.
- Upcoming legislation should be the focus of the October Citizens Advisory Committee meeting. The November 7th meeting will be moved to **November 14th at 9am in the Zenoff Training Room.**

IV. **Approval of June 6, 2012 Minutes**

- Members approved the June 6, 2012 Minutes.

V. **Approval of Agenda**

- Members approved the agenda.

VI. **Strategic Plan**

- The committee stated that they would like to present the Work Plan to the Policy & Fiscal Committee at their next meeting.

VII. **Membership/Ordinance**

- The membership for Citizens Advisory Committee is now complete with eleven members.

VIII. **Operating Procedures**

- Nothing to report.

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

- The Citizens Advisory Committee will have a meeting in the near future to just focus on the work plan.
- Ms. Helton suggested that an annual report needs to be created to show the boards accomplishments. *This will be an agenda item.* Revisions will also be done for the Citizens Advisory Committee Work Plan Based on Strategic Plan dated November 2011.
- Sexually Exploited Youth, Truancy, and Mental Health are some of this group's targeted goals to be discussed.

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

- Nothing to report.

XI. **Town Hall Meeting**

- The Citizens Advisory Committee stated there will be a Town Hall Meeting; approximately fifty people are hoped to attend the meeting. The Town Hall Meeting will be held on *November 13, 2012 at 6 pm.* It will be located at Nevada Partners.
- Truancy will be one of the topics discussed at the meeting. Tables will be set up with community providers along with brochures to help the community. Joelyne Gold-Nance suggested that discussion at the Town Hall Meeting can focus on us as a community needing to understand why youth are having an issue with truancy. Secondly, provide resources for truancy and the effects of truancy on our community. Thirdly, providing education material to the community is imperative at the Town Hall Meeting.

- Mr. Henry will check with his contact person to speak at the Town Hall Meeting for truancy.
- November 1, 2012 is the next policy & fiscal affairs meeting and the Citizens Advisory Committee will have a letter from them for the Governor.
- The sub-committee members for the Town Hall Meeting are Louise Helton, Robert Henry, Joelyne Gold-Nance, and Heidi Swank.
- Mr. Henry stated that having a Town Hall Meeting at one of the continuation schools and high schools would be extremely beneficial.

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

- See Attachment: Director's Report
- Send Brett Allen and invite for the November 14, 2012 Citizens Advisory Committee Meeting
- John "Jack" Martin has agreed to be the Interim DJJS Director until Clark County decides how they would like to move forward with the Director position.

XII. Public Comments

- Tom Maroney stated that the Ropes Course is on hold again. Mr. Maroney explained to the new members what Project Soar is. The desire is to integrate the Ropes Course and Project Soar.
- Mr. Maroney stated that the Governor wants to build a military type program for youth in Carlin, NV because there is an old youth camp there. Mr. Maroney stated that this project may be included in the Governor's budget and he hopes that the Citizens Advisory Committee should support this.
- Mr. Maroney shared that the Children's Guild bought a pitching machine for the SMYC Baseball Team.
- Spring Mountain Youth Camp annual picnic was held on August 10, 2012 and it was a successful turnout.

Next Meeting – (November 14, 2012, 9:00 a.m., Zenoff Conference Room, 601 N. Pecos Road, Nevada Partners Las Vegas, Nevada 89101)

XIII. Adjournment

Adjourned at 10:11 am