

MINUTES
CITIZENS ADVISORY COMMITTEE (CAC)
Clark County
Department of Juvenile Justice Services
Director's office conference room
Telephonic Conference: (857) 357-0254 Access Code 943-495

March 2nd, 2022, at 9am

- I. Call to Order 9:33am**
- II. Public Comments**
- III. Approval of 12/1/21 CAC minutes.**
- IV. Approval of Agenda**
- V. Receive the Director's Report on the Activities of the Department of Juvenile Justice Services (DJJS)**
 - a. Budget/Personnel**
 - i.** JPO Academy began this month. There are 15 cadets training for Probation Officer positions.
 - a. Departmental trainings in the POST academy were updated to reflect family engagement practices as well staying current with the required statuses.
 - ii.** No Update-Our budget remains flat. Supplemental position requests were submitted. Capitol requests will be submitted this month as well.
 - b. Legislation**
 - a.** Mr. Martin has been meeting with legislators regarding CSEC (Commercial Sexually Exploited Children) and the lack of resources we have. We are partnering with RFK again for a 2-year project launch of CSEC/Dual Custody youth. That starts later this month and while it focuses on Dual Custody youth, it also includes CSEC.
 - b.** Reduction in room time has been a focus for years though we are in hopes it will make its way into legislation so it can be more policy driven.
 - c. Juvenile Justice Probation Reform**
 - a.** We continue to align ourselves with best practices and evidence-based practices.
 - b.** YLS Booter training will be finalized soon. Researching CQI points to ensure our recommendations are consistent and appropriate.
 - c.** Minor changes were made to the YLS after feedback was received from the Courts.
 - d.** Trauma involved healing is a slow rolling project. We are evolving a training and researching ways to heal youth while they are in our system. We continue to look for strategies that have been successful.
 - d. Juvenile Justice Programming – No update**
 - e. The Harbor Update**
 - a.** A Domestic Violence Grant was submitted to offer services at Harbor locations to assist with DV low-level incidents. These cases would mainly be family conflicts in homes where we can wrap services around the family and help solve the root problem. The response team would respond to the home and create a safety plan before leaving to reduce further escalation.
 - b.** Another Harbor goal is to create a CSEC pipeline to help youth get connected to services sooner and never reach jail.
 - f. Truancy Prevention and Outreach Program Update – Mr. Martin and Assistant Director Cheri Wright presented an update from TPOP to the board of County Commissioners yesterday.**

They continue to watch trending data and obstacles to reach every student. It is imperative that Principals are on board. Out of a sample size of 500 youth, there is a 60% improvement on attendance. This is great considering TPOP is only 18 months old.

- a. We continue to struggle with accessing information from CCSD.

VI. Discuss and change CAC Strategic Goals as follows:

- 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 services** – Waiting on ARPA and grant funding.
- d. **Improve facilities to provide increased security and increased rehabilitative and vocational opportunities**
 - a. Three safety rooms are being added to our Detention center.
 - b. There are no longer ANY restraint chairs in Detention. The WRAP system is used when necessary.
 - c. We will be receiving funding from DETR for a kitchen, automotive, and coding classes at SMYC. We are also setting up a podcast studio so youth can learn how that works.

VII. 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. Eric Gant thanked DJJS Supervisor Jody Lupo-Masden for visiting his school and giving an update on the PO's who are currently placed in alternative schools. They have been great with forming relationships with youth and becoming a support for school staff.
 - b. Christina Vela shared a recent tragic story of a young girl in Detention and was being denied visitation from a victim advocate. Christina was able to call the Detention manager and make the visit happen. This was a true community partnership working together to help youth! Relationships are the number one intervention for healing.
- c. **Announcements - Next meeting is March 2nd, 2022, at 9 a.m., location to be determined.**

VIII. Public Comments

IX. Adjournment – 10:08 am