

**MINUTES**  
**CITIZENS ADVISORY COMMITTEE (CAC)**  
Clark County  
Department of Juvenile Justice Services  
Director's Office Conference room  
April 7<sup>th</sup>, 2021 at 9am

**Advisory Members Present:** Leisa Moseley, Tiffany Tyler-Garner, Patrick Schreiber, Dominika Washington, Josephine Bonomo, and Ronald Coe

**Advisory Members Absent:** Ricardo Villalobos, Jennifer Keiser, Karen Omosola, Michael Tulipat, and David Doyle

**Attendees:** John Martin, Eboni Washington, Mike Whelihan, Ross Williams, Cheri Wright, and Tyrone Roberson

**Minutes completed by:** Shannon Freire

- I. Call to Order – 9:22am**
- II. Introductions**
- III. Public Comments - None**
- IV. Approval of 3/3/2021 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**
    - i.** The County budget is not finalized but the projection is not as bad as expected due to the pandemic. Though it remains flat, we do not expect cuts.
    - ii.** No update-DJJS still has a management vacancy we are trying to fill. We are looking for someone with a specialized skill set for grant writing and County budget experience.
  - b. Legislation**
    - i.** **AB132**-Will prohibit on scene interrogations and expand Miranda rights. This is concerning as officers may arrest more youth if they are unable to question and exclude them as involved on scene as they do now. The financial mandate is substantial for DJJS as well.
    - ii.** **AB251**-Sealing records.
    - iii.** **AB336**-Requirements to complete a mental health exam before hiring law enforcement.
    - iv.** **AB409**-Implicit bias test for peace officers before and after hiring.
    - v.** **SB174**-Certification age for youth would change to 18. This is has a substantial unfunded mandate.
  - c. Juvenile Detention Reform**

- i. Eboni submitted a letter to SEIU requesting assistance from the state with youth in detention with mental health needs. We are asking for transparency with the State and their 'wait list.'
- ii. The request was approved for rekeying the detention facility. The cost will be near \$33 thousand. This will make the facility much safer for all.
- iii. Like we do every year, we are asking for a capitol improvement request to update our detention facility.
- iv. M-Team had an all-day meeting off-site on 3/25 focusing on family engagement. Jack invited a school district rep, foster parents, providers, and parents who have been through our system to attend. They were asked to give us real feedback on DJJS and advice on how we can do better. M-team then made concrete plans to implement ideas discussed with out partners. We need to make family engagement a part of every discussion. Involving the parent, child, DFS, field PO, etc. is critical when discussing a case plan for youth. We need to make expectations clear to all parties involved. Make the parent an advocate, not an adversary.
- v. Diversity work group-At our last meeting, the group reviewed several first contact cases that highlighted differences in how black youth are treated in comparison to white youth with similar charges. The group discussed discrepancies and where the gaps of service might lay. The importance of quality case notes came up as well as it was hard to get a clear picture of what was going on due to poor documentation. Our next meeting, we will focus on making recommendations to our intake unit, where these cases are handled and direction on how to make systematic changes.
  - 1. One change discussed that will be implemented immediately, is informing parents when I writ is issued for their child.

**d. Juvenile Justice Programming**

- i. SMYC treatment team meetings now include the child, parent and field PO so everyone involved is on the same page and understand expectations.
- ii. SMYC will be re-keyed before the move back up to camp on May 1<sup>st</sup>.
- iii. Community Counseling Center will provide services at the mountain when they return. Having an outside provider allows the youth to keep the same therapist when they transition from the mountain. We want to provide wrap around services to the child and family to ensure the transition is as successful as possible. They will also complete home visits before the final transition.
- iv. Assistant Director Eboni Washington and Assistant manager Danilo Chavarria are going to be participating in a podcast with My Brother's Keeper Las Vegas chapter. MBK's yearly conference always has a big impact on work in our valley. We wanted to have this conversation flowing throughout the entire year. The podcast will focus on what we can do as a community to decrease the kids of color in our system.
- v. Truancy Prevention Outreach Program (TPOP) has served over 3,200 youth and families! TPOP is currently open Monday-Saturday 7am-7pm.

1. Caseloads are still much higher than expected. We currently have 51 community navigators, 9 currently in the hiring process, and approved to hire 30 additional navigators.
2. We are making plans to expand this division to the other side of the valley.
3. Our CAC board member Pat Schreiber has become a mentor for TPOP. He has over 40 years of experience working with families and youth. He has so much knowledge to share and pass on to families and TPOP employees. He is making himself available for a couple hours each week to assist community navigators on creative family engagement ideas.

**e. The Harbor Update**

- i. Over 16,500 youth and families have been served at our 4 Harbor locations with still an 8% recidivism rate.
- ii. Our 5<sup>th</sup> location, Henderson Harbor, will open doors July 1<sup>st</sup>. The location is great as it is close to bus service and many providers are in the same complex. There are many possible collaborations nearby as well. The site will have a laundry room open and also provide quarters and soap for a laundromat. With another location around the valley, we are expanding our partners at all locations.
- iii. We continue to ramp up Harbor presence within the community. There are billboards, posters, t-shirts, social media, etc. A thank you Jeff Jones for your work on re-branding the Harbor.
- iv. Devine Events Catering & LVMPD committed to providing 20 meals per day to all Harbor locations each month for youth and families in need.
- v. Planning first resource fair to reintroduce The Harbor to the community. Focus will be offering clothing to youth and families and social activities to provide incentives for youth to work towards goals.
- vi. April 6<sup>th</sup> was our first Adventure Program event partnering with Eagle Quest to provide fun and new activities for youth in the community. There was a Dodgeball Tournament, Cornhole Challenge and 3-Point competition that was held at the Eagle Quest recreation center. Everyone had such a great time! There were about 40 youth that attended as well as many partners and parents that joined in on the fun. The program is hoping to schedule at least one event each month so youth are excited and have something to look forward to and work towards.
- vii. Harbor and TPOP are working with UNLV to provide statistics. We are looking at program successes, graduation numbers, school related outcomes, etc. We want to ensure we are offering evidence-based quality programs.

**VII. CAC Strategic Goals** – The group discussed our strategic goals and possibly changing them. This will be a possible action item next meeting. We discussed adding CQI.

- a. **Increase programming to improve client outcomes, using evidence-based practices and measuring performance**

- b. Reduce disproportionate minority contact using 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 – As always, contact Shannon Freire if you want to tour a DJJS facility.**
- b. Other information that may be of interest to the Committee and the public**
- c. Announcements**
  - i. Next meeting is May 5<sup>th</sup>, 2021 at 9:00 a.m., in the Director’s Office Conference Room, 601 N. Pecos Road, Las Vegas, NV 89101**

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

**IX. Public Comments**

**X. Adjournment – 10:08am**