

# Department of Juvenile Justice Services

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### Policy and Fiscal Affairs Board

**April 28, 2016 - 12:00 pm**

Joshua Conference Room  
Sixth Floor  
Government Center  
Las Vegas, NV 89101  
Minutes

#### Present

Commissioner Susan Brager  
Commissioner Lawrence Weekly  
Judge William Voy

#### Clark County Management

Jeff Wells, Assistant County Manager  
Catherine Jorgenson, Deputy District Attorney

#### Department of Juvenile Justice Services

John Martin, Director  
Patrick Schreiber, Assistant Director  
Steve Morris, Manager  
Satonya Patton, Administrative Secretary  
Dr. Tiffany Tyler, CAC Vice Chair  
David Doyle, CAC Member

#### Department of Family Services

Tim Burch, Director  
Paula Hammack, Assistant Director  
Jill Marano, Assistant Director  
Mari Parlade, Manager

#### Guests:

Zach Tippetts, Eagle Quest

#### **Call to Order**

The meeting was called to order by Judge William Voy with a quorum present.

#### **I. Public Comment**

Dr. Tiffany Tyler, Vice Chair on behalf of the Department of Juvenile Justice Services (DJJS) Citizens Advisory Committee would like to show support for the Juvenile Assessment Center Project. Thanks to Director John Martin and his team for creating a safety net for youth.

David Doyle, member of the DJJS Citizens Advisory Committee, also supports the Juvenile Assessment Center Project. The hope is to reduce disproportionate recidivism for youth as well as referrals.

#### **BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS**

STEVE SISOLAK, Chairman • LARRY BROWN, Vice Chairman  
SUSAN BRAGER • CHRIS GIUNCHIGLIANI • MARILYN KIRKPATRICK • MARY BETH SCOW • LAWRENCE WEEKLY  
DONALD G. BURNETTE, County Manager

**II. Review & Approve the minutes of the December 10, 2015 Meeting.**

The minutes were approved as written.

**III. Approve the Agenda**

The Agenda was approved as written.

**IV. Election of New Officers**

Board members voted and for new Officers. Commissioner Susan Brager will be the Chair and Judge Voy is the Vice Chair once again.

**V. Receive the Director's Report on the Activities of the Department of Juvenile Justice Services (DJJS) and Direct Staff Accordingly. *Director John M. Martin***

**Juvenile Assessment Center (JAC)** – Mr. Martin thanked Commissioners for their support for the JAC. Thanks was also extended to Catherine Jorgenson for her legal guidance. Commissioner Lawrence Weekly said that the JAC is going to be a game changer for the youth. Commissioner Susan Brager also stated that it is up to us to make the change in the community. Mr. Martin along with several others took a trip to Colorado on March 1, 2016 to visit a few Juvenile Assessment Centers.

**SMYC and Hospitality International Training (HIT)** – The HIT Graduation is coming up soon. Mr. Martin extended an invitation to everyone. Commissioner Weekly praised the HIT Program. Mr. Martin stated that there is hope to extend the vocational program to automotive and computer technology.

**SMYC B.E.S.T. Program** is continuing to grow. The Evening Reporting Center (ERC) has youth attending City Athletic Boxing along with the SMYC youth.

**Eastside Probation Center Relocation** – Mr. Martin stated that Probation continues to explore relocation and property purchase options for the Eastside Center. The center is currently located at 4180 S. Pecos. The Eastside Probation is the smallest regional office (4,160 SF) and has outgrown the current location. The Department has looked at and proceeded with several locations with limited success to this point and continues to work with RPM to seek a suitable location.

**VI. Receive the DJJS Citizens Advisory Committee Report. *Dr. Tiffany Tyler, Vice Chair***

Dr. Tyler is excited about the vocational programs taking place at Spring Mountain Youth Camp. There is one membership vacancy for the DJJS Citizens Advisory Committee. Dr. Tyler recently attended the DJJS Multi-Cultural Assembly and stated that it was nice to see the youth participating.

**VII. Receive the Director's Report on the Activities of the Department of Family Services (DFS) and Direct Staff Accordingly** *Tim Burch, Interim Director, Paula Hammack, Assistant Director, and Jill Marano, Assistant Director*

**Wait No More Event** – The Department of Family Services (DFS) had a *Wait No More Event* on February 20, 2016. Mr. Burch, Interim Director thanked Commissioner Susan Brager for her support.

**Easter Egg Hunt** – Thanks was given to Commissioner Lawrence Weekly for showing support for the Easter Egg Hunt that was held on March 23, 2016.

**JAC Colorado Trip** - Thanks was given to John Martin for the invitation to attend the JAC Colorado trip.

**Jill Marano, Assistant Director** – Mr. Burch stated that Ms. Marano has been with DFS for six months.

**Subsidized Guardianship** - The department has partnered in implementing subsidized guardianship state wide. The program provides relative licensed care providers an option to maintain their kin in their home with a subsidy once reunification and adoption has been ruled out as a permanency option. A soft launch will be done in May 2016.

**Senate Bill 107** – Ms. Marano briefly discussed SB107. DFS has been working on assessment tools to see how it can help specialized foster care. This bill requires an evaluation of specialized foster care to ensure that children placed in specialized foster care are receiving appropriate mental health services and to track their outcomes. Commissioner Weekly suggested to the committee to have a round table discussion pertaining to SB107.

**Paula Hammack, Assistant Director** – Ms. Hammack discussed the SIPS and Safe at Home Initiative. SIPS is a safety practice model that has been implemented in three geographic sites. There is an anticipation of a full roll out to the sites by October 2016. The initiative has assisted in maintaining one hundred seventy-four youth safely returning in their homes.

**Judge William Voy** - Judge Voy was speaking about mentally ill youth and stated that the services should follow the youth. Child Haven is crossing over into the Juvenile Justice Service System. Judge Voy asked if DFS could look into resolving this issue. Mr. Burch stated that he would look into it. Judge Voy suggested that someone from DFS attend Monday and Wednesday court hearings.

**VIII. Receive the DFS Citizens Advisory Committee Report.** *Lisa Hibbler, Chair*

**Membership** - Ms. Hibbler stated that the DFS Citizens Advisory Committee is looking for new partners to join the board.

**Safe at Home Initiative** – This is a great program that is supported by the Citizens Advisory Committee.

**Thanks** – Ms. Hibbler thanked Tim Burch and John Martin for working together, and their commitment to help the youth in the community.

**IX. Legislation** – Mr. Martin briefly discussed senate bill 94. He and his team will be looking at this bill and several others closely.

**Commercial Sexually Exploited Youth** - Mr. Burch briefly discussed commercial sexually exploited youth. He stated that some of the language in the this bill needs to be revised.

**X. Budget** - Jeff Wells, Assistant County Manager stated that there is a budget meeting on May 16, 2016. Mr. Wells briefly discussed supplemental positions for DJJS and DFS. This is the general fund list. Commissioner Weekly stated that the requested supplemental positions should be more of front line/support staff rather than upper management positions.

**XI. Identify Emerging Issues for Future Meetings** – None at this time.

**XII. Announcements** – None at this time.

**XIII. Schedule Next Meeting** – November 3, 2016 in the Joshua Conference Room at 12:30 PM.

**XIV. Public Comments** - None at this time.

**XV. Adjournment** - The meeting was adjourned.