

MINUTES
CITIZENS ADVISORY COMMITTEE (CAC)
Clark County
Department of Juvenile Justice Services
Zenoff Conference Room, 601 N. Pecos Road, Las Vegas, NV 89101
February 6, 2013 at 9:00 a.m.

Advisory Members Present: Tom Maroney, Brian Petrilla, Joelyne Gold-Nance, Arnold Stalk, Anthony York, Robert Henry, and Tiffany Tyler

Advisory Members Absent: Larry Ashley, Leisa Moseley, Louise Helton, and Heidi Swank

Guest: John “Jack” Martin, William Voy, Cheryl Wright and Satonya Boyd

I. Call to Order at 9:35 am.

II. Announcements from the Co-Chairman of the Citizens Advisory Committee and inform Committee Members.

- Tom Maroney, Co-Chairman welcomed everyone. Introductions were made.

III. Public Comments

- Judge Voy stated that the Citizens Advisory Committee Members could present a letter of support to Policy & Fiscal Affairs Board if they like what the Commissioners are doing.
- Judge Voy suggested that the Citizens Advisory Committee members make a formal request for funds for more clinicians for the Department of Juvenile Justice Services.

IV. Approval of January 9, 2013 Minutes

- Members approved the January 9, 2013 Minutes.

V. Approval of Agenda

- **Members approved the agenda.**

VI. Presentation from Cheryl Wright, Manager for Clinical Services

Cheryl Wright stated that Clinical Services is comprised of three units. The Clinical Services Division of Juvenile Justice Services provides many services for youth such as counseling and risk assessments are done. This is a high volume division. There are approximately twelve hundred risk assessment are done a year. Records are requested from the Clark County School District (CCSD) especially regarding children that have Autism. The partnership with CCSD is working well. Ms. Wright stated that the Family Empowerment Program that Clinical Services has developed focuses on domestic violence. The program has been well received by the Department and the community. There is a clinician at one of our satellite offices. The Mental Health treatment team is housed out of Detention and Spring Mountain Youth Camp. This team helps youth with coping skills and other needed skills. At Spring Mountain Youth Camp there is one and a half therapist there. There is also a Substance Abuse Program available, and each youth has a comprehensive evaluation done. Ms. Wright

stated that the Clinical Services Division needs to strengthen case management with the help of their community providers. Ms. Wright has created a bedding process to established relationships with Residential Transition Centers (RTC). Youth attending out of state RTC's has decreased to thirty-four compared to a hundred or so within the last two years. This is a great accomplishment. Currently the Clinical Services Division has three grant employees and one employee salary is being funded by Medicare.

VII. Revised Letter to Legislators from Juvenile Justice Commission- Review and update from committee, discuss, and take possible action.

- John Martin, Acting Director briefly went over the February 1, 2013 Nevada Supreme Court letter with Citizens Advisory Committee Members.
- Mr. Martin briefly discussed the incarceration and prosecution of juveniles

VIII. Legislation Issues/Topics - Review and update from committee, discuss, and take possible action.

- Mr. Martin briefly discussed issues surrounding closing Elko.
- Mr. Martin has concerns with if Summit View is going to be a solid correctional facility. The other concern is where will the funds come from to maintain the Summit View facility. The Department of Juvenile Justice Services (DJJS) is not built for long-term stays for youth.
- Mr. Martin provided the Citizens Advisory Committee Members a list of Bill Drafts that he wants the committee to focus on for the DJJS.
- Judge Voy briefly discussed civil judgments and restitutions.

IX. Strategic Plan

- The committee indicated that the 2013 legislation is going to be the main goal for the year.

X. Membership/Ordinance

- Nothing to report.

XI. Operating Procedures

- Nothing to report.

XII. Work Plan – Review an update from committee and discuss

- See item IX.

XIII. Partnership with Juvenile Detention Alternatives Initiative - Review and discuss

- John Martin, Acting Director stated that the 2013 Juvenile Detention Alternatives Initiative Conference is scheduled for April 16th - April 18th in Atlanta, GA.

XIV. Receive the Acting Director's Report on the Activities of the Department of Juvenile Justice Services (DJJS) and inform Committee Members

Budget/Personnel Update

- Mr. Martin briefly discussed the DJJS budget.
- There are Juvenile Probation Officer volunteer reassignment interviews scheduled for March 6th and March 7th.

Juvenile Detention Reform

- Nothing to report

Juvenile Justice Programming

- Mr. Martin stated that DJJS is working on new technology. DJJS currently do risk assessments on the youth and their school attendance. The new technology will enable us to be able to see school attendance in real time. We also want to put the youth on a telephone reporting system. Perhaps we can get a part-time hourly to monitor the telephone reporting system.
- Mr. Robert Henry stated that CCSD will be implementing a web based program for the youth in August 2014 that will provide helpful information.

XV. Public Comments

- Nothing to report

Next Meeting – (March 6, 2013 9:00 a.m., Zenoff Conference Room, 601 N. Pecos Road, Las Vegas, Nevada 89101)

XVI. Adjournment

Adjourned at 10:16 am