

MINUTES
CITIZENS ADVISORY COMMITTEE (CAC)
Clark County
Department of Juvenile Justice Services
Zenoff Conference Room, 601 N. Pecos Road, Las Vegas, NV 89101
October 2, 2013 at 9:00 a.m.

Advisory Members Present: Tom Maroney, Leisa Moseley, Joelyne Gold-Nance, Tiffany Tyler, , Heidi Swank, Arnold Stalk, Louise Helton, and Robert Henry

Advisory Members Absent: Anthony York, Pat Nelson, and Priscila Rivera Gonzalez

Guest: John Martin, Patrick Schreiber, Judge William Voy, 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.

- Tom Maroney, Chairman welcomed everyone.

III. Public Comments

No Comments

IV. Approval of September 11, 2013 Minutes

- Members approved the September 11, 2013 Minutes.

V. Approval of Agenda

- Members approved the agenda.

VI. Membership/Ordinance

- Nothing to report

VII. New Chair Voting Process Discussion

- The Committee approved Tom Maroney for Chair *motioned has been approved* at the September 11, 2013 Citizens Advisory Committee Meeting. He accepts his new position.
- The Committee approved Tiffany Tyler for Co-Chair *motioned has been approved* at the September 11, 2013 Citizens Advisory Committee Meeting. She accepts her new position.

VIII. Legislation Issues/Topics - Review and update from committee, discuss, and take possible action.

- Heidi Swank stated that at the next meeting she will bring information pertaining to truancy. Judge Voy added information about a voluntary pilot program called SARB. He briefly explained SARB by stating that formal petitions will be filed after a letter is sent to parents about the child's truancy. The Judge stated that the community is getting involved with school counselors, lay people, Metro, and some community providers. This will help give the youth and the families some resources. SARB had their first meeting on September 25, 2013. The next meeting is sometime this month. SARB is modeled after the Truancy Diversion Court Program.
- John Martin, Director stated that the Department of Juvenile Justice Services (DJJS) was audited last month. Due to the 2011 legislation the Department will be doing a one hundred percent background check on every employee. Mr. Martin congratulated the Detention Division due to their handling of Medicaid applications. There are a few areas with the Medicaid process that will need to be fine tuned. The Auditor stated that DJJS is doing a really good job. Immediate grounds for termination will take place for those employees who have substantiated felony charges. It is a problem if employees have not notified Management.
- Mr. Martin briefly discussed SB107. The Department of Juvenile Justice Services is getting some guidance from our liaison, which is Pauline Salla who works with the State.

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

- Mr. Martin stated that there isn't anything to report other than the JDAI sub-committee groups are meeting once a month and getting things worked out.

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

Budget/Personnel Update

Mr. Martin gave a brief update for the Department of Juvenile Justice Services' budget and personnel as follows:

- There will be a nationwide recruitment for the Manager of Detention and it closes October 4, 2013. Mr. Martin briefly went over the hiring process.
- DJJS was recently allowed to convert two positions to Juvenile Probation Officers. These positions will be located at SMYC.
- Fifteen cadets will start October 14, 2013 with the DJJS POST Academy.

- Mr. Martin requested sixteen new positions. One of those positions will be a QA Position. This person will look at the current processes of the department as a whole and possibly streamline those processes where necessary. This position will be a schedule 30 and will be under Administration.

XI. Public Comments

- Judge Voy briefly stated that DJJS is under staffed in terms of Juvenile Probation Officers.
- Tiffany Tyler, Co-Chairman stated that she thinks the committee needs to focus on a few things and make target areas such as public perception and public safety. She wants the committee to come up with an action plan. She will advise Mr. Martin of what she needs from him specifically.
- Arnold Stalk stated there is a funding issue. Taking existing resources and changing them to accommodate the youth to continuously decrease our youth population. DJJS has been doing more with less.
- This next item can be an agenda item. Heidi Swank suggested that the committee needs a grant writer and someone to do marketing for the committee. Perhaps something can be done on a pro-bono.
- Judge Voy stated that the old Summit View Facility has now been taken over by Rite of Passage (ROP). It has been renamed as Red Rock Academy and it has 46 beds. The youth that the Judge would normally send to Elko and youth that have borderline certification based on public safety will be sent to the new facility. There is razor wire around the facility. The facility will be opening soon.
- Robert Tarter, Principal at High Desert School has portable class rooms for people that eighteen years old and older. Their focus is trying to get youth through high school and GED's. They are trying to build a school building for the youth. He's trying to figure out if there are grants to help build his school. He wants the youth to build the school. He passed out a summary to the committee members with all of his contact information.

Next Meeting – (November 6, 2013 9:00 a.m., Zenoff Conference Room, 601 N. Pecos Road, Las Vegas, Nevada 89101)

XII. Adjournment

Adjourned at 10:36 am