



THE HARBOR – EXECUTIVE STEERING COMMITTEE

Juvenile Assessment Center Minutes

January 26, 2022 – 1:00 PM

The Harbor

861 N. Pecos Rd. Las Vegas, NV 89101

Minutes taken by Vikki Andrews

Present in Person

City of Las Vegas

Dr. Tammy Malich, Director, Department of Youth Development and Social Innovation, *Board Member and Chair*

Clark County Administrators Association

Jeff Horn, Executive Director – *Board Member*

Clark County Department of Juvenile Justice Services

Cheryl Wright, Assistant Director

Vikki Andrews, Administrative Secretary

Aaron Carbajal, JPO II

Clark County District Attorney’s Office

Brigid Duffy, Deputy Juvenile District Attorney – *Board Member*

Clark County Family Court

Judge William Voy – *Board Member*

Clark County Law Enforcement

Deputy Chief James LaRochelle, Las Vegas Metropolitan Police Department – *Board Member*

Sgt. Gary Nellis on behalf of Captain Adam Hyde, North Las Vegas Metropolitan Police Department – *Board Member*

Chief Henry Blackeye, School District Police – *Board Member*

Clark County School District

Robert Weires, Director of Psychological Services – *Board Member*

Chad Gregorius, School Counselor – *Board Member*

Eric Gant, Education Services Division

Community Representative

Amet Landry – Parent Representative – *Board Member*

Landynn Meyers – Youth Representative – *Board Member*

Eagle Quest

Samantha Day, Manager, The Harbor Henderson
Patrick Schreiber, Manager, The Harbor Mojave

Guests

Barbara Collins, Mission High School
Landynn Meyers, Mission High School
Stacey White, Morris Sunset East

Present By Phone

City of Las Vegas

Lee Quick, Principal Analyst
Sheena Judy-Mitchell

Clark County Department of Juvenile Justice Services

Eboni Washington, Assistant Director

Clark County District Attorney's Office

Catherine Jorgenson, Civil District Attorney

Department of Health and Human Services

Ellen Richardson-Adams, Outpatient Administrator, Department of Public and Behavioral Health – ***Board Member and Vice Chair***

Eagle Quest

Jennifer Bevacqua, Director of Program Development.

Workforce connections

Leo Rosser

Guests

Tami Hance, CIS Nevada

I. Call to Order

Dr. Tammy Malich, City of Las Vegas and Chair called the meeting to order, there was a quorum.

II. Public Comments

None at this time.

III. Approval of October 27, 2021 Minutes

The October 27, 2021 minutes were approved.

IV. Approval of January 26, 2022 Agenda

The January 26, 2022 agenda was approved with the amendment of the incorrect date noted.

V. Discussion and Appointment of Additional ESC Members for Two-Year Terms (July 28, 2021 through July 27, 2023)

a. Appointment of Additional Youth Representative – Ms. Da'jonni Scott

The committee motioned and approved the appointment of an additional youth representative, Da'Jonni Scott. Ms. Scott was unable to attend the meeting because she was quarantined. Her principal Stacey White was in attendance and was able to give some background about Ms. Scott to the committee. Ms. Scott first came to Ms. White as credit deficient but was able to make up all credits and will be graduating early as a junior in 2022. Ms. White believes this committee will

help her to stay motivated and positive and keep her future on a positive track. The committee motioned and approved the appointment of Ms. Scott as an additional youth representative.

The appointment of Ms. Scott completes the seats available in the interlocal. No other citizen representative seats are available.

VI. Discussion Regarding Updates/Modifications to The Harbor Interlocal Agreement

The last interlocal was completed on December 18, 2019, and was put in effect for five years. The committee was asked to review the interlocal and submit their updates. Dr. Tammy Malich asked if there were any entities other than Las Vegas Metropolitan Police Department who are providing a space at no charge that need to be added to the interlocal; Cheri Wright and Brigid Duffy informed that the Henderson location (by the City of Henderson) and the Charleston location (by the State of Nevada) are both providing locations, but both are within separate agreements. Judge William Voy believes it should be memorialized somewhere within the interlocal because it increases the whole concept of the partnership. Catherine Jorgenson did clarify that all the in-kind contributions need to be updated, and that section will make clear that there are separate agreements that handle these contributions. The members section will need to be updated to edit members who have not been involved. Ms. Jorgenson clarified that the names of individual additional members will not be made so the interlocal does not need to be changed each time members are changed. Dr. Malich also clarified that the interlocal clearly states that this interlocal does not allow voting by proxy.

VII. Discussion Regarding Data Tracking and Recidivism

Ms. Wright would like to have a conversation about the data report and what data is important to the committee. When The Harbor launched, the initial data being tracked was youth escalation rate, with other critical pieces being referrals by zip code and law enforcement wait times. This ESC report has grown over time based on the asks of the ESC members. Some of the data asked for is unable to be run by a report in the case management system and can become difficult to track. Knowing what data is needed on an ongoing basis instead of a one-time ask will help to identify what reports may need to be built into the system in the future. There is a mechanism for pulling the data in the current report. For the past year or so, tracking school outcomes has also been a request. At the last meeting, Dr. Anzalone and Ms. Wright shared that they were working on a data sharing agreement; they have made some headway on that and there is an upcoming meeting with the school district to work through this.

Ms. Duffy asked Pat Schreiber, but what does it mean to escalate into the system and how is that being tracked. She explained that this is a question she receives often when sharing The Harbor's success rate. Mr. Schreiber explained that it matches the state statute definition of recidivism of dating back three years. Tyler and Family Tracs 2.0 are compared for data. Escalation is counted as a youth who has been to The Harbor and then comes back into the system and is adjudicated for a charge, receive a disposition, or a referral/citation that results in a juvenile record. There was question of if an informal disposition, (warn/release, closed by intake) is counted as escalation; Mr. Schreiber will confirm this.

During the previous ESC meeting, the discussion of how youth who were previously on probation or parole, who are now being referred to The Harbor on a misdemeanor charge, may be affecting the data. Ms. Wright explained that it is less than 1% of youth, and if it something that needs to be tracked going forward, she will get with IT on getting a report that can provide the information.

Amet Landry asked how youth who are trafficked or sexually exploited youth are handled within The Harbor. It was explained that there is an existing Supreme Court law on how these cases are handled in the formal system, and that there are certain resources and diversion in place for these youth. The Harbor does

use a risk assessment tool (Nevada Rapid Indicator Tool) for every youth who comes through The Harbor to identify youth who may be sexually exploited or at risk, and The Harbor would then refer to the appropriate services and the Department of Family Services. Since the 2019 Legislative Session, any time a youth is identified at being at risk or involved in sexual exploitation or being a trafficking victim, there is a duty as a mandated reporter to notify the Child Protective Services hotline. Additionally, any citizen can report this to the hotline for further investigation. Most of these falls into the Family Services wheelhouse because of federal law.

VIII. Update on The Harbor Marketing Sub-Committee.

Ms. Wright updated the committee on The Harbor Marketing Sub-committee, outreach continues and stays consistent with numbers of events that are attended. The Harbor hosts a resource fair quarterly for the community where assessments can be done in real time, where vendors are in attendance, and clothing, food, etc. are provided. The event is made to be a fun event, so it includes food, games, giveaways, music and more. The resource fairs have been very successful, and on any given date about 150 families are serviced.

Billboards in the mall are being considered for advertising at The Boulevard and Meadows mall. Outreach continues with the school district and law enforcement. It was requested that flyers for upcoming events are sent to ESC members so they can forward on to others.

DJJS did put in request for ARPA funding, and one of the asks that will be funded is The Harbor Mobile and Rural response. This will allow for great outreach to rural and underserved communities within the valley. More information is to come.

Mr. Schreiber added that besides direct community involvement, The Harbor regularly gets calls from other jurisdictions such as Chatham County, Georgia, Milwaukee, Wisconsin, Washington State, Colorado State, and others who call for information about The Harbor and how they too can incorporate a similar model in their own communities.

IX. Discussion Regarding Manager Transition

Ms. Wright informed the committee that a recruitment has been completed and Ilia Sanchez will be taking on the role as The Harbor Manager. Ms. Sanchez previously worked for Eagle Quest, for both private and public sector, she is a licensed clinical social worker, and she is a hard worker. Ms. Wright thanked Mr. Schreiber for his assistance as The Harbor Manager during this recruitment process.

X. Presentation of The Quarterly Manager's Report

The initial goal of The Harbor was to keep youth from penetrating the juvenile justice system, and with The Harbor serving about 600 youth a month, with a low escalation rate, that goal is being achieved. By December 2021, The Harbor has served over 20,000 families. Henderson's numbers are increasing as the community becomes familiar with it. The data for race, charges and zip codes remain consistent, which would mean the target population is being serviced. School referrals have also increased since school has been back in session. This data shows that The Harbor is integrated within the community.

Chief Henry Blackeye asked about the School Justice Partnership warnings and how the number is being calculated; Chief Blackeye believes the numbers don't match to his reporting system. It was explained that the SJP referrals come through the website, and it was explained that these are only referrals coming through The Harbor website not for other programs such as Trial By Peers, etc. Ms. Duffy added that SJP is working and cutting down on DJJS referrals by 1200.

Ms. Wright asked the committee if the data being reported quarterly by calendar year works for the ESC, and they confirmed that it is presented how they want to see it. There was a request that the color palette be updated also for more visual clarity. Dr. Malich asks that SJP warnings be changed to CCSD PD Electronic Referrals for less confusion with SJP data. The committee thanks The Harbor staff for all their hard work in compiling all the different data.

XI. Informational Items

- a. Announcements: The next meeting date is April 27, 2022 at 1:00 pm at The Harbor Mojave.
- b. The link for the tape-recorded conference of My Brother's Keeper will be out within the next two weeks, and the virtual note taking are already available. The survey has also come out, please complete the survey, and submit and suggestions for topics or speakers.

Ms. Duffy will be speaking at the Leadership Las Vegas Juvenile Justice Day, who is interested in investing money and assistance to juvenile programs. They want to hear more about diversionary programs like The Harbor. Ms. Duffy will be connecting with The Harbor for more information.

- c. Emerging issues – None at this time. If there is something that a member would like to have put on the agenda, please e-mail Vikki Andrews with your item.

XII. Public Comments

Jeff Horn applauded the work that The Harbor is doing to assist youth in the community and assisting them in getting on a better path; great things are happening at The Harbor and lives are being changed by the great work.

Lee Quick congratulated Judge Voy for the Assemblyman Tyrone Thompson Yours in Service award that he received from My Brother's Keeper for his championing and working with youth and being a trailblazer in that way.

Jennifer Bevacqua informed the committee that a national accreditation body has toured three Harbor locations. She has visited programs and services as part of being a reviewer for many years, and she was so impressed with the vision and development of The Harbor and the Department of Juvenile Justice Services, and the support of this group.

XIII. Adjournment