

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
September 7th, 2022, at 9am

- I. Call to Order - 9:02am**
- II. Introductions**
 - a. Welcome new members Amet Landry, Sharifa Ghafoory, Zachary Billot, and returning member Patrick Schreiber.** As always, Jack offered all CAC members a tour of any DJJS facilities.
- III. Public Comments - NA**
- III. Approval of 6/1/22 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. DJJS received 11 new permanent positions. That will expand services in our Truancy Prevention Outreach Program (TPOP).
 - ii. There are currently 7 supervisor, 36 PO, and 45 support staff vacancies. Interviews for JP Supervisor are scheduled early October.
 - iii. There are two new assistant managers starting this month for our CQI and Probation divisions.
 - iv. New-hire JPO Academy with eleven candidates started early August with a scheduled graduation date of early December.
 - b. Legislation**
 - i. Priorities remain focused on CSEC. Jack met with Harry Reid airport personnel to get more signage posted to raise awareness to child sex trafficking in our town.
 - ii. SB 94 passed in Colorado codifying Harbors into law. We are hoping the upcoming legislative session can assist in expanding Harbor efforts in the lack of mental health resources in Clark County.
 - c. Juvenile Justice Probation Reform**
 - i. 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.
 - ii. The Department's new CQI Coaching Team is making great progress providing hands-on training for DJJS staff in need of additional support. Staff are referred to this program by their supervisors or through one of our review

committees. This coaching component is designed to ensure fidelity to training programs and bolster in-person and online training to improve outcomes for youth and families.

- iii. A new contract with Nye County allows for their youth to be placed at SMYC.
 - iv. The Mental Health Treatment Team has expanded therapeutic services to include youth placed at Spring Mountain Youth Camp. This expansion will support continuity of care for youth placed at SMYC as well as enhance parent engagement efforts.
 - v. Nursing services hours have increased at SMYC to ensure youth receive timely medical and medication services.
 - vi. We are researching and reviewing data on how effective GPS units are.
 - vii. **SMRC Update** - The contract and placement requirements have been finalized. Contractor completed the walk through for 12 beds and was approved. When the second home opens, we will have a total of 24 beds available; Twelve beds will go to ROP for girls' placement. There is still talk on the second home and who will be placed there, girls or boys. There has been talk about creating a SMYC environment there for girls and make it a transitional home as well.
- d. **Juvenile Justice Programming**
- i. Wait times for youth that have been committed to DCFS placements (RTC, Correctional) have increased from an average of 30 days to 45-60 days. Female youth placement has increased to approximately 60+ days. We have also had an increase of youth committed to SMYC and are awaiting beds to open at SMYC.
 - ii. Jack made several proposals to the County Manager on possible solutions to the crisis at Child Haven regarding the necessity of overtime.
- e. **The Harbor Update** – Cheri Wright thanked Iliia Sanchez for her time at the Harbor. She streamlined many processes, implemented pilot programs, finalized contracts for the DV crisis, etc.
- i. Partnered with CCSD to re-engage youth transitioning from academic centers back into comprehensive high schools.
 - ii. The first cohort in the Workforce/DJJS Fellowship program graduated last month. Several of the fellows are Harbor staff members. This program educated fellows about workforce opportunities for the youth and families that we serve.
 - iii. Our plan to expand services to rural areas continue.
 - iv. Parent and youth feedback has been helpful in the surveys that are given through the JJ process. There is also a one-year follow up completed to get additional feedback.
 - v. The Courts recently started requesting Harbor records for youth. The purpose of the Harbor is to keep the child out of the system. We updated the MOU that will limit the information they are able to receive. The updates will also allow us to track more recidivism data to include graduation. The agreement was approved by the CCSD Board of Trustees.
 - vi. Pipelines to employment continue to increase at Harbor locations! We used ARPA funds to apply for apprenticeship programs. A second ARPA grant received, will be used for a mobile kitchen and culinary training with the Chef

Jeff Project and the City of Las Vegas. There are also efforts to build a mechanic apprenticeship with local dealerships that promise employment after completion of the program.

- f. **Truancy Prevention and Outreach Program Update** – Assistant Director Cheri Wright gave an introductory on TPOP and its success in its first year.
 - i. We engaged in 5 back school events with various community partners.
 - ii. The new school year presents several challenges such as getting youth registered for school and securing transportation for youth attending alternative schools.

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**
- b. **Other information that may be of interest to the Committee and the public**
 - i. CAC member Lee Quick shared news of her leaving the City of Las Vegas and joining the Southern Nevada Regional Housing Authority to head up the Supportive Services Department. Among the areas of focus, Lee’s team ensures that appropriate participants receive college enrollment, job searching assistance, daycare, tutoring, youth programs, mentoring, self-sufficiency program case management, and other services that alleviate barriers for residents. They identify needs, strategies, and resources to work with residents to improve their quality of life (e.g., education, social policy, effective and equitable juvenile justice, youth and adult workforce, food security, youth development, etc.); partnering with business owners, law enforcement, and other community members to identify real solutions.
 - ii. St. Jude’s applied for a grant that would allow them to work in zip codes near Title 1 Hope middle schools. They are also very excited to open a CCSD Alternative school on their campus! They will offer therapeutic services with a capacity of 63 students. More great news, their Healing Center groundbreaking on October 25th! The Healing Center is projected to open Spring of 2024!
- c. **Announcements - Next meeting is October 20th, 2022, at 8:30 a.m., at the Government Center in ODC room #1 with DFS CAC.**

VIII. Public Comments

IX. Adjournment – 10:00 am