

DFS Citizens Advisory Committee Meeting Minutes

Meeting Location:	VIA: WebEx - Clark County Department of Family Services 121 S. Martin Luther King Las Vegas, NV 89106
Date:	January 21, 2021 8:30 am – 10:00 am

Membership:		Present	Absent
Public: None	Brian Adams	X	
	Shelia Parks	X	
	Crystal Bomar	X	
	Judge Frank Sullivan	X	
	Andre Bailey	X	
	Matthew Cox	X	
	Dashun Jackson	X	
	Donna Smith	X	
	Carly Aldis		X
	Rhiannon Foreman		X
	Ron Harris		X
County/Department Management:	Tim Burch, Administrator		X
	Debbie Croshaw, Assistant Director	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	

Agenda Item I:	Call to order and welcome	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The meeting was called to order at 8:33 am and roll was called by Chair Shelia Parks 	
Agenda Item II:	General Public Comments	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> None 	
Agenda Item III:	Approval of November 19, 2020 Minutes	(For Possible Action)
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> December 17, 2020 minutes were tabled for next month 	
Agenda Item IV:	CAC Nominations and/or Elections for Chair, Vice-Chair & Deputy Chair	(For Possible Action)
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Mari announced that January is CAC election year. It was discussed to have progression of chair positions, nominate for the vacant position(s) and then conduct votes. It was discussed and agreed to progress the Vice-Chair into the Chair position, progress the Deputy Chair into the Vice-Chair and members nominate for the Deputy Chair and conduct voting. Will hold nominations and voting for next month's meeting 	

Agenda Item V:	CCSD Lifeline Presentation by Brian Adams, Coordinator of CCSD Wraparound Services Department	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Brian Adams presented a Power Point presentation on CCSD's Lifeline program. Currently have 68 schools enrolled in the program. 	
Agenda Item IVI	Department of Family Services Report Out	(Information Only)
	<p>1) Prevention: Implementation of the Family First Prevention Services Act (FFPSA)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Judy stated DFS is partnering with SNHD on the Thrive by Five project. Children ages zero (0) to three (3) who do not meet DFS's criteria a referral will be sent to SNHD. <p>2) Intervention & Accountability (Internal & External Communication)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> DFS just contracted with Partners in Leadership to improve DFS's organizational culture. Judy spoke about the survey that has been sent to employees to address the culture of the staff. They are working to improve the culture of the agency. 60% of staff participated in the survey to discuss how they want to define the agency's culture. <p>3) Youth Supports: Independent Living and Transitional Aged Youth Supports</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Judy announced the LifeSet program has enrolled 16 young adults. Legislation has passed extending foster care to age 21 in December 2020. Youth have the option to stay in foster care starting from April 2020 till September 2021. The State is working with Children's Bureau on how to implement the process regarding going to court, worker visits, check in, whom payments go to, etc. <p>4) Ombudsman Report</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> The December report was not finalized and will be emailed to the CAC members next month. <p>5) Policies and Procedures</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> DFS has partnered with DJJS on the Truancy Prevention Outreach Program (TPOP). This program provides identification and assessment of chronic absenteeism. Focuses on the family in providing home support and services that are strength based. Education neglect policy had to be modified due to distance learning. <p>6) Legislation</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Mari announced that legislation begins February 1, 2021. Mari will provide the CAC members with a spreadsheet of the bills that DFS is focusing on. 	
Agenda Item VII:	CAC Discussion &/or Recommendations on the Top 6 Priorities (delineated in Section IV)	(For Possible Action)
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> None 	
Agenda Item VIII:	Informational Items/ Announcements	(Information Only)
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Dashun announced about the upcoming Workforce Initiative and the upcoming Child Welfare Network meetings on 1/28th at 9 a.m. for Southern NV. 	
Agenda Item IX:	Comments by General Public	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> None 	

Agenda Item X:	Adjournment – 9:52am
	Next meeting will be Thursday, February 18, 2021 @ 8:30 am via WebEx