

MINUTES
CITIZENS ADVISORY COMMITTEE (CAC)
Clark County
Department of Juvenile Justice Services
Zenoff Conference Room, 601 N. Pecos Road, Las Vegas, NV 89101
January 7, 2015 at 9:00 a.m.

Advisory Members Present: Tom Maroney, Josephine Bonomo, David Doyle, Anthony York, Tiffany Tyler, Robert Henry by phone, and Pat Nelson

Advisory Members Absent: Lisa Hibbler, Leisa Moseley, Ronell Mann, and Louise Helton

Guest: John Martin, Patrick Schreiber, Catherine Jorgenson, Jerry Cowan, 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 all new members.
- Everyone introduced themselves.

III. Public Comments

- Visitor, Jerry Cowan, is a new resident who is retired from the United States Air Force and he is also a student at UNLV. He indicated that he wanted to come to the Citizens Advisory Committee Meeting to see what it was about.

IV. Approval of June 4, 2014 Minutes

- Members approved the June 4, 2014 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 stated that the DJJS team is tracking bills, and there are some bills they will be supporting during the 2015 legislation. There are several bills that have been worked on for the past few years. Mr. Martin will bring a list of bills to the next meeting that we are working on if this committee is interested.
- Mr. Martin will invite Stacey Welling to go over the media information at the February meeting.

VII. Membership/Ordinance - Review and update from committee, discuss, and take possible action.

- Mr. Maroney indicated that there had been some discussions in the past to reduce the quorum size. To date the eleven membership positions have been filled.
- Catherine Jorgenson, Deputy DA will give an approximate hour long training to new members regarding the open meeting laws at the next meeting.

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

Budget/Personnel Update

- Mr. Martin indicated eleven new cadets past the POST Academy and the graduation was held December 19, 2014.
- Joseph Sadovich, JPO Supervisor retired after thirty-three years of service; Ed Cheltenham, JPO is retiring after thirty-five years of service; and Donald McLeod, JPO Supervisor retired after thirty years of service.
- The Department of Juvenile Justice Services budget remains stagnant.
- The Department of Juvenile Justice Services is excited about the extension of our clinical staff. Robin Turner-Mosley will be doing a focus on substance abuse at SMYC. There will also be a clinical position for the Evening Reporting Center.
- Carolyn Banks has opened an honors room in Detention for youth. Mrs. Banks is working really hard to get some positive programing in Detention.
- We have a grant for a technical system to for tracking disproportionate youth with Lisa Hibbler from the City of Las Vegas.
- The building of a second halfway house grant was approved by the Community Development Block Grant Board for a sixteen bed facility. This will go before the Board of County Commissioners in February 2015. This will be implemented in 2016. Hopefully, if passed the girls will get the older building. The Department of Juvenile Justice Services is really excited about this. Michael Whelihan, SMYC Supervisor, and Evelyn Grippaldi, Management Analyst are responsible for doing a great job on the grant.

- Mr. Martin has a 2 pm meeting today with the Probation Manager and Clinical Services Manager about getting a screening tool to update the intake screen on when a juvenile comes into booking.
- We just had some world champion boxers up at SMYC to speak to the youth. A fitness program may be opening up at the Camp.
- Our youth are doing well in basketball and wrestling at SMYC. All of these programs will assist youth in discipline.
- Evening Reporting Center (ERC) will be opening April or May 2015. The Southwest Probation Center is being forced to move due and this will allow us to combine the two centers. The location we are scouting out is at Rainbow and Sahara.
- We had six youth graduate from the HIT Culinary Program located at SMYC, and four of them are employed. The youth are certified once they leave this program. We want to get the program extended down to Detention. Right now we have ten youth registered at SMYC in the HIT Culinary Program. We will invite the Citizens Advisory Committee members to the graduation. The graduating youth will prepare the meal for the ceremony.
- Wrestling Program at SMYC is awesome! Our youth are competing with the large schools Al McDaniels and the other coaches are doing a great job.
- \$250,000 comes from our emergency fund to truck water to SMYC.

In general, Mr. Martin's philosophy for the department is *to do the best for kids while keeping our communities safe*. We need to take chances on kids. We believe there are too many kids on probation and we have too many kids of color. Mr. Martin stated that Diversion Court, case management, and raising the expectations are the reasons for the numbers being reduced. We are screening and assessing these youth properly. We want the referrals to drop. We want the kids here that we can help.

IX. Citizens Advisory Committee Board Discussion - Review and update from committee, discuss, and take possible action.

- Members discussed if it is really necessary to have sub-committee meetings immediately following the Citizens Advisory Committee. Members suggested to change the agenda to prevent this, with hopes to getting all items discussed in one meeting.
- All sub-committees will meet in February to do committee assignments.
- At the March meeting members will be reminded about committee memberships expiring in June 2015, and that they will need to go online and reapply if they want to remain on the committee.

X. Public Comments

Visitor, Jerry Cowan asked the committee to explain the essence of the sub-committees. Mr. Maroney advised that sub-committees are to help the committee as a whole to work on different projects simultaneously that will effectively assist the Department of Juvenile Justice Services with legislation, the Assessment Center, etc.

Next Meeting – (February 4, 2015 at 9:00 a.m., Zenoff Conference Room, 601 N. Pecos Road, Las Vegas, Nevada 89101)

XI. Adjournment

Adjourned at 10:40 am