

MEETING MINUTES
CITIZENS ADVISORY COMMITTEE (CAC)
Clark County
Department of Juvenile Justice Services
Zenoff Conference Room, 601 N. Pecos Road, Las Vegas, NV 89101
May 1, 2013 at 9:00 a.m.

Present: Tom Maroney, Larry Ashley, Joelyne Gold-Nance, Tiffany T. Tyler, Arnold Stalk, Marc Humphries, Louise Helton, Carol McWaters

I. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order. There was not a quorum until later in the meeting.

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

Mr. Larry Ashley discussed membership expiration dates. Some members' terms are expiring in June. Each member needs to express an interest in continuing on the committee. A former member, Pat Nelson, has expressed interest in joining again. A copy of the application will be forwarded to her by Tom Maroney. Louise Helton expressed interest in continuing on the committee.

III. Public Comments

There were no public comments at this time.

IV. Approval of March 6, 2013 minutes

The minutes were approved as written.

V. Approval of Agenda

The Agenda was approved as written.

VI. Strategic / Work Plan – Review and update, discuss, and take possible action of proposed “goals” for 2013.

Additional Goal:

The committee would like to designate a representative, possibly Alex Ortiz from the Department of Family Services, who is knowledgeable and informed about the Legislative sessions, so that in 2015, the Committee will be prepared to assist the Department on important bills.

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

SB 177 – The use of or purchase of tobacco products to be considered a criminal offense. There is no way to enforce any type of consequence for those that are charged.

AB 67 -The treatment of teen prostitution – changing the way it is viewed, not an offense, but a victim.

VIII. Partnership with Juvenile Detention Alternatives Initiative - Review and update from committee, discuss, and take possible action.

Nothing to report at this time.

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

a. Budget/Personnel Update

The department was not funded for comp and overtime pay for FY 2012/2013. This creates a fiscal difficulty. Staff shortages, staff at training, or teaching mandated training, creates needs for overtime/comp time in order to maintain Best Practices in detention and SMYC.

The Peace Officers Standards Training (POST) Academy will be from May 13 to July 12th. Covering for staff that are either teaching or attending the Academy creates further strain on the budget.

b. Juvenile Detention Reform

The indiscriminate shackling of all youth has been discontinued. Only youth that are a possible risk are shackled. This requires additional staff to stay in the courtroom the entire time.

c. Juvenile Justice Programming

Tom Maroney & Tiffany Tyler discussed the partnership between Spring Mountain Youth Camp (SMYC), Nevada Partners and the Children's Service Guild to possibly create a vocational training program at SMYC. At the present time, SMY has the Culinary & Forestry Programs. Plans are to begin working with Nevada Partners, so youth will be able to transfer from the program they are in at SMYC to a Nevada Partners program. An additional program that would be feasible is learning to be a barber.

Arnold Stalk discussed working with County staff on grant funding for upkeep and repairs at SMYC. The physical plan a youth and family are introduced to can set the tone for how they view the program. This committee could take the lead to find out what grants are available, either through the County or the governor's office. The point person for this endeavor would be Assistant County Manager Jeff Wells and Real Property Management. A list needs to be made to clarify what is needed at SMYC. Judge Voy discussed presenting this in a positive way so businesses would be willing to be involved.

Mr. Stalk noted that with Las Vegas having the largest auto mall in the nation, having an automotive program would be advantageous. Joelyne Gold-Nance discussed the Bureau of Vocational Rehabilitation.

The ROPES Challenge Course is completed and the department has held an unofficial opening. Twenty (20) staff are trained as Instructors on the course. Discussion was held as to the possibility of touring the Course at the next CAC meeting. The vision for the ROPES Course is for use by the youth in the juvenile justice system. Different agencies, including Metro and the National Guard have requested permission to use the Course. This is still under advisement.

Mr. Humphries discussed the Las Vegas Metropolitan Police Department – Safe Village Initiative. A big thank you to Judge Voy for facilitating the purchase of the sporting equipment.

Thinking 4 a Change training (T4C) is being taught throughout the department. Everyone working with youth is being trained.

X. Public Comments

Nothing to Report at this time.

Setting of Next Meeting – (June 5, 2013 at 9:00 a.m., Zenoff Conference Room, 601 N. Pecos Road, Las Vegas, NV 89101.

XI. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned.