

MINUTES
CITIZENS ADVISORY COMMITTEE (CAC)
Clark County
Department of Juvenile Justice Services
Director's Office Conference room
February 3rd, 2021 at 9am

Advisory Members Present: Leisa Moseley, David Doyle, Tiffany Tyler-Garner, Patrick Schreiber, Dominika Washington, and Michael Tulipat

Advisory Members Absent: Ricardo Villalobos, Josephine Bonomo, Ronald Coe, Jennifer Keiser and Karen Omosola

Attendees: John Martin Mike Whelihan, Ross Williams, and Cheri Wright

Minutes completed by: Shannon Freire

- I. **Call to Order** – 9:01am
- II. **Introductions**
 - a. Welcome new member Patrick Schreiber.
- III. **Public Comments** None
- IV. **Approval of 1/6/2021 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** – No change in our projected budget for the next fiscal year. Current vacancies remain on hold except for our Truancy division as there are grants only for that purpose.
 - b. **Legislation** – Legislation is dropping quickly. It remains virtual so far. There are bills discussing officers wearing body cameras, PERS contributions, traffic violations becoming misdemeanors, certification cases, etc. We are expecting a lot more to come. Some bills will be brought to the Legislature where we will testify against them. Healthcare services need to be prepared to report on every child placed out of state as once again this is a hot topic with the Legislature.
 - i. Thank you, Mike, for creating proposed budget scenarios in case the State tries to push back more of their responsibilities onto the County.
 - c. **Juvenile Detention Reform**
 - i. Detention population is in the 60-70's with no increase in crime. Twelve youth are on parole being held with us, 11 are waiting placement, and there are 54 SMYC youth.
 - ii. Our voluntary PREA detention audit is 70% complete. The auditor was impressed with the facility and only require a few minor changes to policy and practices.

d. Juvenile Justice Programming

- i.* Even though SMYC youth and staff are still currently housed at Detention, SMYC programming continues. Youth attend TOOLS (social skills learning and development), T4C (Thinking for a Change), YAP (youth 16 and over are enrolled in OSHA training, CPR and job placements), Youth Council, Community service, etc. Our Forestry program will start in May. Once teachers can return to the classroom, then youth and staff can move back to the mountain.
- ii.* Average caseload for probation officers is 1:25. This meets the national best practice numbers.
- iii.* 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 beneficial to all.
- iv.* There have been over 3 thousand referrals to TPOP currently from 147 schools. This is exciting as we started with only 27 schools. Adding the in-home support for youth and families continue for TPOP. With covid-19, youth are in need more than ever for role models, human connection, and mentoring. Our staff build relationships with the families as they get to know them and their needs.
- v.* Plans are moving forward in the County approval process with rebuilding the old residential center into a girls' home. Once open, trauma informed care and programming will be available as well as 12 beds for placement.
- vi.* The Assessment team is finishing up policy and process for YLS assessments.
- vii.* Jack has been researching a Growth Focused Case Management system that is individualized for each youth and family. Involving the youth and family in the case plan helps that child succeed as they know what is expected from them.

e. The Harbor Update

- i.* We have opened four Harbor locations in four years and are working on a 5th location on Lake Mead and Boulder Highway in Henderson. Based upon this growth, we are taking inventory of our resources, identifying any service gaps, and partnering with specialized academic supports for the youth and families that we are serving through TPOP. The program approach is family-centered and community-based. We have started to develop our parent mentoring program and have a small group of very committed volunteers to assist us. Commissioner Marilyn Kirkpatrick organized a clothing drive to assist The Harbor as well as other child serving organizations. It really helped us get warm clothes out the youth and families that needed them.
- ii.* Harbor staff continue to meet with CCSD principals and other personnel regarding the Harbor resources and how we can help each other.
- iii.* We hope to expand our recreational and vocational programs.

VII. CAC Strategic Goals – Chairman Dave Doyle thanked JJ for their presence in the community whether it's in the middle of the night or weekends, they have been here.

- 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
- c. Announcements
 - i. Next meeting is March 3rd, 2021 at 9:00 a.m., in the Director’s Office Conference Room, 601 N. Pecos Road, Las Vegas, NV 89101
 - ii. Jack Martin shared information on this year’s My Brother’s Keeper Conference, School and Community Empowerment Strategies for Engaging Young Men of Color. This is a 2-day conference on 2/16-17 8-12pm. Shannon will send out a flyer to register if you are interested.

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

IX. Public Comments – Ross Williams from Adult Ed, offered any support they can offer to DJJS. Mike Whelihan will schedule a meeting with him in the near future.

X. Adjournment – 10:05am