

**MINUTES**  
**CITIZENS ADVISORY COMMITTEE (CAC)**  
Clark County

Department of Juvenile Justice Services  
Director's Conference Room, 601 N. Pecos Road, Las Vegas, NV 89101  
October 7, 2015 at 9:00 a.m.

**Advisory Members Present: Tiffany Tyler (by phone), Tom Maroney, Josephine Bonomo, David Doyle, Anthony York, and Robert Henry**

**Advisory Members Absent:** Douglas Garner, Louise Helton, Leisa Moseley, and Lisa Hibbler

**Guest:** John M. Martin, Patrick Schreiber, Steve Morris, Cheryl Wright, and Satonya Patton

**I. Call to Order** at 9:00 am.

**II. Public Comments**

- None at this.

**III. Approval of September 2, 2015 Minutes**

- Members approved the September 2, 2015 Minutes.

**IV. Approval of Agenda**

- Members approved the agenda.

**V. Presentation – Cheryl Wright, Manager for DJJS Clinical Services Division**

- Ms. Wright gave a general overview of Clinical Services. Currently the Division has eighteen Clinicians. Clinical Services is made up of three units, The Assessment Unit; The Family Empowerment Program; and The Mental Health Treatment Team. Approximately one hundred sixty evaluations are outsourced to community providers. Clinicians are stationed at Detention and at Spring Mountain Youth Camp (SMYC). All units are staffed seven days a week.
- **Residential Treatment Care Center (RTC)** – This team of Clinicians are tasked with doing site visits. The Clinical Services Division currently has thirteen sites that they can send youth to. RTC's main purpose is mental health assistance for the youth.
- **Multi-Agency Vetting Committee** – Multi-Agency Vetting is one of the quality assurance comprehensive processes. There are currently sixteen approved BST/PSR Providers. The process is rigorous and requires reapplication after three years for all approved providers.
- **Specialty Programs** – The Motivational Enhancement Cognitive Behavioral Therapy is a short term counseling program for youth with low to moderate use of alcohol and/or marijuana.

- **Issues** – One of the main issues that families encounter is insurance coverage. Once the families find out what coverage they have there are some struggles trying to access providers. There is also a lack of information sharing due to other facilities doing their own assessments. Some progress has been made in that the hospital is taking the DJJS Clinical Services Youth Assessments. Another issue is that there is an insufficient amount of community providers to select from.
- Dr. Tiffany Tyler asked if there are any mental health areas that the Citizens Advisory Committee Members can help with. John Martin, Director stated that DJJS Clinical Services may need to hire a person that only engage families that help navigate them through the process. Mr. Martin suggests that this should be on the 2016 goal list for committee members.

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

**Budget** – John Martin, Director stated that the Department of Juvenile Justice Services (DJJS) is on budget. There are not a lot of changes. We did get approval to purchase the Family Tracs 2.0 upgrade. This will be funded with money from Clark County. Steve Morris, Manager has history in doing this and he is heading up this project.

The Department partnered with Workforce Connections to connect SMYC youth with employment after they graduate from the HIT Program at SMYC. DJJS is very thankful for the opportunity to partner with WC and Nevada Partners who received the grant. The HIT Graduation was held on Friday, September 25, 2015.

**Probation School** - Dr. Robert Henry stated that DJJS has partnered with CCSD to bring Adult Education to Probation. They are not recruiting youth from comprehensive high schools. The target population is the youth that have dropped out of school. The goal is to get them reengaged to obtaining their high school diploma. The Adult Education classes will begin at the Southwest Probation Center (2655 S. Rainbow, Bldg. 200) on October 19, 2015. Classes are being held Monday through Thursday from 12 pm – 3 pm. Students must be sixteen or older and withdrawn from their previous school, or never have enrolled. They can enroll in the Adult Education Program by going directly to the Southwest Probation Center at 12 pm Monday through Thursday. Parental consent is required if the student is under eighteen. Meals and bus passes are included in the program. Youth can earn an adult high school diploma or their GED (currently known as the HiSET).

**3 Squares** – Mr. Martin stated that 3 Squares will be serving meals at two of our Probation sites starting on October 9, 2015. DJJS is looking for monies to help feed the youth. In order for 3 Squares to be involved for a food pantry it needs to be able to go through the Children’s Services Guild, which is a 501c3 entity.

**Assessment Center** – October 14, 2015 will be the first conversation with hopes to get everyone involved with the Assessment Center. Thanks to Dr. Lisa Hibbler in organizing this event along with the National League of Cities.

**The Robert F. Kennedy National Conference Resource Center for Juvenile Justice** – John Tuell will be conducting a one day interactive training, on November 12, 2015 in an effort to enhance policy, practice and service provision for the youth and families involved with the Clark County juvenile probation system. Mr. Tuell will be interviewing Juvenile Probation Officers and will give Mr. Martin a report.

## **VII. Informational Items**

### **a. Announcements**

Next meeting November 4, 2015 at 9:00 a.m., Director's Office Conference Room, 601 N. Pecos Road, Las Vegas, NV 89101.

### **b. Other information that may be of interest to the Committee and the public**

- Dr. Henry stated that he received a phone call from Summit View's Assistant Superintendent. The facility will not open until 2016. There are security issues. The software that operates the doors does not work and some of the units do not have air conditioning. Six of the Officers there will have to go through the Nevada POST Academy.
- Mr. Martin stated that Kirsten Coulombe is the new Director for Summit View and that she doesn't have any Juvenile Justice experience.
- Tom Maroney, Chair stated Dr. Douglas Garner cannot participate with the Citizens Advisory Committee Meetings because he is teaching a class during the time of the meeting.

### **c. Identify emerging issues to be addressed by the Committee at future meetings.**

None

## **VIII. Public Comments**

None

## **IX. Adjournment**

Adjourned at 10:10 am