

MINUTES
CITIZENS ADVISORY COMMITTEE (CAC)
Clark County
Department of Juvenile Justice Services
Director's Office Conference room
January 6th, 2021 at 9am

Advisory Members Present: Ronald Coe, Josephine Bonomo, Leisa Moseley, David Doyle, Ricardo Villalobos, Tiffany Tyler-Garner, Patrick Schreiber, Dominika Washington, and Jennifer Keiser

Advisory Members Absent: Michael Tulipat and Karen Omosola

Attendees: John Martin and Cheri Wright

Minutes completed by: Shannon Freire

- I. Call to Order – 9:03am**
- II. Introductions**
 - a. Welcome new member Patrick Schreiber.
- III. Public Comments** None
- IV. Approval of 9/2/2020 CAC minutes – Approved**
- V. Approval of Agenda – Approved**
- VI. Receive the Director's Report on the Activities of the Department of Juvenile Justice Services**
 - a. Budget/Personnel**
 - i. SMYC remains temporarily closed due to COVID-19. The staff and youth remain in Detention to assist in containing the virus and its potential spread. Once CCSD returns to classrooms, we plan on reopening SMYC.
 - ii. Keeping staff and youth safe remains a top priority for DJJS as well as the community we are in contact with. There are currently 2000 youth on probation right now. Maintaining contact and support is especially critical right now through this extended pandemic.
 - iii. We still have a total of 65 positions lost to vacancies and the voluntary separation program that was offered to County workers in July.
 1. Central Support/ Budget Manager vacancy will post soon and requires a specialized skill set. The position will focus on grant writing and budget. If you or someone you know is interested or has those skills, please talk to Jack. Finding alternative funding streams for the Department will be paramount as the budget crisis continues.
 - b. Legislature – February 1st starts the next legislative session. Thank you, Mike Whelihan, for being lead as usual and filtering through hundreds of bills. Below are a couple we are watching.**
 - i. AB 58 regarding use of force. AG office would have oversight and could prosecute or file lawsuits.

- ii. There are potential detention policy changes that we are watching.

c. Juvenile Detention Reform

- i. Detention population was at 90 today. The State has eliminated more bed space putting additional pressure on DJJS. That, with the closure of SMYC, and youth waiting for out of state placement is increasing our average population.
- ii. The teamwork between departments with our dual custody caseload, has been phenomenal but we are still struggling with hard to place youth. Covid-19 has made efforts even more difficult. The group discussed finding a partner that can provide training for HLOC (higher level of care) youth.

d. Juvenile Justice Programming- Below is a memo distributed December 30th, 2020 from our probation unit to all probation officers:

Effective immediately Probation Officers will not include the recommendations of a Judicial Order for Probation Violations, or any other mandatory detainment request to the Court.

Additionally, Probation Officers will not include recommendations for Suspended Placement or Suspended Commitment to a county or state correctional facility, to the Court.

The Court or the District Attorney's office may include these orders as they determine necessary, but these recommendations will not come from the Probation Division.

The mission of the Probation Division is the promotion of public safety and reduction of reoffending by holding youth accountable for their actions and providing fair and equitable treatment through evidence-based assessments which identify a youth's individual risk and need focus areas. The fundamental principles of the Probation Division include the support of positive youth development, with a focus on youth strength and assets, encouraging incentives to modify youth behavior. With our use of the YLS/CMI and case plans that focus on criminogenic need areas for youth, the above listed sanctions do not comport with those principles.

- i. This memo was written to reduce the cases that are escalated to probation or suspended commitment to a lockup facility. We should be dealing with youth that present a danger to the community and/or themselves, not the ones that annoy us.
- ii. We are also taking a closer look at restitution cases that are only open because there is money owed. This will not only reduce the warrant caseload, but also help those youth from being escalated further into the system or adult system.
- iii. Mr. Martin has also started a new Diversity workgroup within DJJS. This gives another avenue for staff to have the opportunity to have difficult conversations and make necessary change in our system. Employees are able to talk without fear and discuss diverse topics.
- iv. The former SMRC home is being demolished now thanks to CDBG funding. The plan is still to make this a placement resource for girls.
- v. TPOP formally launched in August 2020 before school started. This is another diversion from the juvenile justice system that focuses more on school attendance and like the Harbor, wrapping a family in needed resources. We

have 4 management analysts hired and 60 community navigators. They are connecting kids and families to necessary resources. All employees attend an orientation to ensure they have the right positive attitude before working with the community. Staff are motivated and excited to help families in need.

- vi. We have had over 1400 referrals to TPOP since October first! CCSD and Lifeset have been great partners. Mental health remains a concern so the focus is still wrapping families in appropriate services during this stressful time.

- e. **The Harbor Update** - We are fortunate to expand Harbor locations through this tough time. There are now 4 locations throughout the valley. Harbor NLV is located at 3001 N. Martin Luther King Blvd. NLV, NV 89032. Harbor Flamingo is located at 2000 E. Flamingo Rd, LV NV 89119.

- i. Representatives from The Harbor have been asked to speak at several conferences due to the success of the program. In addition, The Harbor is in the process of joining the National Assessment Center Association (NAC) that is developing guiding principles for centers nationwide. The NAC also provides education and training on a variety of topics that will be offered to our assessment center staff members.
- ii. Close to 16,000 youth and families have been served at our multiple Harbor locations. Numbers have decreased due to the pandemic; however, it has allowed us to provide more intensive case management services to the youth and families that need that level and frequency of intervention. We continue to offer telephonic and virtual intakes, web-based programming, and groups on virtual platforms.
- iii. Expansion-Henderson update: Working with RPM on the lease agreement for the Harbor Henderson. The Henderson location will be adjacent to St. Rose Hospital on Lake Mead and Boulder Highway and is anticipated to open in 2021. This building also houses Nevada Health Centers, Bamboo Sunrise, and the Community Resource and Resiliency Center.
- iv. Sunrise location is moving along as well in the Nellis/Cheyenne area. The County is looking to purchase extreme cubes for the property. The vision for the space is a multi-generational, multi-use campus that would include other resources and providers in addition to The Harbor. There would also be vocational programs available to youth and families, a visitation center, sports facilities, etc. We want this to become a community resource center.

VII. CAC Strategic Goals – The group discussed the importance of Harbor sustainability. We received \$3 million last year and need to protect the funding from 309 that we are expected to receive this year.

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

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. Dave Doyle thanked DJJS for help with gap funding when Medicaid was unable to provide complete coverage in 2020. In November, Medicaid stepped up with getting full authorization for specialized foster care. This frees up \$20-40k for DJJS.
- b. Adult ed-kids can be serviced at juvenile justice sites! Attendance is not great, but combined sites and virtual classes help. Laptops are provided for the High school equivalency certificate program. There was a recent graduate! At the end of Fall, 12 out of 15 kids tested for HS equivalency! HiSET program online is successful for the kids attending. We have two teachers in the classroom and do allow students to get additional help through our virtual Learning Lab.

Date	Meeting	Time and location
3 rd Thurs monthly	DFS CAC	8:30-10am DFS Central Clark room, 121 S. Martin Luther King
2/25, 5/20, 8/26, 11/18	Policy and Fiscal Affairs meeting	12:30pm in the Govt. Center, 6 th floor in the Joshua Conference Room
3/31, 6/30, 9/29, 12/15	Harbor Executive Steering Committee	1-3pm The Harbor 861 N. Mojave Rd.
2/10, 5/12, 8/11, 11/10	DJJS JDAI (JJ Detention Alternatives Initiative Committee)	12pm DJJS Director's Conference room

c. Announcements

- i. Next meeting is **February 3rd, 2021 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 – 10:15am