

**MINUTES**  
**CITIZENS ADVISORY COMMITTEE (CAC)**  
Clark County

Department of Juvenile Justice Services  
Zenoff Conference Room, 601 N. Pecos Road, Las Vegas, NV 89101  
February 4, 2015 at 9:00 a.m.

**Advisory Members Present:** Tom Maroney, Josephine Bonomo, Anthony York, Tiffany Tyler, Robert Henry, Leisa Moseley *on phone*, and Pat Nelson *on phone*

**Advisory Members Absent:** Lisa Hibbler, Ronell Mann, David Doyle, and Louise Helton

**Guest:** John Martin, Catherine Jorgenson, Stacey Welling, Public Communications, and Satonya Boyd

- I. **Call to Order** at 9:00 am.
- II. **Public Comments**
  - No public comments.
- III. **Approval of January 7, 2015 Minutes**
  - Members approved the January 7, 2015 Minutes.
- IV. **Approval of Agenda**
  - Members approved the agenda.
- V. **Receive the Director's Report on the Activities of the Department of Juvenile Justice Services (DJJS) and inform Committee Members**

**Budget/Personnel Update**

**Budget** – Nothing to report.

**Retirement** – Joe Sadovich and Ed Cheltenham will be honored before the Board of County Commissioners on February 3, 2015.

**Fitness Program** - We want to approach the Children Services Guild for a fitness program at Spring Mountain Youth Camp (SMYC). This will be focused around boxing. This is going to run just like a sports program. The youth have to earn their way in. We are really excited about this.

**Work Force Connection** – Mr. Martin stated that Work Force Connection would like to work with the youth. We are dialoguing with the College of Southern Nevada for to develop certification programs for our youth that are short in time periods, free to the youth, and lead to gainful employment or interest the youth in attending post-secondary education. We have a challenge transitioning youth that are eighteen.

**DJJS Strategic Plan** – Juvenile Justice Services is short staffed. There are several vacancies for Juvenile Probation Officers. We are scheduling another POST Academy in March 2015.

**Assessment Center** – The Assessment Center is on hold for right now. There is a screening tool that we are going to use on one hundred fifty youth. We want to build a response grid around our youth. We're trying to avoid youth going back through the system. A grant was written by the City of Las Vegas and DJJS that will assist in providing technical assistance. We are still looking for partners for the Assessment Center.

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

- Mr. Martin stated that Juvenile Justice Services is tracking SB 99 and 58. SB 58 is a communication bill. SB 99 is a bill that pertains to the Adam Walsh Act. District Attorney's Brigid Duffy and Catherine Jorgenson are also working on the language. We want to work in the best interest of the child. We are still currently working under the 2007 legislation. The law as currently written is forcing children with low level sex offenses to register for the rest of their life as a sex offender. There are tiers for different low level offenses.
- Juvenile Justice Services is tracking a lot of collective bargaining bills.
- Juvenile Justice Services is tracking the isolation bill.
- Alex Ortiz, Yolanda King, Mr. Martin and a few others are representing Juvenile Justice Services. We want to continue the communication of continuum of care.
- CCSDPD Captain Anthony York briefly spoke about the truancy bill with conjunction to taking a youth's driver's license.
- Mr. Martin stated that there is no bill at this time that truly needs the assistance of the Citizens Advisory Committee Members. If assistance is needed Mr. Martin would need committee members to assist.

**VII. Assessment Center and Media - Review and update from committee, discuss, and take possible action.**

Stacey Welling is with the Clark County Communications Department. Ms. Welling stated that their goal is to increase public awareness for Juvenile Justice Services. She briefly went over a handout. One of their challenges is protecting the confidentiality of the youth. Dr. Tiffany Tyler stated that the committee would like to show people that have already gone through the system and come back as a success story. Stacey stated that is possible, but we still have to be careful in presenting the story to the media. The goal is to release positive information for juvenile justice services every three months. Stacey Welling will make revisions on the communications plan

and send it to Satonya Boyd and she will distribute to committee members. This will be an agenda item. Dr. Tyler was thinking of a one page fact sheet to highlight Juvenile Justice Services. Mr. Martin stated that this would be a great idea. The fact sheet will show the tangible outcomes for Juvenile Justice Services. Mr. Maroney also suggested to list on the fact sheet how much China Springs is funded vs. SMYC.

**VIII. Informational Items**

- Announcements  
Nothing to report
- Other information that may be of interest to the Committee and the public  
Catherine Jorgenson passed out a handout make this an agenda item.

**IX. Identify emerging issues to be addressed by the Committee at future**

**Meetings**

Nothing to report

**X. Public Comments**

Nothing

Next meeting will be March 4, 2015 at 9:00 a.m., Director's Office Conference Room, 601 N. Pecos Road, Las Vegas, NV 89101

**XI. Adjournment**

10:45 am