

MINUTES
CITIZENS ADVISORY COMMITTEE (CAC)
Clark County
Department of Juvenile Justice Services
Zenoff Conference Room, 601 N. Pecos Road, Las Vegas, NV 89101
March 5, 2014 at 9:00 a.m.

Advisory Members Present: Tom Maroney, Joelyne Gold-Nance, Tiffany Tyler, Pat Nelson, Leisa Moseley, Anthony York and Robert Henry

Advisory Members Absent: Heidi Swank, Arnold Stalk, Louise Helton, and Priscila Rivera Gonzalez

Guest: John Martin, Patrick Schreiber, William Voy, Erik Pappa, Ms. Lou Torres and Satonya Boyd

I. Call to Order at 9:07 am.

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

- Tom Maroney, Chairman welcomed everyone.

III. Public Comments

- No Comments

IV. Approval of February 5, 2014 Minutes

- Members approved the February 5, 2014 Minutes.

V. Approval of Agenda

- Members approved the agenda.

VI. Erik Pappa, Director of Public Communications

- Erik Pappa shared his expertise in providing the committee members with guidance on how a positive image can be made to the public for the services that the Department of Juvenile Justice Services (DJJS) provide for youth. Mr. Pappa said the media likes to put a face on a story and showing DJJS' positivity is great.
- Mr. Pappa gave a brief bio of himself. He works primarily with local media. Channel four is the television station for Clark County, NV. He and his team also assist the Clark County Commissioners.
- Dr. Tiffany Tyler, Co-Chair provided a hand out showing the sub-committee's plan to show the public positive services that DJJS provides to youth and their families. Mr. Pappa stated that the sub-committee's plan is on target. He will

look at the plan and let them know what changes and/or additions it needs. Mr. Pappa said that he can assist the committee on their efforts to enlightening the community as to what DJJS is doing as a whole.

- Dr. Robert Henry suggested that the positive efforts that DJJS is making need to be made to the public as well as to the Nevada law makers. This will help when it comes to making new laws during the legislation session.
- Lastly, Mr. Pappa will look at the sub-committee's plan and will have someone from his office to come to a sub-committee meeting to discuss changes and/or additions.

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

- John Martin, Director discuss SB 107. This Senate Bill is in reference to room confinement. Seventy-two hours is the max for the isolation process. The Department of Juvenile Justice Services (DJJS) will continue to reduce isolation. Hopefully this will be a great success.
- Mr. Martin had a meeting on March 4, 2014 with attorney, Vanessa Spinazola from the American Civil Liberties Union (ACLU). A tour was provided and she was impressed by the department's policies. We received a great response.
- Dr. Tiffany Tyler, Co-Chair stated that the committee members would like to have Mr. Martin provide a list of positive things that DJJS has done over the years. This information will help the community to understand what DJJS does for the youth. The Citizens Advisory Committee would like an opportunity to present the information to the public with help from Erik Pappa, Director of Public Communications for Clark County.
- Joelyne Gold-Nance would like to see a documentary done on youth that were once held in Juvenile Justice Services and who are now adults.
- Judge William Voy briefly talked about the positives of having the Assessment Center. This center will provide services to homeless youth, run aways, etc. Upon arrival an assessment will be done to find out what the youth's needs are and then the Clinicians will be able to refer the youth to a wrap-around service provider.
- The JJC on Statewide JJ Reform meeting will be held on March 21, 2014 at 1:30 pm, on the 18th Floor of the Supreme Court. Anthony York will attend and will report at the April meeting. Satonya will make this an agenda item.

VIII. Citizens Advisory Committee Board 2014 Goals - Review and update from committee, discuss, and take possible action.

(1) Legislation (2) Public Information (3) Assessment Center

Assessment Center Sub-Committee Members

Louise Helton
Joelyne Gold-Nance
Robert Henry
Anthony York

Legislation Sub-Committee Members

Leisa Moseley

Public information Sub-Committee Members

Pat Nelson
Tiffany Tyler
Joelyne Gold-Nance
Leisa Moseley

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

Budget/Personnel Update

Mr. Martin gave a brief update for the Department of Juvenile Justice Services' budget and personnel as follows:

- Mr. Martin advised that DJJS has received an Administrative Specialist and Management Analyst position from other County departments. Evelyn Grippaldi is the Management Analyst and she will start on March 17, 2014. She will be handling all matters pertaining to Juvenile Detention Alternatives Initiative (JDAI) and will be doing grants.
- Mr. Martin stated that the Spring Mountain Youth Camp (SMYC) Wrestling won the zone competition.
- Mr. Martin stated that the SMYC basketball team came in second place. DJJS received a letter from a parent from Bishop Gorman High School stating that our kids were the best behaved at the tournament. Two proclamations will be presented at the next Board of Commissioners Meeting to SMYC for their service with the youth.
- The Black History Presentation on February 28, 2014 was a success.
- On February 11, 2014 there was a strategic planning session off site with the Director, Assistant Director, and DJJS Managers. We are going to look at all of the layers of how we look at case management. Patrick Schreiber, Assistant Director will be heading up these changes for the training plans and points for measure.

- Mr. Martin briefly discussed our C.A.R.E. Committee. C.A.R.E. represents *County Appreciation of Recognized Employees*. Jeff Jones, President is doing a great job. The C.A.R.E. Committee boosts employee morale. This team also votes on the DJJS incentive time off.
- March 10, 2014 is the new DJJS POST Academy. Troy Brown will be the Commander along with Craig Christiansen, Supervisor.
- Per Dr. Tyler's request, Mr. Martin will put together a DJJS strategic plan for the Citizens Advisory Committee members.

X. Citizens Advisory Committee Board Discussion - Review and update from committee, discuss, and take possible action.

- An agenda item will be made for Mr. Martin to discuss the DJJS strategic plan and Clark County School District (CCSD) Data
- Mr. Martin will provide an update for the Assessment Center.
- Tom Maroney said that Project Soar is pending. Mr. Maroney is sending a letter to the National Guard. The National Guard in partnership with DJJS has established a boot camp component program for youth. This program assists in developing self-esteem for the youth. The National Guard provided the funds for this program.
- Mr. Maroney stated for the *Garden Program* planter boxes are being built by the SMYC Halfway House youth. The project is to help change the youth's mindset about nature. The materials will be purchased by Children's Service Guild.
- Mr. Maroney gave kudos to Kelly Goetz, SMYC Supervisor for her presentation regarding the Ropes Course. The Guild also gave her additional equipment.
- Mr. York briefly discussed some highlights for Policy and Fiscal Meeting,

XI. Public Comments

- No Comments

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XII. Adjournment

Adjourned at 10:50 am