

MINUTES
CITIZENS ADVISORY COMMITTEE (CAC)

Clark County

Department of Juvenile Justice Services

Director's Conference Room, 601 N. Pecos Road, Las Vegas, NV 89101

November 1, 2017 at 9:00am to 11:00am

Advisory Members Present: David Doyle, Tiffany Tyler, Leisa Moseley, Robert Henry, Joseph Sadovich, Georgette Patterson, Ricardo Villalobos, Josephine Bonomo, Dominka Washington, and Leroy Wordlaw

Advisory Members Absent: Kelli Kristo

Ex-officio Member: John M. Martin

Attendees: Jennifer Kaiser

Minutes completed by: Shannon Freire

- I. **Call to Order** – 9:03am
- II. **Introductions**
- III. **Public Comments** N/A
- IV. **Approval of 10/4/17 CAC minutes** - Approved
- V. **Approval of Agenda** - Approved
- VI. **Review board member Kelli Kristo's CAC membership** – After review of CAC member's attendance, the board approved motion to remove Kelli Kristo as a CAC member for DJJS. Ms. Kristo has not attended a meeting since July 2016 and has not contacted the Board since October 2016.
- VII. **Receive the Director's Report on the Activities of the Department of Juvenile Justice Services**
 - a. **Budget/Personnel Update**
 - a. As of today, there are 16 youth in DJJS Detention that should be housed with the Division of Child and Family Services that are on parole. This keeps the detention population high and raises the average stay for youth in the facility from a usual 9.9 day length of stay because an average length of stay for these youth is 31days.
 - b. Next Juvenile Probation Officer Academy is scheduled for February. DJJS is starting the recruitment now to ensure we fill the vacancies.
 - c. In the next few months, three management positions will be vacant due to retirements. Mr. Martin thanked Ms. Carolyn Banks, manager for Detention, for her 25 years of service. Recruitment will open up nationwide to ensure we have the best candidates.
 - b. **Legislature**
 - a. Once the commission and committee are formed from State Assembly Bill 472, decisions can be made regarding a statewide assessment tool. Mr. Martin is one of the co-chairs for the sub-committee for the assessment tool. The State will also choose a data tracking system for all agencies to use and share information. Mr. Martin received an implementation plan from DCFS for AB472 that he and his management team will begin to review and prepare for DJJS implementation.

- b. AB144 is another bill that passed this last legislative session. This bill creates the Nevada Advisory Commission on Mentoring for the purpose of supporting and facilitating existing mentorship programs in the State. Manager Cheri Wright and the Clinical Division have vetted all DJJS providers to what is therapeutically appropriate.
- c. Juvenile Detention Reform**
 - a. The purchase of the new Eastside Probation Center was approved by the Board of County Commissioners. The County will close on the property January 2018. RPM will initiate the design and construction of the building.
 - b. DJJS is still in need of a new detention facility but needs funding and support first. Management has been long range planning, attending grant and bond meetings, and several other efforts to off-set tax-payers money and finalizes plans for the new detention facility. This will include a total audit of the juvenile system and system processes in place.
 - c. Spring Mountain Residential Center's (SMRC) new location is scheduled to start construction in February 2018.
 - d. The Department continues to work on transition planning for youth returning to the community from detention and SMYC.
- d. Juvenile Justice Programming**
 - a. Unfortunately, because Detention population is still high, Mr. Martin is looking at field programs to close so he can open another detention unit on campus. There is not enough staff to support the unit so we must pull staff from other areas.
 - b. Mr. Martin shared news on the second annual conference, Eliminating School Pathways to the Juvenile Justice System on February 2, 2018. Last year's, DMC conference was very successful with over 200 people in attendance. He will share more information as it comes available.
- e. The Harbor Update**-The Harbor continues to expand! We are now open 7 days a week, 8am-midnight. Our second location will open up in 2018. After the second location opens, The Harbor will be open 24 hours a day, 7 days a week. To date, there have been over 2,200 referrals to The Harbor with only 5% of youth re-offending.

VIII. CAC Strategic Goals

- a. Improve facilities to provide increased security and increased rehabilitative and vocational opportunities.**
- b. Increase programming to improve client outcomes, using evidence based practices and measuring performance.**
- c. Reduce disproportionate minority contact through the use of targeted strategies and programs.**
- d. Post juvenile justice transitional services.**

IX. Informational Items

- a. Identify emerging issues to be addressed by the Committee at future meetings**
 - a. Lisa Moseley asked members to attend a school board meeting for Clark County School District Trustees titled, School and Student Safety on November 9, 2017 at 5pm. The item is open for discussion on the balance between strategies aimed at keeping students safe in school and maintaining a safe and orderly learning environment. This brings up the zero tolerance policy and whether or not it will return to schools.
- b. Other information that may be of interest to the Committee and the public**
 - a. Policy and Fiscal Affairs meeting is November 9, 2017 at 12:30pm in the Joshua Conference room on the 6th floor at the Government center.
 - b. Jack Martin invited CAC board members to a program from My Brother's Keeper Alliance titled, 'Bad Kids.' Bad Kids is a documentary which follows students struggling to graduate from a continuation high school as they try to balance the pressures of school and home life with the odds more than stacked against them. The screening will be followed by community

centered conversations with educators, juvenile justice, school administrators and families.
The program is November 16th at 3pm at the Historic Fifth Street School.

- c. Announcements - Next meeting is December 6, 2017 at 9:00 a.m., in the Director's Office Conference Room, 601 N. Pecos Road, Las Vegas, NV 89101

X. Public Comments

XI. Adjournment – 10:07am