

## CCFS Citizens Advisory Committee Meeting Minutes

<b>Meeting Location:</b>	VIA: Microsoft Teams - Clark County Family Services <b>Join on your computer, mobile app, or room device.</b> <a href="#">Click here to join the meeting</a> Meeting ID: 211 703 055 261 Passcode: wTDtGZ <a href="#">Download Teams</a>   <a href="#">Join on the web</a> <b>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<sup>th</sup> Floor DFS Exec. Conf. Rm# 5022 Las Vegas, NV 89155</b>
<b>Date:</b>	April 18, 2024 8:30 am – 10:00 am

Membership		Present	Absent
<b>CAC Members:</b>	Dashun Jackson	X	
	Donna Smith	X	
	Shelia Parks	X	
	Judge Stephanie Charter	X	
	Ali Caliendo		X
	Pamela Roberts	X	
	Brandon Ford	X	
	Kim Abbott	X	
	David Johnson	X	
	Christopher Merritt	X	
<b>County/Department Management:</b>	Jill Marano, CCFS Director	X	
	Wonswayla Mackey, Deputy Director	X	
	Patrick Barkley, Deputy Director		X
	Lisa Martinez, Deputy Director	X	
<b>Public:</b>	Sarah Schaerrer, District Attorney Civil	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 8:35am by Chair Donna Smith and roll was called.</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 March 21, 2024, Minutes</b>	<b>(For Possible Action)</b>
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>CAC March 21, 2024, Minutes - Approved</li> </ul>	
<b>Agenda Item IV:</b>	<b>Staff Update Regarding Status of State CRP</b>	<b>(Information only)</b>
	<p>Jill Marano shared after reviewing the ordinance and compliance with open meeting law the Citizens Advisory Committee does not have the authority to be part of Citizen Review Panel for the State. This committee can no longer function under that role due to the ordinance.</p> <p>Sarah Schaerrer clarified the State can appoint CAC to be part of CRP. If that does happen, it will need to be staffed by the State and not the County. The State would need to appoint this committee separately for that to happen.</p> <p>Donna Smith shared she has a meeting with Dylan Nall from the State to clarify CAC.</p>	

<b>Agenda Item V:</b>	<b>Update from Chair-Donna Smith</b>	<b>(Information only)</b>
	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Agenda Setting Process</li> <li>2. Monthly vs. Quarterly Meetings</li> <li>3. Policy &amp; Fiscal Affairs Report for May 2024.</li> </ol> <p>Donna Smith shared as chair going forward for all Agenda items for the request to be sent via email to her. Quarterly meeting will occur prior to Policy &amp; Fiscal Affairs meeting and additional special meetings will be for information only not to vote on any items. Next month is the Policy &amp; Fiscal Affairs meeting she will be reporting out the CRP report will create a new report to include CAC priority items. This month meeting is the first quarterly meeting.</p>	
<b>Agenda Item VI:</b>	<b>Independent Living/Aging Out Process Program Overview - Lisa Martinez - CCFS</b>	<b>(Information only)</b>
	<p><b>TRANSITIONAL AGED YOUTH SUPPORTS &amp; INDEPENDENT LIVING:</b></p> <p>Lisa Martinez shared an overview of Clark County Family Services Independent Living Program. The agency name has changed we are no longer utilizing Department of Family Services, Clark County Family Services. A total of 443 youth are in the Independent Living program, ages 14–17-year-olds we average 100 youth per age group.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Independent Living Program is funded by John H. Chafee funds since 1999. Chafee funds assist youth ages 14-18 or until they exit care. The amount varies by age within the fiscal year from \$300 and up-\$750.</li> <li>• Independent Living workers are a secondary worker for youth 14-year-old and up. They assist the youth engage with caregivers, make contact in person every 90days and by phone monthly. They refer youth to services teaching self-sufficiency. They collaborate with permanency worker and team. Help obtain state identification, food handler’s card, learner’s permit, or driver license. Assist with completion of financial aid and scholarships to attend or trade school. Credit report get ran annually and provided to youth. The IL worker will assist with correcting credit reports if there are any discrepancies. Complete National Youth Transition Date surveys with the youth.</li> <li>• Once an IL worker is assigned, they contact care provider and youth within 10 business days. Meet with youth and provide a welcome packet. Obtain consent to participate in the IL program. A Casey assessment is completed within 45 days and IL transitional plan is completed within 30 days. IL transition plan is youth driven it’s reviewed annually until youth reaches age 17 or out of care.</li> <li>• Referrals/Resources from IL worker for example IL classes, employment assistance and job preparedness, financial aid workshops, volunteer opportunities in the community.</li> <li>• IL worker during transition plan meets with youth 120 days prior to their 18<sup>th</sup> birthday to discuss transition, per NRS. Per NRS, every 17-year-old must have a CAP attorney. The original birth certificate and social security card are provided to youth at the 30-day meeting.</li> <li>• Step up is a Clark County Social Service program foster you who are 18-21 years old and have aged out of foster care. Step up has two ways they support the youth 1. Voluntary Jurisdiction and 2. FAFFY (Funds to Assist Former Foster Youth).</li> </ul> <p>Lisa Martinez shared the department is working with a consultant Michael Sanders to assist Clark County with IL program and to prepare for the upcoming changes related to Extended Foster Care.</p> <p>Jill Marano shared the department is working with Michael to assist with the internal setup process for Extended Foster Care but there a separate process that the State is putting in place that covers statewide. In reference to budget matters related to children court jurisdiction it used to cover 2.5 million dollars but after the increase it’s now up 3.2 million dollars per year. The department did receive additional 9 staff in the last budget cycle to try to meet the need for Extended Foster Care. The department typically serves around 300 youth, we would need more staff to help staff stay in the range 15-20 youth per caseload.</p>	

<b>Agenda Item VII:</b>	<b>Clark County Family Services Report Out</b>
	<p><b>PREVENTION:</b></p> <p>Wonswayla Mackey shared the department is still working with the State, regarding prevention services for Family First Prevention Services Act. The state is developing windows on the state database, Unity for tracking purposes that will assist monitoring related to prevention services and referrals. The four approved plans in Clark County are: 1. Family check-up 2. PCIT 3. Motivational Interviewing 4. Parents As Teachers. An upcoming FFPSA Overview meeting will be held sometime in May inviting various community partners and a State representative will be present.</p> <p><b>INTERVENTION, ACCOUNTABILITY, POLICIES AND PROCEDURES:</b></p> <p>Wonswayla Mackey shared a new Guardianship support unit was developed to support families who have express interest to file for guardianship. The new pilot program has started with two out of six zones. To review families who have temporary guardianship before the court. The purpose of this new unit will be assessing families who are seeking guardianship under 159A guardship. The department did not have a high volume like anticipate from North and South zones, it has now opened for the East zone. The court administration has advised they are opened and is able to serve additional zones if needed. Initially the department was working from a management directive, but we now have a Guardianship Policy. A Telecommuting policy has been approved, there is a workgroup in place and we are waiting for recommendations from the workgroup in case any amendments would be needed. The Placement Stability and Preservation Policy and Procedures is being amended to include our Wrapping Resources Around Placement Support (WRAPS) team to the policy. Our Team Decision Making Policy and Procedure was also updated.</p> <p>Kim Abbott inquired if CCFS Policies and Procedures are accessible to the community partners. She is requesting for the MDT policy be sent to her.</p> <p>Jill Marano shared CCFS Policies and Procedures are available on our DFS Net, Intranet but are currently not accessible to anyone but staff. CCFS Policies can be shared to community partners for the time being while we get more clarity.</p> <p><b>EDUCATION:</b></p> <p>Wonswayla Mackey shared she will be inquiring with Leslie Strasser Congrove our CCSD liaison and will provide data related to School of Origin issue for the next meeting.</p>
<b>Agenda Item VIII:</b>	<b>Next Meeting Date</b>
	Next meeting will be Thursday, May 16, 2024 @ 8:30am via Microsoft Teams.
<b>Agenda Item IX:</b>	<b>Comments by General Public</b>
	None
<b>Agenda Item X:</b>	<b>Adjournment</b>
	Meeting adjourned at 10:01 am