

MINUTES
CITIZENS ADVISORY COMMITTEE (CAC)
Clark County
Department of Juvenile Justice Services
Director's office conference room
Telephonic Conference: (857) 357-0254 Access Code 943-495

January 5th, 2022, at 9am

- I. Call to Order 9:02am**
- II. Public Comments**
- III. Approval of 12/1/21 CAC minutes.**
- IV. Approval of Agenda**
- V. Receive the Director's Report on the Activities of the Department of Juvenile Justice Services (DJJS)**
 - a. Budget/Personnel**
 - i.** Congratulations to Iia Sanchez for her promotion to Manager of our Harbor locations. She will oversee and provide guidance to all five locations. Thank you to Pat Schreiber for stabilizing the Harbor locations while a manager was chosen.
 - ii.** JPO Academy will begin in March.
 - iii.** Our budget remains flat. Supplemental position requests were submitted. Capitol requests will be submitted this month as well.
 - iv.** DJJS submitted a BSC application for promoting equity, community, and wellbeing for youth of color. We were selected and are partnering with the Courts, CCSD, Las Vegas Metro Police Department, and DFS. We will work with 4 other teams across the nation on how to cross barriers within the youth juvenile justice systems and communities in reducing racial and ethnic disparities for youth of color.
 - b. Legislation** – All legislative changes from last session have now been implemented.
 - c. Juvenile Justice Probation Reform**
 - i.** Staff are currently being trained in “Forward Thinking”, a workbook based, cognitive behavioral therapy program to assist youth reduce their delinquent thinking and behaviors. Forward Thinking works great with YLS as it finds the individual needs of each child.
 - ii.** The department is investing in developing performance measures, processes, and trainings to maintain the fidelity of its investments and maximize program efficacy. The Department is expanding the CQI team to include a coaching infrastructure for probation officers that is designed to bolster in-person training. We will be looking to send a team to Pennsylvania in 2022 as they have been leading the nation in this work and have been generous enough to offer a site visit.
 - iii.** The Department continues to serve several youths with extreme mental health needs and is working with other community partners, including DFS to address service gaps and identify more appropriate placement options for youth who do not meet detainment criteria.
 - iv.** Girls Programming is at a standstill right now due to user and provider agreements not completed yet. We are expecting to see movement later this month.
 - d. Juvenile Justice Programming**
 - i.** Juvenile Justice Services will be partnering and hosting a Young Women's Conference March 26th at UNLV. More information to come!
 - ii.** Contract with RFK has been signed for our cross over youth project. This will help get youth the individualized help necessary while in both systems.

- iii. Workforce Fellows is currently being trained by Dr. Villalobos and his team and Workforce Connections.
 - iv. Three probation officers are to be assigned to the CCSD Academic Centers to act as supports for Probation youth, improve cooperation with CCSD, and promote the school justice partnership. We are excited to assist youth with education and help them stay on track for success.
- e. The Harbor Update**
- i. The North Harbor and Harbor on Flamingo celebrated their one-year anniversaries this month and in October, the Harbor program, overall, will be marking 5 years of service to the community. The Harbor on Mojave had a celebration marking its 5 years of service.
 - ii. All the Harbor sites continue to participate in school open houses and events to provide families with information about Harbor services.
 - iii. 2021 statistics show that there is a significant increase in servicing elementary aged youth. We are expanding our resources to reach this age.
- f. Truancy Prevention and Outreach Program Update**
- i. TPOP continues to participate in events that will introduce the program to the community and provide resources to families who are in need of services. TPOP has identified service providers to meet the needs of our children and families to overcome daily challenges. We have hosted events that will introduce CCSD principals to the program and demonstrate how the program can partner with them to address chronic absenteeism. TPOP met with Mohave HS and developed a program to assist the school with addressing their truancy and chronic absenteeism issues head on.

- VI. Discuss and change CAC Strategic Goals as follows:**
- a. **Increase programming to improve client outcomes, using evidence-based practices and measuring performance**
 - b. **Reduce disproportionate minority contact through the use of targeted strategies and programs**
 - c. **Post juvenile justice services**
 - d. **Improve facilities to provide increased security and increased rehabilitative and vocational opportunities**

- VII. Informational Items**
- a. **Identify emerging issues to be addressed by the Committee at future meetings**
 - b. **Other information that may be of interest to the Committee and the public**
 - c. **Announcements - Next meeting is March 2nd, 2022, at 9 a.m., location to be determined.**

VIII. Public Comments

IX. Adjournment – 9:52am