

DFS Citizens Advisory Committee Meeting Minutes

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Date:	January 19, 2023 8:30 am – 10:00 am

Membership		Present	Absent
CAC Members:	Shelia Parks	X	
	Judge Stephanie Charter	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
	Margaret LeBlanc, Deputy Director		X
	Jill Marano, Deputy Director		X
	Wonswayla Mackey, Deputy Director	X	
Public:	Dr. Cindy Pitlock, DCFS	X	
	Sarah Schaerrer, Deputy District Attorney	X	

Agenda Item I:	Call to order and welcome	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The meeting was called to order at 8:30 am by Chair DaShun Jackson and roll was called. 	
Agenda Item II:	General Public Comments	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> None 	
Agenda Item III:	Approval of November 17, 2022, Minutes	(For Possible Action)
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> CAC December 15, 2022, minutes – No Quorum. 	
Agenda Item IV:	Mental Health Crisis in Foster Care:	(For Possible Action)
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Dr. Cindy Pitlock, DCFS was present to report out. DCFS is waiting for the Governor’s budget approvals including the \$975 million. A \$20 per day increase will be going to Specialized Foster Care homes. DCFS will be receiving a National endorsement for Early Intervention based on the Mercer study <p>DaShun Jackson inquired if Extend Foster Care will be on the Legislative session this year and if there are plans to utilize existing funds around the child welfare for example the 4E funds.</p>	

Dr. Cindy Pitlock stated that the State’s budget plan for a rate increase came from the Mercer study. There has not been any increase since 2008 and 2009. Dr. Pitlock would have to check with DCFS Fiscal department in reference to the funding allocations.

Judge Stephanie Charter inquired if the facility that will have a total of four beds in Elko placement is an RTC?

Dr. Cindy Pitlock shared that the Nevada Youth Training Facility in Elko will be a female placement and will start with four beds but gradually increase its gear towards DJJS.

Donna Smith inquired about the Intervention program previously discussed.

Dr. Cindy Pitlock shared Nevada DCFS Early Childhood Mental Health will now be part of a national certification and endorsement. This will provide additional grant opportunities, training, funding, and workforce development. For more information, the point of contact is Rhonda Lawrence who oversees Early Childhood Infant Mental Health Program

Donna Smith inquired by the state being endorsed what does this really do for Nevada, would this contribute with additional social workers?

Dr. Cindy Pitlock stated that the national certification will help with the workforce to make it more appealing.

Agenda Item V:	Department of Family Services Report Out	(Information only)
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| | <p>1. Prevention:</p> <p>Wonswayla Mackey shared the department has met with the State concerning FFPSA. The plans that were submitted for prevention services approval were 1. Family Check Up 2. Motivational Interviewing 3. Parent Child Interaction Therapy 4. Parents as Teachers. Additional evidence-based plans are still being considered. A supplemental position was submitted as we our trying to development a Family Program office like the State. The unit would monitor FFPSA and fidelity monitoring to ensure there is consistency across the State.</p> <p>2. Intervention & Accountability:</p> <p>Wonswayla Mackey shared DFS had a presentation on Board of County Commissioner meeting regarding foster care and recruitment retention program. The department has a campaign via commercials and flyers in the mall.</p> <p>3. Transitional Aged Youth Supports & Independent Living:</p> <p>Wonswayla Mackey shared that DFS is developing on a workgroup for Extend Foster Care. Upon determination by Legislation, if children would be able to come in and out of care and what types of process will there need to be.</p> <p>Donna Smith inquired if they are extending the Foster Care adoption subsidy.</p> |
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	<p>4. Education: Wonswayla Mackey shared she had a meeting with Dr. Leslie Strasser Congrove. She is working with the CCSD kindergarten program Headstart. DFS submitted their supplemental positions request for additional staff to specifically assist in education for each geographic zone.</p> <p>5. Policies and Procedures: No policy and procedure updates.</p> <p>6. Ombudsman's Report: Ombudsman Report was provided for December 2022.</p> <p>7. Legislation: Wonswayla Mackey shared that Legislative session has begun, DFS has prepared a team for review and for input. The court improvement counsel has already reviewed Sibling Visitation, Mental Health for QRTP, Treatment Placement of Children and Guardians.</p>
Agenda Item VI:	CAC Discussion and/or Recommendations on the Top 6 Priorities (delineated in Section V) (For Possible Action)
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • CAC member Donna Smith would like to recommend an update Legislation.
Agenda Item VII:	CAC Membership & Officer Elections for Chair, Vice Chair & Deputy Chair (For Possible Action)
	At BCC Meeting on Tuesday, January 17, 2023, two CAC members were reappointed Matthew Cox and Andre Bailey. An additional new member was appointed - Judge Stephanie Charter and approved.
Agenda Item VIII:	Informational Items/Announcements (Information Only)
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • DaShun Jackson shared Children's League will be sometime in March, Monday through Thursday. CAA has a new executive director, Holly Wellburn. He will also be providing legislative updates.
Agenda Item IX:	Next Meeting Date & Open Meeting Law Requirements
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Sarah Schaerer shared the basics of Open Meeting Law and when to abstain from voting. • Next meeting will be Thursday, February 16, 2023 @ 8:30 am via Microsoft Teams.
Agenda Item X:	Comments by General Public
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • None
Agenda Item XI:	Adjournment
	Meeting adjourned at 9:42am