

DFS Citizens Advisory Committee Meeting Minutes

Meeting Location:	VIA: Microsoft Teams - Clark County Department of Family Services Join on your computer, mobile app, or room device. Click here to join the meeting Meeting ID: 211 703 055 261 Passcode: wTDtGZ Download Teams Join on the web Or call in (audio only) +1 725-696-5982,571411262# United States, Las Vegas Phone Conference ID: 571 411 262# Location: CC Government Center 500 S. Grand Central Pkwy 5 th Floor DFS Exec. Conf. Rm# 5022 Las Vegas, NV 89155
Date:	February 15, 2024 8:30 am – 10:00 am

Membership		Present	Absent
CAC Members:	Dashun Jackson	X	
	Donna Smith	X	
	Shelia Parks	X	
	Judge Stephani Charter		X
	Ali Caliendo	X	
	Pamela Roberts	X	
	Kim Abbott	X	
	Brandon Ford	X	
County/Department Management:	Jill Marano, DFS Director	X	
	Wonswayla Mackey, Deputy Director	X	
	Patrick Barkley, Deputy Director	X	
	Lisa Martinez, Deputy Director	X	
Public:	Timothy Allen, District Attorney Civil	X	
	David Johnson	X	
	Loretta Littau	X	

Agenda Item I:	Call to order and welcome	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The meeting was called to order at 8:35am by Chair DaShun Jackson and roll was called. 	
Agenda Item II:	General Public Comments	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> David Johnson shared he has taken a new placement with DFS. He complimented the department about the new foster parent onboarding process. 	
Agenda Item III:	Approval of Agenda	(For Possible Action)
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> CAC Agenda - Approved 	
Agenda Item IV:	Approval of December 21, 2023, Minutes	(For Possible Action)
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> CAC December 21, 2023, Minutes - Approved 	
Agenda Item V:	Department of Family Services Report Out	(Information only)
	<p>Wonswayla Mackey shared the department has launched a new Guardianship unit it will go in effect on March 4, 2024. The purpose of this new unit will be assessing families who are seeking guardianship under 159A guardship.</p> <p>Lisa Martinez shared CSEC department assisted during the Super Bowl week with juveniles that were located. In Clark County wide a total of sixteen juveniles were located. Two children were</p>	

legally free for adoption and participated in the production, that was locally broadcasted during the Superbowl. Clark County media participation covered the need of Foster Parents and permanent homes for children. In the Independent Living program, the department has reduced from two LifeSet units down to one unit. That staff was reassigned into the Independent living program, to assist the 14-18 years old population. A new DFS Academy started on January 15, 2024, and will end on March 6, 2024, it currently has a total of nineteen new staff. The next DFS Academy will be starting in May 2024, interviews are currently being conducted.

Patrick Barkley shared the department received double the inquires on the website during the Super Bowl weekend. Clark County had an employee foster care recruitment event and there will be another event being held at the Center on February 22nd targeting our LGBTQ community.

Jill Marano shared the department is in the early stages to centralize mental health and physical health services that are provided in Clark County into one department. This department would be a separate department and would serve Department of Family Services, Social Services and Juvenile Justice and potential partnership of the jails. This would be a Medicaid reimbursable department. The department will be contracting out to assist with all the logistics on time studies and type of software that will be needed. Stakeholders and Community feedback sessions will be held.

Jill Marano shared there an internal Clark County initiative lead by County Manager focusing on employee engagement and employee retention. An employee engagement survey will be sent to staff in March. After the survey results, an action plan based on employee's feedback will be provided.

Donna Smith asked if DFS can obtain some of the money that's already allocated to Magellan from DCFS to assist with the development of the new department.

Kim Abbott inquired about Independent living current waitlist, she has a youth that just turned 14. What's the timeframe to get an IL worker. How big is the backlog of youth waiting for IL worker.

Lisa Martinez responded to Kim Abbott the four workers that were in LifeSet were deployed into independent living; they will start to take backlogged cases. The backlog is approximately over 100 youth on the waitlist.

Donna Smith would like to see an overview of the process of children aging out of the system in an upcoming meeting. For a presentation to be placed on the agenda in a future CAC meeting.

Shelia Parks inquired about the status of Family First Plan Service Act.

Wonswayla Mackey shared the FFPSA plan has been approved, the Safe at Home is in the process of approval of the Clearinghouse. This plan is in the implementation phase preparing training for staff there is a current workgroup in place from various units like eligibility and intake working with the State.

Ali Caliendo offered her own experience on how Foster Kinship was able to get approved thru the Clearinghouse.

Agenda Item VI:	Identify emerging issues by the Committee for future meetings.	(For Possible Action)
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Donna Smith requested for electing of new CAC officers, Resend DCFS invitation for CAC monthly meeting and for the previous bullet point items to be put back on as they were specific items. • Kim Abbott agreed with Donna’s request to add the previous bullet points for DFS to report on and for any new or additional items can be requested to be added to each month after. • Shelia Parks and Donna Smith requested for DFS to present on Independent Living aging out process sometime in April or May for the CAC members. • Ali Caliendo requested for DaShun to request for the five bullets points to be added back on for DFS to report out on. • Jill Marano mentioned the CAC meeting does function as a Citizens Review Panel (CRP). Some research needs to be made, State’s requirements of the CRP or obligations. Which will help to see what the role of the CAC is. • Tim Allen will review the CAC Bylaws and the ordinance. • Kim Abbott would like to have CAC role as an agenda item for next month for updates. 	
Agenda Item VII:	Discussion of open board seats and actions being taken to fill them.	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • CAC current vacancies - one CCSD and one General Public. • David Johnson will be going for BCC approval on February 20, 2024. • Nomination and voting for CAC position on next month meeting. 	
Agenda Item VIII:	Informational Items/Announcements	(Information Only)
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • CAC chair, DaShun, will be presenting at the Policy & Fiscal Affairs Meeting on February 22, 2024, at 12:30pm. 	
Agenda Item IX:	Next Meeting Date	
	Next meeting will be Thursday, March 21, 2024 @ 8:30 am via Microsoft Teams or in person.	
Agenda Item X:	Comments by General Public	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • None 	
Agenda Item XI:	Adjournment	
	Meeting adjourned at 9:52 am	