

## DFS Citizens Advisory Committee Meeting Minutes

<b>Meeting Location:</b>	VIA: WebEx - Clark County Department of Family Services <a href="https://clarkcountynv.webex.com/clarkcountynv/j.php?MTID=medfb9a0b779196d4ea251cfad1dd00fc">https://clarkcountynv.webex.com/clarkcountynv/j.php?MTID=medfb9a0b779196d4ea251cfad1dd00fc</a> Meeting number (access code): 2499 239 8177 Meeting password: Hvupym7jW85
<b>Date:</b>	June 16, 2022 8:30 am – 10:00 am

Membership		Present	Absent
<b>CAC Members:</b>	Shelia Parks	X	
	Judge Frank Sullivan		X
	Andre Bailey		X
	Matthew Cox	X	
	Dashun Jackson	X	
	Donna Smith	X	
	Rhiannon Foreman		X
	Ali Caliendo	X	
	Pamela Roberts	X	
<b>County/Department Management:</b>	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	
<b>Public:</b>	Gwynneth Smith, Chief Deputy District Attorney	X	
	Steve Grissom	X	

<b>Agenda Item I:</b>	<b>Call to order and welcome</b>	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The meeting was called to order at 8:35 am by Co-Chair DaShun Jackson and roll was called Mari Parlade.</li> </ul>	
<b>Agenda Item II:</b>	<b>General Public Comments</b>	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>None</li> </ul>	
<b>Agenda Item III:</b>	<b>Approval of May 19, 2022, Minutes</b>	<b>(For Possible Action)</b>
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>CAC May 19, 2022, Minutes – Approved.</li> </ul>	
<b>Agenda Item IV:</b>	<b>Mental Health Crisis in Foster Care:</b>	<b>(For Possible Action)</b>
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>DCFS Dr. Megan Freeman, Dr. Cindy Pitlock and assistant were invited. DCFS was not present to report out.</li> <li>Jill shared the state has been putting a lot of effort into developing ARPA requests; submitting for June the Crisis Stabilization Center, a second ARPA request to be submitted in August for approximately 100 million dollars to help enhance the system of care for mental health, in home services, increase capacity for residential programs, additional support was also requested for enhancing the Ackerman Center. The department does remain concerned about the overall timing of the ARPA request not going until August. Then an RFP would need to go out into contracts which that process can take a year. DFS</li> </ul>	

as a department would wish to see more changes in the system in what they currently have and ways that they could enhance them right now or expand the services that they currently have.

- Gwynneth Smith agreed with Jill’s concern about addressing the long-term vision. Hopefully once the money gets granted the next hard step is the implementation. The request has been made to assist and input was able to be provided from various stake holders than previously before.

**Agenda Item V: Department of Family Services Report Out (Information only)**

**1. Prevention:**

Judy shared the department is still working with the state in reference to Family First Prevention Services Act. They had a meeting yesterday, finalizing the services statewide. Ensuring we have services that meet the 50% threshold for funding that meet the well supported services in order to draw down reimbursement. Since Clark County has the most population, making sure we have a plan to how we will be able to serve at least 50% of our population. We have identified one of the services which is Motivational Interviewing that’s a service we already provide, our staff are already trained and utilizing it when engaging with families. The rest of the state is trying to create a plan in terms what services they will provide. For those services we are identifying what the fidelity monitoring will be and the evaluation would be.

The department has continued to provide some prevention services thru Thrive by Five program and thru our CARA grant to refer infants who have been born substance exposed.

Sheila asked if there have been any programs locally added to the Clearing House.

Judy responded no new programs; we are waiting for more services that support substance abuse treatment. We did submit our Safe at Home model to be reviewed.

**2. Intervention & Accountability:**

Judy shared the results are in from the survey feedback regarding different ways we communicate information to staff. A report is getting created with the results and once we inform our staff, we will also provide that information to the CAC members. The internal DFS Intranet is available to all staff with various types of information and tools they can navigate at any time. The ChildStat process will start its implementation on a regular basis to look at data around how successful we are in maintaining children safety, wherever possible, with parents or family. We will start having these meetings in July each month where we will review a different zone within our agency.

Sheila asked about the department getting approved additional positions and how will that impact the services.

Judy shared the department submitted the need for over 100 plus positions, but they have not been approved. They will be going for board approval next week. Another way we are trying to improve our services is the restructure Adoption and Permanency services. Currently we have one permanency worker that assigned primary on the case and once the child is legally free for adoption an Adoption worker gets assigned as a secondary worker to the case. What we are looking to do is combine both programs so there will only be one worker that is the permanency and adoption worker.

Pamela asked if the reason for the change was due to staff shortage or another reason.

Judy answered we had a consultant that came in to help us identify ways we can be more efficient. By us combining the permanency and adoption worker we will end up creating five new units. Ultimately this will help address some of our staff shortage this was part of the consultant's recommendation when comparing other jurisdictions.

**3. Transitional Aged Youth Supports & Independent Living**

Yesterday's graduation party celebrated a total of 81 young people who will be graduating at the end of July. We are expecting the number to increase by the end of the year to approximately over 90. We put together a contest for people within the department to compete putting together gift baskets to be raffled off.

We have continued to implement the LifeSet program, which is almost full. They will be some of the graduating students who will be exiting. The Guidetree program is ongoing thru Step Up which helps create that transition before they leave out of care.

Independent Living Committee Quarterly meeting is July 20<sup>th</sup> @ 3:00-4:30pm.

**4. Education:**

Mari Parlade shared that there's no major updates, just a follow up after Dr. Leslie Congrove presentation at last month's CAC meeting. She is available to answer any questions about the EDM's handout that was sent out by DFS Admin team. The Education Stakeholder meetings are taking a break but will reconvene in August. They are currently working on strategic planning with CCSD and wraparound educational support services for our Child Haven population.

**5. Policies and Procedures:**

Judy shared there's no new policies and procedures that have gone out. We are currently in the process of sending out four new Case Plan Facilitations policies.

**6. Ombudsman's Report:**

Ombudsman Report was provided for April 2022.

**Agenda Item VI:**

**CAC Discussion and/or Recommendations on the Top 6 (For Possible Action) Priorities (delineated in Section V)**

- Discussion about the DFS Statistical Overview monthly report.
- The members discussed having DJJS joint meeting. CAC member Donna Smith made motion to invite DJJS this motion was seconded by Deputy Matthew Cox. To discuss Mental Health (MH) Crisis and how DJJS is addressing assessment, treatment, and discharge planning of its youth with MH issues.
- Pamela Roberts shared she would like to hear what DJJS does in the perspective of mental health process for connecting kids with therapist in the community. What is their process for reunification, what process for integrating the children back to their families', what kind of support is there for the families and how does that overlap with the support that we have in the foster care? What resources are available to them before they return to the home and once, they are in the home. How do we keep the kids home to prevent them from coming back into the system? Is TBRI being used?

<b>Agenda Item VIII:</b>	<b>CAC Membership, Vacancies, Attendance &amp; Bylaws</b>	<b>(For Possible Action)</b>
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Mari shared the proxy language needs to go to the BCC, for ordinance change code approval.</li> </ul>	
<b>Agenda Item IX:</b>	<b>Informational Items/Announcements</b>	<b>(Information Only)</b>
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• DaShun shared CAA will be having Child Welfare Meeting on 7/28, meetings will be changing from quarterly to monthly.</li> <li>• Mari shared City of Las Vegas Mayor's Faith Initiative Child Welfare Summit virtual meeting will be held on June 29<sup>th</sup> @ 9:30am-12pm.</li> </ul>	
<b>Agenda Item X:</b>	<b>Next Meeting Date &amp; Open Meeting Law Requirements</b>	
	Next meeting will be Thursday, July 21, 2022 @ 8:30 am via WebEx or in person 500 South Grand Central Pkwy, 1 <sup>st</sup> Floor Pueblo Room Las Vegas, Nevada 89155.	
<b>Agenda Item XI:</b>	<b>Comments by General Public</b>	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• None</li> </ul>	
<b>Agenda Item XII:</b>	<b>Adjournment</b>	
	Meeting adjourned at 9:49am	