



THE HARBOR – EXECUTIVE STEERING COMMITTEE

Juvenile Assessment Center Minutes

July 26, 2023 – 1:00 PM

The Harbor

861 N. Pecos Rd. Las Vegas, NV 89101

Minutes taken by Vikki Andrews

Present in Person

City of Las Vegas

Dr. Tammy Malich, Director, Department of Youth Development and Social Innovation -**Board Member and Chair**

Clark County Department of Family Services

Wonswayla Mackey, Deputy Director – **Board Member**

Clark County Department of Juvenile Justice Services

Jack Martin, Director - **Board Member**

Cheryl Wright, Deputy Director

Jessica Sasso, The Harbor, Manager

Vikki Andrews, Administrative Secretary

Clark County District Attorney's Office

Brigid Duffy, Deputy Juvenile District Attorney – **Board Member**

Catherine Jorgenson, Civil District Attorney

Clark County Family Court

Steve Grierson, District Court CEO, on behalf of Judge David Gibson – **Board Member**

Clark County Law Enforcement

Captain P. Burgess on behalf of Chief Henry Blackeye, Clark County School District Police Department – **Board Member**

Captain Mario Perez, North Las Vegas Police Department - **Board Member**

Clark County School District

Robert Weires, Director of Psychological Services – **Board Member**

Chad Gregorius, Clark County School District Licensed Staff – **Board Member**

Community Representative

Amet Landry – Parent Representative – **Board Member**

Eagle Quest

Samantha Day, Harbor Henderson Manager

Workforce Connections

Dr. Ricardo Villalobos, Chief Program Officer – *Board Member*

Guests

Lauren Pena, EJDC

Present by Phone

Eboni Washington, Deputy Director, Department of Juvenile Justice Services

Mr. Avila, on behalf of Deputy Chief Nicholas Farese, Las Vegas Metropolitan Police department – *Board Member*

Jeff Horn, Executive Director, Clark County Administrators Association – *Board Member*

- I. Call to Order**

Dr. Tammy Malich called the meeting to order, there was a quorum.
- II. Public Comments**

None at this time.
- III. Approval of April 26, 2023, Minutes**

The April 26, 2023, minutes were approved.
- IV. Approval of July 26, 2023, Agenda**

The July 26, 2023, agenda was approved with corrections to items V – appointment of vice chair as this is addressed in item VI; VII, g. should read re-appointment of Landon Meyers.
- V. Appointment of ESC Chair for one-year term (July 26, 2023-July 26, 2024)**

The committee motioned and approved the appointment of Ellen Richardson-Adams, Department of Public and Behavioral services, as Chair of the ESC for one-year term.
- VI. Appointment of Vice-Chair for one-year term (July 26, 2023-July 26, 2024)**

The committee motioned and approved Dave Doyle, Eagle Quest, as Vice-Chair of the ESC for one-year term.
- VII. Discussion and Appointments of additional ESC members to two-year terms (July 26, 2023 – July 26, 2025)**
 - a. **Re-appointments of Dave Doyle, Eagle Quest, Director of Operations** – The committee motioned and approved the re-appointment of Dave Doyle.
 - b. **Re-appointment of Dr. Ricardo Villalobos, Workforce Connections, External Relations** – The committee motioned and approved the re-appointment of Dr. Ricardo Villalobos.
 - c. **Re-appointment of Robert Weires, Clark County School District Psychological Services Director** – The Committee motioned and approved the re-appointment of Robert Weires.
 - d. **Re-appointment of Jeff Horn, Clark County Association of School Administrators, Executive Director** – The committee motioned and approved the reappointment of Jeff Horn.
 - e. **Re-appointment of Chad Gregorius, Clark County School District Licensed Staff, School Counselor** – The committee motioned and approved the reappointment of Chad Gregorius.
 - f. **Re-appointment of Amet Landry, Community Parent Representative** – The committee motioned and approved the re-appointment of Amet Landry.

- g. **Re-appointment of Landyn Meyers, Community Youth Representative** – The committee motioned and approved the re-appointment of Landyn Meyers.

Noted during the re-appointments was that Captain Mario Perez has replaced Captain Adam Hyde for North Las Vegas Police Department.

DA Catherine Jorgenson clarified that members who are signatory to the agreement may change ESC representation at their discretion, so long as member is management level and above.

VIII. Discussion Regarding Updates/Modifications to The Harbor Interlocal Agreement

The agreement will be titled “Second Amended and Restated Interlocal Agreement”, if there are suggestions as far as titles please let Ms. Jorgenson know. Ms. Jorgenson reviewed the changes with the ESC; notable changes are changes made to in-kind contributions, the function of The Harbor, and records management and confidentiality. Catherine suggests that the ESC add a section stating that the ESC can create bylaws, which allows for easier change in the future. The agreement will be e-mailed to all parties for review by their legal departments. Once reviewed and approved, Ms. Jorgenson will begin the finalizing process. The current agreement expires December 19, 2023.

Steve Grierson, District Court, stated that District Court is contemplating its role in the governance of The Harbor and its involvement, and would like to remove themselves as a party, however they want to remain as an additional member of the ESC, participating in the feedback and how The Harbor affects the court. The Family Court did not approve the expenditure in the interlocal that is required by the District Court in the amount of \$37500.00. Ms. Jorgenson clarified that the appointed additional members of the ESC are non-governmental members, and there is no language that will allow the court to remain as just an additional member with no contributions, Mr. Grierson asks that changes be made to allow for the court’s participation with no contributions. Mr. Martin and Ms. Duffy commented that members of the ESC are to provide some type of contribution to The Harbor, and they disagree with the changes requested; they suggest the court gets creative with their contribution as it does not need to be monetary. There was discussion about the court’s role in the ESC, the community, and The Harbor, and concerns with the language in the agreement regarding the liabilities of being a party.

IX. Discussion of Legislative Session

The committee had concerns about the backward stepping around youth programming and restorative justice, restorative acts. Impacts over the lack of support and concern for youth programming are already being seen and is disconcerting. The different entities of the ESC are working hard to get programs in place that will support children and families especially at younger ages and earlier stages of education. Now that children can be suspended as young as six years old, getting kids into Pre-K and providing resources at earlier ages will help to lower the future impact. The ESC should start looking at important data points and action that can be taken for next legislative session; Ms. Richardson-Adams would like to begin having some of these conversations at the next meeting.

X. Update on Hiring and Retention for The Harbor

The Harbor now has a full administration team, this team has been great at supporting staff. Two new CCSD employees have also started. The focus will now be on retention and how to support staff and ensure they have the tools they need to be successful in their positions.

XI. Presentation of The Harbor Quarterly Report

There have been an expected significant drop in school referrals during the summer months; the report has been consistent with years past. Citations have remained consistent. During this slower time, staff have

used the time to review process, and staff received training on family engagement, safety, interviewing, case planning etc. Ms. Sasso is looking creating On-Boarding manuals for direct care and administrative staff. The provider portal has been launched on line; the case management system enterprise can now allow providers to go into a youths profile to add case notes, service plans, notes to case managers, etc. It is very limited in what the provider can see, but it will increase communication.

Top five offenses remain the same, as do male to female ratios, and racial demographics. Ms. Sasso compared CCSD data to DJJS data regarding racial demographics; CCSD reports 16% black students and The Harbor reports 29% black students, showing a racial disparity; with Hispanic being close behind. The escalation rate remains the same at 9%.

The Harbor Mobile/Rural team continues to focus on engagement, and in their four months of being active have seen 59 kids and families. They are making progress and have seen an increase in the Laughlin area, they are continuing to build trust and engagement in Moapa and have recently met with Mesquite Judges and schools to continue outreach in those rural areas. The Crisis Response team has seen 109 youth and families, with 44% being in their homes. All Crisis Response team members received Step-Up training for youth violence intervention.

The Harbor will be invited to be a vendor at the employee health fair at the Aquarius hotel in Laughlin and other Golden Entertainment health fairs such as Arizona Charlies, Stratosphere etc. There has been a 33% increase in overall outreach.

Ms. Duffy had a positive experience with The Harbor when she needed assistance with a family during court, The Harbor staff were able to come to the court house right away and assist the family and resolve their issue; it's a great help to the community to have such quick responses. Dr. Malich gave kudos to Ms. Sasso to her great work as The Harbor manager; the impact and information that she provides for The Harbor are very positive and she is helping to move The Harbor in the right direction.

XII. Informational Items

- a. Announcements: The next meeting date is July 26, 2023, at 1:00 pm at The Harbor Mojave.
- b. Emerging Issues – Legislation impacts will continue to be discussed.
 - 1) Dr. Lisa Morris-Hibler is retiring from the City of Las Vegas. Her retirement celebration will be Tuesday, August 1, 2023 at 12:30pm.
- c. Information Items
 - 1) Department of Public Health and Safety has created an outpatient orientation that incorporates a specific hour-long topic to discuss The Harbor and Mission High School as a strategy to educate staff on the resources available.

XIII. Public Comments

None at this time.

XIV. Adjournment