

**MINUTES**  
**CITIZENS ADVISORY COMMITTEE (CAC)**  
Clark County  
Department of Juvenile Justice Services  
Zenoff Conference Room, 601 N. Pecos Road, Las Vegas, NV 89101  
January 8, 2014 at 9:00 a.m.

Advisory Members Present: Tom Maroney, Joelyne Gold-Nance, Tiffany Tyler, Heidi Swank, Arnold Stalk, Louise Helton, Pat Nelson, Anthony York, and Robert Henry

Advisory Members Absent: Leisa Moseley and Priscila Rivera Gonzalez

**Guest:** John Martin, Patrick Schreiber, Judge William Voy, and Satonya Boyd

**I. Call to Order** at 9:05 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 December 4, 2013 Minutes**

- Members approved the December 4, 2013 Minutes.

**V. Approval of Agenda**

- Members approved the agenda.

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

- John Martin, Director provided a brief follow up of **Assembly Bill 217** as it pertains to the Department of Juvenile Justice Services (DJJS). Assembly Bill 217 revises provisions governing criminal background checks of employees and applicants for employment with a department of juvenile justice services or an agency which provides child welfare services. Background checks of all DJJS employees have been completed. The Clark County Human Resources Department is still working through the NCIC background check process. Letters are being drafted to those employees who have substantiated charges such as domestic violence and DUI, advising them that they have thirty days to provide proof to the department that everything has been taken care of.
- Mr. Martin provided a brief follow up of **Senate Bill 107** as it pertains to the Department of Juvenile Justice Services (DJJS). Senate Bill 107 restricts the use of solitary confinement on persons in confinement. Sets statewide standards and limits on the use of solitary confinement in prison. The impact of solitary confinement can be debilitating on people with prior mental health issues and poor social adjustment and juvenile offenders.

Mr. Martin stated that reporting measures are being done at DJJS. Restrictive room confinement is being notated by our detention staff. A two hour hold is the average for a youth confined. The new Detention Manager, Carolyn Banks is working on positive consequences for youth when they are in confinement.

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

- Mr. Martin stated that we are still in partnership with Hayward Burns and that DJJS is working to improve case management within in our department, therefore, matters pertaining to Juvenile Detention Alternatives Initiatives will be handled on the back part of this.
- Mr. Martin has a meeting with January 27, 2014 with Lisa Ruiz-Lee, Manager of Family Services and Timothy Burch, Director for Social Services to discuss a Crisis Intervention Shelter. This will be a collaborative assessment program center for youth. Youth do not have to be adjudicated. It is imperative to get DFS, Social Services, DJJS, along with seven providers to get on one system of care. Mr. Arnold Stalk stated that he will help with terms of finding a location.
- The Policy & Fiscal Board meeting is on February 6, 2014 at 12:30 pm in the Joshua Conference Room on the 6<sup>th</sup> floor of the Government Center.

***Motion – Citizens Advisory Committee Members approved a motion to support the Crisis Intervention Shelter. Consensus support from the Citizens Advisory Committee will be presented to the Policy & Fiscal Board at the meeting on February 6, 2014.***

***Motion - Citizens Advisory Committee Members approved a motion for their three goals for 2014 (1) legislation (2) public information (3) Crisis Intervention Shelter.***

#### **VIII. 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:

- Mr. Martin stated he will be asking for fourteen positions at the Policy & Fiscal Board on February 6, 2014 at 12:30 pm.
- Mr. Martin thanked Dr. Robert Henry for assisting with “The Bedding Process”. This program will start the first of February 2014. The Services Providers that will be involved in the process will have their place of business visited twice a year to ensure that business practices are being done properly. This new process was formatted by Cheryl Wright, Manager of DJJS Clinical Services and Brett Allen, Manager of DJJS Probation.

- Out of state of Medicaid will put pressure on Service Providers to continue to provide necessary services that are needed for the youth.
- There are four Supervisor positions open.
- The Quality Assurance position interviews were held on January 7, 2014. 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.
- Mr. Martin stated that the SMYC Wrestling Team took first place at a Foothill Tournament. The youth are doing great! Thanks to Al McDaniels and Aaron Masden for coaching the youth.
- The SMYC football Team came in second place.
- The SMYC Culinary Vocation Program is making great strides.
- Evening Report Center – This program is in the discussion process. The program will be geared to pick youth up after school and deliver them to the Evening Report Center. DJJS wants to wrap many resources inside this center. Mr. Martin will be meeting with Melvin Ennis on January 9, 2014 to discuss helping children to avoid incarceration. We would like to create a partnership with Parks & Recreation / Melvin Ennis.

#### **XI. Public Comments**

- Add Citizens Advisory Committee Board 2014 goals to next CAC Agenda  
(1) legislation (2) public information (3) Crisis Intervention Shelter
- Invite Erik Pappa, Director of Public Communications to next CAC Meeting
- Preparation for the Policy & Fiscal Board Meeting on next CAC Agenda
- Satonya Boyd, Administrative Secretary to send out the Harlem Children Zone link to the Citizens Advisory Committee
- Talk to Mark Wood about sending a letter to the “new” committee member about declining the position on the DJJS Citizens Advisory Committee Board. Committee members talked about possibly having someone from the Latin Chamber of Commerce.
- Add Citizens Advisory Committee Board Discussions as an agenda item

Next Meeting – (February 5, 2014 9:00 a.m., Zenoff Conference Room, 601 N. Pecos Road, Las Vegas, Nevada 89101)

#### **X. Adjournment**

Adjourned at 10:43 am