

MINUTES
CITIZENS ADVISORY COMMITTEE (CAC)
Clark County Department of Juvenile Justice Services
CCJJS Director's office Conference Room
Telephonic Conference: (857) 357-0254 Access Code 943-495
March 5th, 2025, at 9am

- I. **Call to Order** – 9:02 am
- II. **Introductions**
- III. **Public Comments** – NA
- IV. **Approval of 10/2/24 CAC minutes** - Approved
- V. **Approval of Agenda** - Approved
- VI. **Receive the Director's Report on the Activities of Clark County Juvenile Justice Services (CCJJS)** – Report by Deputy Director Mike Whelihan.
 - a. **Budget/Personnel**
 - i. There are 123 youth in Detention as of this morning. This is a significant decrease from 6 months ago when we hit 220! Many initiatives contributed to this positive trend.
 - ii. There are currently 31 vacant JPO positions but 8 PO's were recently promoted so that will increase to 39 shortly.
 - iii. The Juvenile Detention Specialist (JDS) position was approved by the BCC on February 19, 2024. Mike reiterated that this new position does not impact existing Union members. The department received 10 JDS positions, with no additional positions anticipated in the next fiscal year. These roles will eventually transition to SEIU membership. Recruitment remains open until March 11 or until 250 applications are received.
 - iv. Additionally, three Family Support Specialist positions were approved. These roles will assist JPOs with clerical and report-writing tasks, allowing JPOs to focus more on direct youth engagement and fieldwork.
 - v. The **polygraph and psychological evaluations** for the next Academy are scheduled for the end of the month.
 - vi. Currently, **four staff members** are in the background screening process for **Critical Labor Shortage (CLS) hiring**. The first group of CLS hires has been instrumental in mentoring newer Detention staff, and the department plans to extend the CLS program beyond its current expiration date in **November 2024**.
 - vii. There was a broader discussion on the recruitment and retention challenges faced by all law enforcement agencies. The **HR division** continues to actively participate in job and college fairs to address these challenges. The department currently has **85 total vacancies**.
 - viii. Katie Huncovsky was named as the new Probation manager and Tyrone Roberson for SMYC Manager.
 - ix. We are running 3 academies a year now.
 - b. **Juvenile Justice Programming**
 - i. The department now offers **online restitution payment** options for increased accessibility.

- ii. Recent funding has enabled the purchase of new **shields, ballistic vests, handcuffs, ASP batons, and other equipment**. Strong collaboration with the finance department was key in securing these resources.
- iii. We are launching the Traffic Court process on June 13, 2025, on Fridays at 2:00pm, an important step in enhancing our operations and improving efficiency for families and County staff. It will cause a major increase for our intake staff who will go from an average of 400 traffic citations annually to 1800!
- iv. **New Independent Living Program Tour** (Sirius location) - A new Independent Living Program, which will support youth 18+ who are homeless or in need of placement. This program offers case management, meals, and laundry on site for non-congregate placements.
- v. Training
 - 1. YLS Case Plan Training – In February, all JJS staff were trained. This will assist in selecting case plan goals and activities that align with criminogenic needs and that meet the SMART objectives (specific, measurable, achievable, realistic, and timebound) identified from YLS assessments, which are crucial for evaluating the needs and progress of the youth we work with.
 - 2. DAP Case Note Training – Scheduled for February and March, this training will introduce a structured documentation format for recording contact discussions, assessing the youth’s current situation, and planning for future interventions. This will improve clarity, consistency, and overall effectiveness in our case notes.
- vi. Two programs are under review for potential reimplementation:
 - 1. **Evening Reporting Center (ERC)**: A transition house for youth returning home.
 - 2. **SMYC Aftercare Program**: Supports youth reintegrating into home and school life after leaving **the Mountain**.

c. **Legislation - bills discussed we are currently monitoring:**

- i. Room confinement- already exceeds requirements & exceeds State standards.
- ii. AB199- community service for gun charges, decreased.
- iii. AB7- JJOC- more compliance & aligned w/Federal law, very minor changes.
- iv. Members offered support w/Legislation needs.
- v. Only opposed TPOP term SB259 removes existing law for truancy funding.
- vi. SB197 also opposed.
- vii. AB89- opposed searches on youth in Booking. Would need body scanners if passed but they aren’t accurate.

VII. CAC Strategic Goals – Group discussed reviewing strategic goals and ensuring they match with the departments. Shannon will share recently submitted goals with the group so we can review next meeting as an action item.

- 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 transition assistance**
- 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**
- b. **Other information that may be of interest to the Committee and the public**
 - i. CAC member Sharifa shared information on her non-profit, **Nevada Peacemakers Club - International Lions Club**. This a chapter of the esteemed International Lions Club and is committed to making a meaningful impact both locally and internationally. Our mission centers on service, compassion, and support for those in need. We provide free eyeglasses to individuals and families, ensuring that vision is no longer a barrier to achieving their potential. Please see website for more information.
- c. **Announcements - Next meeting is April 2nd, 2025, at 9 a.m., meeting location in CCJJS Director's office conference room with a virtual option as well.**

IX. Public Comments

X. Adjournment – 10:20 am