



## **THE HARBOR – EXECUTIVE STEERING COMMITTEE**

### **Juvenile Assessment Center Minutes**

**February 28, 2018 – 1:00 PM**

DJJS Zenoff Conference Room

Las Vegas, NV 89101

*Minutes taken by Vikki Andrews*

#### **Present in Person**

##### **City of Las Vegas**

Dr. Lisa Morris-Hibler, Director, Department of Youth Development and Social Innovation, City of Las Vegas,

##### ***Board Member***

Lee Quick, Principal Policy Analyst, Department of Youth Development and Social Innovation

##### **Clark County Department of Juvenile Justice Services**

John M. Martin, Director – ***Board Member***

Cheryl Wright, Clinical Services Manager

Vikki Andrews, Administrative Secretary

##### **Clark County District Attorney's Office**

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

Catherine Jorgenson, Deputy Civil District Attorney

##### **Clark County Family Court**

Judge William Voy – ***Board Member***

##### **Clark County Law Enforcement**

Chris Darcy, Deputy Chief *on behalf of Kevin McMahill, Undersheriff Las Vegas Metro Police Department* – ***Board***

***Member***

##### **Clark County School District**

Dr. Tammy Malich, Assistant Super Intendent – ***Board Member***

##### **Community Representative**

Punam Mather, Parent Representative – ***Board Member***

##### **Department of Family Services**

Paula Hammack, Assistant Director – ***Board Member***

##### **Department of Health and Human Services**

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

***Member***

## **The Harbor**

Cesar Lemos, Executive Director  
Christian Scott, Practicum Student  
Michele LaFrance, Practicum Student  
Carla Salazar, Practicum Student

## **Workforce Connections**

Jim Kostecki, CFO – *Board Member*

## **WestCare**

Darlene Terrill, Director of Special Projects - *Board Member*

## **Community Guests**

Dave Doyle – Eagle Quest  
Jennifer Bevacqua – Eagle Quest

### **I. Call to Order**

Brigid Duffy, Deputy Juvenile District Attorney and Chair called the meeting to order, there was a quorum.

### **II. Public Comments**

None at this time.

### **III. Approval of January 31, 2018 Minutes**

The January 31, 2018 minutes were approved.

### **IV. Approval of February 28, 2018 Agenda**

The February 28, 2018 agenda was approved.

### **V. Discuss Potential Additional Partners Including ESC Members, Government Entities and Providers**

Jack Martin, Department of Juvenile Justice Services, stated that he spoke with Don Burnett, and that he would be willing to participate with The Harbor. Mr. Martin believes that with SB94 moving forward, he could offer a lot of assistance. Mr. Burnett is also still very active in the community, and there is potential for him to help promote The Harbor.

Mr. Martin has also visited with the Cooperative Extension and attended a meeting with Commissioner Kirkpatrick. There are additional meetings scheduled as well as a formal invitations to tour The Harbor.

Judge William Voy, Family Court, mentioned the Truancy Diversion Program (TDP) and getting more schools on board with the program. Dr. Lisa Morris-Hibbler, City of Las Vegas, said that the City of Las Vegas will do their part to push the program, that those who currently use it love it and believe that it works. Judge Voy states that at least 40 schools are needed for the program to work and to avoid discontinuance. Judge Voy stated that one of the things that he envisioned for the next school year was to utilize The Harbor in conjunction with the TDP program. The TDP would identify issues the family is having and refer them to The Harbor for assistance in obtaining services.

### **VI. Discuss Category Title and Criteria for Additional ESC Members**

This agenda item will be discussed at the next meeting.

### **VII. Discuss Marketing of The Harbor**

Cesar Lemos, The Harbor, informed the ESC that there will be a PSA taped in the coming weeks with Youth Representative Arnija Hooks. There have been news outlets, such as Channel 8, Channel 13 and

Channel 4 who have come to The Harbor and done interviews with Mr. Martin, Cheryl Wright, DJJS, and Mr. Lemos. The Harbor will be attending community events at various school sites around the valley.

Mr. Martin asks Deputy Chief Christopher Darcy of Las Vegas Metropolitan Police Department (LVMPD) if The Harbor stickers can be placed on patrol units as part of their community policing. Deputy Chief Darcy agrees that it would be a good idea, and that it would be something to encourage LVMPD to make more use of The Harbor. Brigid Duffy, District Attorney's Office and Chair, states that there has not been a representative from Henderson Police Department (HPD) present, and North Las Vegas attendance has been hit and miss. There needs to be more marketing to law enforcement.

Mr. Martin added that there were two tours done in the month of February with the Board of Trustees from the Clark County School District (CCSD). He stated that Dr. Barton really liked the facilities and wants to begin holding meetings at The Harbor to help familiarize principals with The Harbor. Dr. Tammy Malich, CCSD, added that one of the Board of Trustee members was so impressed by The Harbor that the trustee will be bringing forward as a budget item in the district's budget, asking for funding for another Harbor location. Judge Voy suggests hanging posters on school campuses and throughout the Family Court buildings. Dr. Malich states that they can have posters printed if they have the PDF.

Ms. Duffy stated that she had an encounter with an LVMPD officer who recently used The Harbor. The officer had concerns about signage that states weapons cannot be taken into the building; however the parking lot where they would leave their vehicles and weapons is not secure. The officer stated that the requirement to leave their weapons made them uncomfortable. Mr. Lemos believes that the signage was meant more so for the public. Mr. Lemos suggests that officers stay in the designated law enforcement room, and if they want to tour The Harbor they would first need to secure their weapons. Deputy Chief Darcy adds that it is LVMPD policy that on duty officers are to remain armed unless they are in a secured facility. The ESC agreed that the language should be removed from the signage.

Ms. Darlene Terrill, WestCare, asked Deputy Chief Darcy about a current administrative order that is on police logs that state that all runaway, homeless, or unmanageable youth would be brought to WestCare shelter. Because the shelter is closing beginning of March, the order will need to be changed to state that all youth be brought to The Harbor. Deputy Chief Darcy will look into having the policy changed.

#### **VIII. AB395 Funding of \$1.9 Million**

- a. Data that will be required to continue the \$1.9 million after two years**
- b. Scope of Work Proposal**
- c. 24-hour model, schedule and start date**

The Harbor went to 24-hour operations on February 10, 2010. The Harbor II will be up and running in May. The Harbor II will not be a 24-hour facility, but it will take law enforcement drop offs.

Mr. Martin would like to do a crime evaluation in the area of The Harbor II, and would like to talk to the local schools to see what hours of operation would best serve that community. Ms. Wright states that the Scope of Work has operating hours of 8:00 a.m. to 10:00 p.m.

Ms. Duffy states that the area commands may need to be visited again to encourage use of The Harbor. Mr. Lemos states that he is going back to one command center next week for a presentation, and he would go back out to all command centers again if it would help promote the use of The Harbor to LVMPD. Mr. Martin suggests discussing The Harbor in a training video, and using it during briefings and academies. Deputy Chief Darcy believes it is already a part of their training program and that he would verify.

Dr. Malich states that the data that was requested at the previous meeting from CCSD by Tara Raines has been received, and the review of the data has begun. Ms. Duffy asks Mr. Lemos to reach out to Ms. Raines and ask her to put together a presentation of where she is currently with the report for the next agenda.

**IX. Data and Progress Report From The Harbor Executive Director**

For the month of January there were no LVMPD drop offs to The Harbor. A total of 121 kids came through The Harbor in January.

- Total Youth Served to Date: 2822, Total Youth Escalated to Date: 110 - 4%
- Gender: 59% Male, 41% Female
- Race: 4% Asian/Pacific Islander, 35% Black, 18% Hispanic, 4% Mixed, 39% White
- Top 5 Zip Codes: 89030, 89101, 89110, 89115, 89121
- Top 5 Offenses: Affray/Fighting, Battery, Petit Larceny, Possession of Drug Paraphernalia, Possession of Marijuana
- Law Enforcement Wait Times : May average wait time 10minutes
- Youth/Families who qualify for services through DWSS from opening to date: 89

Mr. Martin states that 89 of 121 youth served for the month of January is an impressive number of families being connected to long term services.

Dr. Morris-Hibbler asks if there is a way to find out how many citations are written by each jurisdiction. She suggests sending letters about The Harbor, and hitting the community harder. Dr. Malich asks that the number of school district citations be separated from total citations, as they are the biggest user of The Harbor, but by the way the data is being presented, it would appear that they are not. Mr. Lemos will break down the numbers further, to include total citations, Harbor eligible citations, and then by jurisdiction. Most kids being cited should be eligible for The Harbor, and as a result the Intake hallway should have significantly less traffic. Judge Voy also asks about City Marshalls and Park Police, and if they are aware of The Harbor. Ms. Duffy adds that there will be a DA representative stationed at The Harbor every afternoon, so they can also start to become a part of that culture.

Ms. Mathur asks about the ethnic data, and how much smaller the Hispanic number is compared to other nationalities. It is a cultural issue with getting Hispanic families to seek services and help. Mr. Martin suggests presenting The Harbor to the Catholic church and other church parishes where The Harbor can be a referral source.

**X. Informational Items**

- a. Next meeting April 25, 2018 at 1:00 pm, located in the Zenoff Conference Room, 651 N. Pecos Rd., Las Vegas, NV 89101. March meeting has been cancelled.
- b. The Family Justice Center Ribbon Cutting Ceremony will be March 1, 2018 at 10:00 a.m.
- c. CCBHC is open in Henderson. Pamphlets were provided by Ms. Terrill to the ESC.

**XI. Public Comments**

None at this time.

**XII. Adjournment**