

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
February 1st, 2023, at 9am

- I. Call to Order - 9:05 am**
- II. Introductions**
- III. Public Comments - NA**
- III. Approval of 12/7/22 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' budget is \$57 million.
 - ii.** Harbor funds were moved from soft to hard money. We are collecting data from CCSD regarding our truancy division to tie back to 309 funds as they are our biggest referral.
 - iii.** Managers submitted supplemental position requests recently. They are due downtown this month. Our truancy division still has a high turnover rate for part time positions. Last year, we received 11 new full-time positions and we asked for additional fulltime again this request.
 - iv.** There are 8 new Juvenile Probation Supervisors starting this month! All were hired internally! They will be filling vacancies in Continuous Quality Improvement (CQI) Training, Detention, and Spring Mountain Youth Camp (SMYC). Our training team created a Supervisor's Academy they will complete prior to hitting the floor in their new position.
 - b. Legislation**
 - i.** Deputy Director Mike Whelihan continues to monitor legislation for the department. Every year, we watch 62G.
 - ii.** There is a community service bill also. Mike is ensuring punishments match the crime committed and that there is consistency. Pro-social sanctions are preferred and proven to be more effective.
 - iii.** We are interested to see any pocket-vetos with new politicians in seats.
 - c. Juvenile Justice Probation Reform**
 - i.** Probation Manager Dean Steiner retires this week after 29 years of service. He was a great asset for probation reform and we will miss his knowledge and expertise.
 - ii.** We are finalizing recommendations from our last RFK Probation Reform contract. Assessment team was formed, YLS is in practice, trainings updated, and we are connecting CQI to all divisions.
 - iii.** **Spring Mountain Residential Center Update**– Please call Shannon if you are interested in a tour. The second home is open. We are always looking for vocational opportunities for teen youth. Rites of Passage (ROP) won the County contract and

will use the Embracing Project with some other therapeutic programs during the day.

d. Juvenile Justice Programming

e. The Harbor Update

- i.** Jessica Sasso is the new Harbor Manager. She came from Boys Town, has extensive background in grant writing, strong relationship with CCSD, and many other tributes that align with DJJS goals.
- ii.** We are provided more Harbor Overview Trainings to law enforcement officers. In addition, we are exploring a collaboration with the Metropolitan Police Department to ensure youth in need of mentoring services receive that valuable support.
- iii.** The Harbor continues to provide tours to a variety of community agencies to establish partnerships and increase our reach. Jurisdictions across the country have visited The Harbor to learn from our model as they are in the planning and implementation stages in their communities.
- iv.** We are getting ready to launch two pilot programs: Harbor Crisis Response Services which is a grant funded collaboration with the Eighth Judicial District Court and Harbor Mobile and Rural Services funded through ARPA dollars.

f. Truancy Prevention and Outreach Program Update

- i.** The MOU with CCSD is complete. TPOP will regain access to IC ensuring youth educational records can be accessed timely to allow accurate and informed information when assisting youth and families.
- ii.** TPOP continues to form relationships with schools within Clark County and creating innovative ways to address the individual challenges of each school and their student population.
- i.** TPOP is working with graduate students from UNLV to develop a mentoring program for school age youth. Practice and policies are being developed based on the curriculum developed by SPARK mentoring. This program is designed to assist students to understand and begin to rely upon their own inner guidance system and provide transformative life-long skills.
- ii.** There was a flood in our TPOP building the day after Thanksgiving causing major damage. Staff have been relocated to other sites including other buildings in the same Graystone complex. Mr. Martin is attempting to buy the entire building not only for our staff but for community partners to be near the clients we are serving.

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**
- c. Announcements - Next meeting is January 4th, 2023, at 9 a.m., location to be determined.**

VIII. Public Comments

IX. Adjournment – 10:03 am