

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

May 4th, 2022, at 9am

- I. Call to Order 9:03am**
- II. Public Comments - NA**
- III. Approval of 3/2/22 CAC minutes - Approved**
- IV. Approval of Agenda - Approved**
- V. Receive the Director's Report on the Activities of the Department of Juvenile Justice Services (DJJS)**
 - a. Budget/Personnel**
 - i.** JPO Academy has 13 cadets ready to graduate this month! They will be moved to Detention and SMYC.
 - ii.** Final budget meeting will be soon. Harbor has been fully funded so we are happy with that. Budget remains flat besides that.
 - a.** No word on the supplemental requests submitted.
 - b.** The department is still working on capitol requests. A few include the rebuild of the Eagle's Nest at SMYC, vocational location added to SMYC and other sites, etc.
 - iii.** There are issues with funding from AB309 for TPOP and Harbor. Mr. Martin is creating a report with statistics showing the success of these two divisions to assist.
 - b. Legislation –** Mr. Whelihan is representing DJJS this Friday for 5 bills that were allocated to juvenile justice practices. We will continue to watch them closely.
 - c. Juvenile Justice Probation Reform**
 - i.** Mr. Martin shared a new and exciting program at Workforce Connections that he plans to bring to DJJS. They have a Virtual Reality program that contains 27 career explorations. The program exposes youth to programs they may have never considered and can lead to a successful career. We would like this program added to Harbor locations, TPOP, and probation sites.
 - ii.** The Clark County Breakthrough Series Collaborative (BSC) team just returned from an intensive four-day program in Washington, D.C., as part of the Georgetown University certificate program designed to address barriers and reduce disparities for youth of color. The history of racism in America and how it has impacted the formation of modern-day youth justice systems was the focus. Our team discussed ways to use this information to change the ways local youth serving systems work within each of our communities. This collaborative provides a unique opportunity to bring together the expertise of youth, families, and community to learn from each other, strategize, and implement changes in policies and practices in each jurisdiction.
 - iii.** The US Economic Development Administration will be awarding the Department in partnership with the City of Las Vegas with grant funding for the Culinary Training program set to launch in FY2023. The program will expand current training programs for youth in the highest-need communities across Clark County through the implementation of two mobile kitchens/learning labs.
 - iv.**

- d. **Juvenile Justice Programming** – Trauma healing is now part of our Academy. The cadets gave great feedback after taking the training.
- e. **The Harbor Update**
 - i. Ilija Sanchez, LCSW, is the new DJJS Manager of The Harbor Division. Ms. Sanchez has experience in both the private and public sectors, expertise in clinical work, case management, and billing/insurance. She earned a bachelor's and a Master's Degree in Social Work with a minor in Criminal Justice. We are excited to welcome her to the DJJS Management Team.
 - ii. The Harbor Mojave is working with DFS on a pilot to support the youth and staff at Child Haven. Through the pilot, The Harbor will provide a cooling off period for youth that are struggling with their behavior and provide the youth with tools to better manage their emotions. An assessment including recommendations can further support stabilization.
 - iii. As the school year comes to an end, we anticipate referrals will decrease. In response, The Harbors are in the process of planning outreach events over the summer months to ensure we are reaching the most underserved communities throughout the valley.
 - iv. There is a restorative justice training available at the Harbor. Trainers are vetted providers and will provide classroom and experience aspects to this training. We are looking to extend this contract to provide training to others.
- f. **Truancy Prevention and Outreach Program Update**
 - i. TPOP continues to engage with the community and CCSJ to introduce the program and form relationships that will address the ongoing truancy and chronic absenteeism issues within the community. However, as schools continue experiencing an increase in social-emotional challenges with youth; the priority shifts from addressing academic services to stabilizing the behaviors contributing to a disruption in education. TPOP continues working with ESD to provide early intervention services to decrease the time that youth are separated from the learning environment.
 - ii. Hiring and retaining qualified staff continues to be a challenge.
 - iii. Summer is fast approaching and TPOP is currently collaborating with several neighborhoods that are experiencing high truancy rates to provide ongoing services. Community Navigators will frequent the identified areas to provide summer school registration information, advise parents of the new law regarding age requirements for school attendance and provide ongoing food and educational resources.

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**
- d. **Improve facilities to provide increased security and increased rehabilitative and vocational opportunities**

VII. Informational Items

- a. **Identify emerging issues to be addressed by the Committee at future meetings**
 - i. The group discussed the importance of DFS partnership and how to increase that and communication. We are working closely with them on the RFK Program but maybe we can merge a DFS CAC meeting with ours.
 - ii. Board member Christina Vela would like to reach out to youth at some kind of round table and hear their experiences through DJJS. Where are gaps in service or a way we can make youth

more successful? Dave Doyle and Jack will create a meeting like this in near future.

- b. Other information that may be of interest to the Committee and the public**
- c. Announcements - Next meeting is June 1st, 2022, at 9 a.m., location to be determined.**

VIII. Public Comments

IX. Adjournment – 9:57 am