

DFS Citizens Advisory Committee Meeting Minutes

Meeting Location:	VIA: WebEx - Clark County Department of Family Services https://clarkcountynv.webex.com/clarkcountynv/j.php?MTID=medfb9a0b779196d4ea251cfad1dd00fc Meeting number (access code): 2499 239 8177 Meeting password: Hvupym7jW85
Date:	August 18, 2022 8:30 am – 10:00 am

Membership		Present	Absent
CAC Members:	Shelia Parks	X	
	Judge Frank Sullivan		X
	Andre Bailey		X
	Matthew Cox	X	
	Dashun Jackson	X	
	Donna Smith	X	
	Ali Caliendo	X	
	Pamela Roberts	X	
County/Department Management:	Tim Burch, Administrator		X
	Abigail Frierson, Assistant Director		X
	Margaret LeBlanc, Assistant Director		X
	Jill Marano, Assistant Director	X	
	Judy Tudor, Assistant Director	X	
	Mari Parlade, DFS Legal & Strategic Initiatives Manager	X	
Public:	Dylan Nall, DCFS Family Programs Office	X	
	Judge Stephanie Charter, Clark County Family Court	X	
	Kendra Gipson, Nevada PEP Family Voice Facilitator	X	

Agenda Item I:	Call to order and welcome	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The meeting was called to order at 8:34am by Deputy Chair Matthew Cox and roll was called by Mari Parlade. 	
Agenda Item II:	General Public Comments	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> None 	
Agenda Item III:	Approval of June 16, 2022, Minutes & July 21, 2022, Minutes	(For Possible Action)
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> CAC June 16th & July 21st Minutes – Approved. 	
Agenda Item IV:	State of Nevada Department of Health & Human Services	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Dylan Nall with the DCFS, Family Program Office presented a virtual explanation of the Citizens Review Panels via PowerPoint for CAC Members. The agenda is as follow: What are CRPs, Citizens Review Panels, Requirements of a CRP, Nevada’s Citizen Review Panel, Dual Roles of a CRP, Reports & Recommendations, Subcommittees, Conferences & Quarterly Calls, Resources and Questions. Dylan Nall (DCFS) provided her email dnall@dcfs.nv.gov for more information about conferences. Mari Parlade inquired about the CRP Report submitted by the CAC back in January and if the State plans to submit a response or feedback. Dylan shared that she had already sent the CRP Report response to DaShun but can double check. 	

Agenda Item V:	Mental Health Crisis in Foster Care:	(For Possible Action)
Agenda Item VI:	Department of Family Services Report Out	
	(Information only)	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • DCFS Dr. Megan Freeman, Dr. Cindy Pitlock and Elvira Saldana were invited however, DCFS was not present to report out. • Jill Marano shared that the Interim Finance Committee (IFC) did approve all the mental health ARPA requests. The first block approved all the community-based services which includes expanding mobile crisis, expanding in-home services for families focusing on the wrap-around services. The County also submitted a request for the creation of a County ran clinical division that include therapist and care coordinators to serve youth and adults. <p>Jill Marano shared that the second half of the ARPA request is around patient-proofing the Desert Willow and Oasis facility and adding staff.</p> <p>DaShun Jackson inquired about the Oasis facility. Jill shared that there’s a total of four buildings, two of the building are currently being staffed by the State. The other two buildings have been leased out by the County. Building 12, which is one of the County leased buildings, will be opening as a group home and will be ran by vendor Bamboo Sunrise. The group home is planned to house 6 boys to start. The second County leased building, building 13 will be an Intermediate Care Facility (ICF) for the IDD population. Due to lack of building maintenance, the building is out of compliance under the fire safety code. The State is responsible for the maintenance of the building and is working on fixing the sprinkler system and dampers in HVAC system. The County does not have a date as to when they can open the ICF.</p> <p>Sheila Parks asked about the age range for the group home for boys. Jill shared that the building has not been licensed for specific age yet. Additionally, Sheila inquired about the Clinical Division Unit approved under ARPA. Jill shared that this new clinical team will be much larger and will be its own entity.</p> <p>Judge Stephanie Charter inquired about the younger aged children with mental health needs. Jill shared that currently, there is no program for the younger aged children. There is a new program for the CSEC teen girls. Jill acknowledged that there is a need for the younger aged kids and mentioned the possibility of working with Bamboo Sunrise and developing a program for the younger kids.</p> <p>Donna Smith agreed with Judge Charter’s concern for a need of a program for the younger aged children. She inquired about the qualifications needed for the staff at the facilities. Jill shared that the statute provides the education and background qualifications and can provide the statute at the next meeting. In addition, she shared that the model being used is called “Together Facing the Challenge,” an evidence-based foster home intervention. She offered to have a short presentation or a Q&A of what they will be doing in the home using the “Together Facing the Challenge model. “</p>	
	<p>1. Prevention:</p> <p>Judy Tudor shared that the State is planning on resubmitting the Family First Prevention Act plan by the end of September. Clark County will be able to bill back to July 1,2022, for services once it is approved. In anticipation of the plan being approved, the County has identified community partners that can provide well supportive evidence-based programs to the community. In the meantime, the Thrive by Five program is continuing to provide</p>	

services to families that do not meet the criteria for the department to open an investigation but have children under the age of five Marijuana exposed infants are referred to Positively Kids. Opioid exposed infants are referred to Empower and any other drug exposure we refer to SNHD.

Sheila inquired about WIN wraparound services and if they qualify under the approved clearing house. Judy shared that wraparound is not identified as a well supportive service under the clearing house however, the State would like to still identify it as a program to utilize under FFPSA.

2. Intervention & Accountability:

Judy Tudor shared that *the results from the survey of the various ways we can improve communication internally will be shared with DFS staff at the August site meeting* and with the CAC during the September meeting. DFS has a meeting next week within the larger county about how we can restructure our Intranet website on how it can be more user friendly for our staff.

3. Transitional Aged Youth Supports & Independent Living

Judy Tudor shared the department reached out to Youth Villages to inquire about gathering national data pertaining to retention rates in the LifeSet program.

In addition, Judy shared that the GuideTree Program is going very well. The County plans on hiring their own clinical consultants to train with Youth Villages. The County hopes to implement this program with the younger population by the end of this year. DFS is still working with the State in workgroups for Extended Foster Care.

4. Education:

Mari Parlade shared CCSD started school last week. Mari shared that Ms. Donna is no longer the POC for DFS. If anyone encounters any challenges with the school district, feel free to contact Dr. Leslie Strasser Congrove. We continue to work closely with CCSD and wraparound services to secure some social, emotional, and psychological supports behavioral interventions for our youth. Dr. Leslie Congrove, Patrick Barkley and Dr. Lisa Linning and Child Haven staff will be working together for school resources in the form of wraparound services for our youth.

5. Policies and Procedures:

Judy Tudor shared the new DCFS policies and procedures:

- Pregnant and Parenting Youth and Sealing of Records that are in our registry system.
- Management Directive about Temporary Legal Guardianship.

Sheila Parks inquired about temporary guardianships. Judy responded that there are different types of Guardianships each with their own policies.

6. Ombudsman’s Report:

Ombudsman Report was provided for July 2022.

Agenda Item VII:	Discussion and/or recommendations on the top 6 priorities <i>(Delineated in Section V)</i>	(For Possible Action)
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • None 	
Agenda Item VIII:	CAC Membership, Vacancies, Attendance & Bylaws	(For Possible Action)

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mari shared that there are a total of three CAC vacancies: 1. CCSD – pending Mike Barton (Language alternate proxy), 2. Child Welfare Advocate, 3. Judge Stephanie Charter is interest in filling Judge Frank Sullivan’s position. • Mari Parlade discussed about the importance of attendance to meet monthly quorum. Six active members must be present to meet quorum.
Agenda Item IX:	Informational Items/Announcements (Information Only)
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ali Caliendo shared some information on an event happening on August 25, 2022. The event is Celebrating 10 years of Foster Kinship and will be hosted by the Sterling Club. They are in need of sponsors. It cost \$80 per grandma to attend the dinner. In addition, on September 2, 2022, they are hosting a virtual Kinship Institute Conference for Professionals. • The Children’s Advocacy Alliance Citizens Advisory Committee Meeting will be at the end of the month, they will be meeting monthly.
Agenda Item X:	Next Meeting Date & Open Meeting Law Requirements
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Next meeting will be Thursday, September 15, 2022 @ 8:30 am via WebEx or in person 500 South Grand Central Pkwy, 1st Floor Pueblo Room Las Vegas, Nevada 89155.
Agenda Item XI:	Comments by General Public
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Kendra Gipson, Nevada PEP shared her gratitude for her invitation to the CAC meeting, she thanks everyone for their work and commitment to the community.
Agenda Item XII:	Adjournment
	Meeting adjourned at 9:47am.