

MINUTES
CITIZENS ADVISORY COMMITTEE (CAC)

Clark County
Department of Juvenile Justice Services
Director's Conference Room, 601 N. Pecos Road, Las Vegas, NV 89101
June 6, 2018 at 9:00am to 11:00am

Advisory Members Present: Tiffany Tyler, Joseph Sadovich, Leroy Wordlaw, Jennifer Keiser, Josephine Bonomo, and Georgette Patterson

Advisory Members Absent: Robert Henry, Ricardo Villalobos, Leisa Moseley, Dominika Washington, and David Doyle

Ex-officio Member: John M. Martin

Attendees: Michael Whelihan

Minutes completed by: Shannon Freire

- I. **Call to Order** – 9:07am
- II. **Introductions**
- III. **Public Comments** N/A
- IV. **Approval of 5/2/17 CAC minutes** – Approved with a minor spelling error
- V. **Approval of Agenda** - Approved
- VI. **Receive the Director's Report on the Activities of the Department of Juvenile Justice Services**
 - a. **Budget/Personnel Update**
 - i. Detention population today was 162 which is still very high compared to our daily average the last couple years. The 45 Juvenile parole youth and State youth waiting for openings at institutions continue to keep the population high. We may need to put the new staff hired for community programs in Detention to open another unit.
 - ii. Mr. Martin announced the new assistant managers for DJJS. Danilo Chavarria will be the assistant manager for Spring Mountain Youth Camp (SMYC) and Spring Mountain Residential Center (SMRC). Ricky Crosby will be the assistant manager over Detention.
 - iii. The Summer P.O.S.T. Academy class graduated June 1, 2018 at the Government center in the Commission Chambers.
 - b. **Legislature**
 - i. We continue to prepare for the utilization of the validated screening and risk tools, Youth Level of Service (YLS) and the Massachusetts Youth Screening Instrument 2 (MAYSI-2) from the passage of assembly bill 472. We are excited to see from data collection that these tools will ultimately show decreased caseloads, decreased detention populations, and targeted interventions to what a child and family needs.
 - ii. The second Harbor location has been identified at the Southern Nevada Adult Mental Health Services (SNAMS) campus at the corner of Charleston and Jones. The State has generously donated the lease of the building and the funding for the program was allocated by a one-time grant of \$1.9 million dollars granted by the 2017 Legislative

session. Management team is working on the next session to ensure funding for more Harbor locations is secured.

- iii. DJJS will also ask for increased funding from the State to build a new Detention facility.

c. Juvenile Detention Reform

- i. Manager Cheri Wright continues to implement changes from the trauma audit completed recently. She has a team of volunteers to assist with the training and develop solutions for the issues noted.
- ii. Mr. Martin has also brought meditation and yoga classes to DJJS staff to assist with stress management. There are also therapeutic animals brought to campus from Love Dogs to inspire emotional healing and also stress management.
- iii. The new Eastside Probation Center located on 4475 S. Pecos Rd. is in the design and construction phase with Real Property Management (RPM). The new center will have space to move the Records Division in, have space for an additional ERC and Harbor program, and a Probation Adult school. We are very excited to bring all of those components together under one roof. Move in date will be early 2019.
- iv. Construction on the backside of the existing SMRC continues for the new building and is scheduled to finish in 6-9 months. The 16 bed residential center will become the new home for boys so the existing young men will be transferred there, and we will be looking to renovate or rebuild the existing SMRC for girls moving forward. We are currently looking for Federal grants to assist with that reconstruction project.
- v. Over the next fiscal year, the department will be implementing and conducting an implicit bias training for staff. The training was based off of a Denver Police Department training that Jack Martin, Brett Allen and a few others attended. Mr. Martin will send four more staff to attend the training in July to assist in creating the training for our staff.

d. Juvenile Justice Programming

- i. DJJS is excited to offer alternatives to detention in the community through our Evening Reporting Center (ERC). Some services that will be available include tutoring, food from Three Square to families in need, community service, pro-social programs, etc. Please contact the Director's office if you would like a tour of our current ERC.
- ii. Mr. Martin meets with St. Jude's this month to discuss girls programming.
- iii. The Clark County School Justice Partnership had its first meeting June 4th convened by Judge William Voy. Elected chairs are District Attorney Director of the Juvenile division, Brigid Duffy and Dr. Mike Barton, Chief Academic Officer of CCSD. The team has broken into sub-committees to work on focus factors, asset mapping, and identify resources that already exist to formalize a response grid that is consistent across all the schools. This will keep low level behavioral instances at the school. The Harbor is seen as a Tier 3 intervention (school district term) that would assist the school in keeping kids engaged and not escalating into the system. Much of this process focuses on communication, for example an affray on a school campus is believed to be a serious event on a school campus though we see that as a low level offense that should be handled at the lowest level. The simple act of sharing our different views is allowing us to move forward with assisting the school to develop internal programs that will divert and intervene, other than suspend

and expel. The hope is to have an MOU with our core partners in place by August 1, 2018.

e. The Harbor Update

- i. The Harbor has served more than 3,600 families with less than 200 youth escalating into the system. ESL classes for youth and their families are now available.
- ii. Harbor West will be opening July. We are looking into what area of town a third location will be located. The goal is to have several more locations opened around the valley with response teams at each one. We also hope to add more vocational programs to each location.

VII. CAC Strategic Goals - NA

- 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** – Mr. Martin has met with Social services as they have transitional funds available to for our youth. They will be able to help with rent, college, etc. We would like to have a similar program for DJJS.

VIII. Informational Items

- a. **Identify emerging issues to be addressed by the Committee at future meetings**
- b. **Other information that may be of interest to the Committee and the public**
 - a. Nevada Association of Juvenile Justice Administrators (NAJJA) announced their 2017 Officer of the year. Our JPO Reginald Simon was chosen by 17 Juvenile Justice Chiefs from the State.
 - b. CAC board member Leroy Wordlaw shared with the group that 100 Black Men of America Inc., Las Vegas Chapter, was recently recognized as the Best small chapter for the year and will be recognized at a national convention for this honor.

Date	Meeting	Time and location
6/21 & 7/19	DFS CAC	8:30-10am DFS Central Clark room, 121 S. Martin Luther King
6/27 & 7/25	Harbor Executive Steering Committee	1-3pm The Harbor 861 N. Mojave Rd.
7/18/18	My Brother's Keeper Educational Equity Task Force	1-3pm at the Harbor 861 N. Mojave Rd.
7/24/18	My Brother's Keeper Community Engagement Task Force	9-11am at the Harbor 861 N. Mojave Rd.
7/31/18	My Brother's Keeper Law Enforcement Task Force	1-3pm at the Harbor 861 N. Mojave Rd.
8/3/18	SMYC Forestry Picnic	11:30am-1pm; SMYC
9/5/18	My Brother's Keeper Full Alliance meeting	3-5pm at Las Vegas City Hall
8/15/18	DJJS JDAI (JJ Detention Alternatives Initiative Committee)	12:15pm TBD
11/15/18	Policy and Fiscal Affairs meeting	12:30pm CC Govt. Center, 6th floor

- c. **Announcements - Next meeting is July 11, 2018 at 9:00 a.m., in the Director's Office Conference Room, 601 N. Pecos Road, Las Vegas, NV 89101**

IX. Public Comments - NA

X. Adjournment – 9:45am