

MINUTES
CITIZENS ADVISORY COMMITTEE (CAC)
Clark County

Department of Juvenile Justice Services
Director's Conference Room, 601 N. Pecos Road, Las Vegas, NV 89101
January 4, 2017 at 9:00am to 11:00am

Advisory Members Present: David Doyle, Robert Henry, Tiffany Tyler, Lisa Morris-Hibbler, Ricardo Villalobos, Dominika Washington, and Charla Vieira

Advisory Members Absent: Anthony York (excused), Josephine Bonomo (excused), Leisa Moseley (excused), and Kelli Kristo

Ex-officio Member: John M. Martin

Attendees: Steve Morris, Chris Cisneros, and Dee Wirth

Minutes completed by: Shannon Freire

- I. Call to Order – 9:02am**
- II. Public Comments – N/A**
- III. Approval of December 7, 2016 Minutes**
 - a. Approved.**
- IV. Approval of Agenda**
 - a. Approved.**
- V. Receive the Director's Report on the Activities of the Department of Juvenile Justice Services (DJJS)**
 - a. Budget/Personnel Update**
 - i.** DJJS is working on a 10 year facility plan for our detention center, as some of it was built in the 1960's. We have \$400,000 from TCM allocated for this project.
 - ii.** Mr. Martin will be meeting with Director Whitley from Health and Human Services to assess the funding model for group homes, Medicaid billing, and IV-E Funding. Brett Allen, Probation Manager, is completing a cost analysis also.
 - iii.** Mr. Martin is requesting some DJJS positions get moved from Medicaid TCM funding to hard money. He will not be asking for more positions this year.
 - b. Legislature –** The Governor has one “super bill” directly effecting DJJS this legislation session. It will mandate a validated risk assessment tool within juvenile justice agencies to ensure consistency around service delivery, help to reduce disproportionality, and build on improving case management.

Probation intake has begun this process with a screening tool developed by UNLV.

- c. **Juvenile Detention Reform** - The risk assessment tool Probation Intake is currently using will help youth get the appropriate level of services and ensure services are accessed in a timely manner. Mr. Martin is also working with the Court to create a mental health court calendar so youth can see a Judge sooner and again get quickly connected to services. This will help reduce the average stay in detention for youth.
- d. **Juvenile Justice Programming**
 - i. DJJS has a new training team, the Professional Services Unit, consisting of two Juvenile Probation Officers and a JPO supervisor. They will conduct our JPO Academies and update trainings internally.
 - ii. Probation continues to explore relocation and property purchase options for our Eastside center. There will be vocational components offered at this site.
 - iii. Mr. Martin has been working on a soccer program at Spring Mountain Youth Camp. The program should be up and running this year.
 - iv. Mr. Martin is working with the CCSD to pilot the placing of DJJS Probation Officers at a number of schools.
- e. **The Harbor Update (formerly known as the Assessment Center)**
 - i. More than 300 families have been serviced through the Harbor.
 - ii. Executive Director Cesar Lemos continues to train/inform agencies and schools around the community on what the Harbor is and the resources available within.
 - iii. There are still ongoing discussions on The Harbor's final location site. It will depend on funding and space options.
 - iv. Workforce Connections is partnering with The Harbor in 2017. We are waiting on the inter-local agreement now.

VI. **CAC Strategic Goals for 2016-17**

- a. **The Harbor and Reducing disproportionality** – Once Caseload Pro goes online, the system will begin to track live data to show program and providers effectiveness. It will also assist with (along with the risk assessment tool) assuring recommendations for service are appropriate and consistent based on the needs of the child.
- b. **Mental Health and Crisis Intervention** – This board discussed youth not being assessed properly or in a timely matter and how to streamline the mental health process. Mr. Martin again spoke about the difference a mental health court calendar can make. Youth will be assessed sooner and connected to quality services
- c. **Gender Specific Programming** – No update at this time.
- d. **Training and Quality Assurance** – Board members discussed the Professional Services Unit and the advantages of having employees dedicated to training and quality assurance within the agency. We will be able to develop training based on our needs.
- e. **Expanding Resources for juvenile justice clients exiting the system** – Mr. Martin discussed the need for improved case plan and transitional planning for

youth when probation and other juvenile justice services are coming to an end. We will work towards making one case plan for youth across our divisions instead of multiple plans. If we are all on the same page and move youth quicker through the system, youth will have the best chance to be successful and, reduce recidivism.

VII. Informational Items

a. Announcements

- i.** Next meeting is February 1, 2017 at 9:00 a.m., Director's Office Conference Room, 601 N. Pecos Road, Las Vegas, NV 89101.
- ii.** DJJS will be hosting a "Dismantling the School to Prison Pipeline Conference" on January 13, 2017 from 8am-4pm. Discussions will include disproportionate minority contact, legislation, and more. Please RSVP to Lee Quick. Call the Director's office if you need contact info, 702-455-5210.

b. Other information that may be of interest to the Committee and the public – Next Policy and Fiscal Affairs meeting will be January 12, 2017 at 12:30pm in the County Manager's Conference room at the Government Center.

c. Identify emerging issues to be addressed by the Committee at future meetings - NA

VIII. Public Comments

IX. Adjournment – 9:59am