

MINUTES
CITIZENS ADVISORY COMMITTEE (CAC)
Clark County

Department of Juvenile Justice Services
Director's Conference Room, 601 N. Pecos Road, Las Vegas, NV 89101
May 3, 2017 at 9:00am to 11:00am

Advisory Members Present: David Doyle, Anthony York, Robert Henry, Tiffany Tyler, Ricardo Villalobos, and Josephine Bonomo

Advisory Members Absent: Leisa Moseley (excused), Charla Vieira, Lisa Morris-Hibbler (excused), Dominika Washington (excused), and Kelli Kristo

Ex-officio Member: John M. Martin

Attendees: Steve Morris and Damon Scott

Minutes completed by: Shannon Freire

- I. Call to Order – 9:07 AM**
- II. Introductions**
- III. Public Comments** – Mr. Martin shared DJJS manager Steve Morris is retiring 5/5/17 after 30 years of service to our community. He thanked Mr. Morris for his time and work at DJJS.
- IV. Approval of March 1, 2017 minutes** – Approved
- V. Approval of Agenda** – Approved
- VI. Receive the Director's Report on the Activities of the Department of Juvenile Justice Services (DJJS)**
 - a. Budget/Personnel Update**
 - i.** DJJS budgetary challenges for this fiscal year. We are doing our best to reduce overtime costs. Our 2017-18 final budget hearing is scheduled for May 16.
 - b. Legislature**
 - i.** A number of bills that DJJS was following have been dropped.
 - ii.** We continue to watch AB 282, which revises provisions governing benefits and protections for service members.
 - c. Juvenile Detention Reform** - Detention population remains high, 160 youth on average. This is 20% higher than usual. To offset additional staff needed in detention, we are reevaluating community programs, operational efficiencies, analyzing youth in custody, possible changes to our Intensive Supervision Program, Spring Mountain Residential Center and or Evening Reporting Center, etc.

d. Juvenile Justice Programming

- i.** DJJS asked for \$1.9 million dollars for the Harbor and \$400 thousand for gender responsive programming, more specifically for girls programming.
 - ii.** YLS screening tool is coming online and will assist the department in making more informed decisions about services for youth. We also predict it will keep some youth from unnecessary penetration into the JJ system.
 - iii.** Mr. Martin has scheduled an internal trauma audit conducted by Clinical services Manager Cheri Wright and Asst. Manager Josephine Bonomo. We want to study our current practices to ensure our methods are not putting additional trauma on youth and also those practices that we are doing right. Mr. Martin is developing strategies to have trauma informed care around the programming of all youth that come into our facility.
 - iv.** Evening reporting center (ERC) continues to be incredible. DJJS is able to assist families with transportation, providing food, accessing other services, and making youth self-sufficient.
 - v.** Spring Mountain Youth Camp now has more extra-curricular and sporting activities for youth including baseball, track, basketball, football, etc. We are hoping to add a soccer team in the near future.
 - vi.** Mr. Martin shared a new training available to staff regarding youth with autism.
 - vii.** SMYC had a PREA audit conducted in early April. We are still waiting on the audit response for corrective actions though there was nothing we were not expecting. The auditor was very impressed with staffs' and youths' knowledge on PREA guidelines.
- e. The Harbor Update** - The Harbor has now served over one thousand families with less than 30 of those youth escalating and returning to our agency. The hours have expanded to 8am to midnight, Monday through Friday. Mr. Martin would love to expand hours to 24 hour coverage.

VII. CAC Strategic Goals for 2016-17 – Next agenda will include Strategic Planning from DJJS management.

a. The Harbor and Reducing disproportionality – N/A

b. Mental Health and Crisis Intervention – The proposed budget did not allocate any money specifically towards mental health but DJJS has been working hard to maximize the resources we do have. Our goal is to see youth sooner, immediately if possible, when in crisis and to assess the family as well. This way we can have services wrap around the family and youth. Mr. Martin is working with the court to implement a mental health calendar so youth will be in front of a judge quicker and access services sooner.

c. Gender Specific Programming – Mr. Martin met with Dr. Emily Salisbury and UNLV to schedule training specific to girls in our detention units. It will be an 8 hour training focusing on effective strategies for intervention, case management, and ultimately understanding the differences with female youth in custody compared to males.

d. Training and Quality Assurance

- i. The board was happy to hear about the PREA audit.
- ii. DJJS will be working with a new case management system, Case Load Pro. The state will also use CLP in the future which will help us see trends with our youth and make it more efficient to share information.

e. Post juvenile justice transitional service – David Doyle wanted to share with the group to identify what services and programs are available in our community now and use them. Dr. Henry shared a transition program available to youth leaving Detention and SMYC where a CCSD counselor will see youth and re-engage them if necessary identifying educational needs and assist in getting them re-enrolled as quickly as possible.

VIII. 2016-17 CAC Board Member Update – If you have not already, please submit your votes for filling the three vacant seats on the 2017 CAC board. Please contact Shannon Freire (sdiglins@clarkcountynv.gov) if you need more info.

IX. Review of legislation (BDR/AB/SB) pending before the 2017 NV Legislature affecting DJJS and/or Clark County

- a. AB395 could use individual support for those available to do so.
- b. Medicaid funding is in jeopardy with this legislation and will affect foster care, higher level of care available for youth, etc.

X. Informational Items

a. Announcements

- i. **Next meeting is June 7, 2017 at 9:00 a.m., in the 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 – N/A

c. Identify emerging issues to be addressed by the Committee at future meetings – N/A

XI. Public Comments – N/A

XII. Adjournment – 10:37 AM