

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

June 1st, 2022, at 9am

- I. **Call to Order 9:02am**
- II. **Public Comments - NA**
- III. **Approval of 5/4/22 CAC minutes - Approved**
- IV. **Approval of Agenda - Approved**
- V. **Receive the Director's Report on the Activities of the Department of Juvenile Justice Services (DJJS)**
 - a. **Budget/Personnel**
 - i. No news on the supplemental requests that were submitted.
 - ii. Ms. Washington is working on continuing our health care contracts.
 - iii. TPOP division has been busy since launching in October of 2020 but still having a hard time retaining part timers. We made a request to convert several part time positions to full time.
 - iv. The County had its first budget meeting for the new fiscal year. Not a lot of information shared yet.
 - v. Assistant Manager vacancies will be filled soon. Interviews scheduled this month.
 - b. **Legislation** – Mr. Whelihan is still monitoring Bill 230 that would require DJJS to hold certified youth until they are 18. That would increase our population and overtime.
 - c. **Juvenile Justice Probation Reform**
 - i. The Department continues to serve several youth 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.
 - ii. Probation system reform will be continuing with the support of the RFK National Resource Center for Juvenile Justice in FY23, Phase II. We made progress with the 15 recommendations from last cycle and are excited to continue improving and making efforts moving forward. This phase includes outside stakeholders and will focus on cross-over youth.
 - iii. Detention removed the last restraint chair! Three padded rooms are finished, and a new Wrap is now being utilized. It is much less intrusive and will reduce injuries and trauma for youth and staff.
 - iv. We continue to work on reducing room confinement.
 - v. Looking for possible programs that DCFS youth can start while waiting for placement while in Detention.
 - vi. Padded rooms are done. The policy is being written and will be shared with this committee when ready for review. We are still waiting on an answer regarding cameras in the rooms from our capital improvement requests.

- d. **Juvenile Justice Programming**
 - i. **Technical Training Academy** – The old Gorman High School building is becoming a Career Technical Academy (CTA) ran by CCSD. Jack met with the Principal Lilianna Bonderov. The Academy offers vocational opportunities, night school, adult classes, etc. There are 450 seats available each year. DJJS will begin referring youth that will succeed in a less traditional school setting.
 - ii. The girls' home is moving forward now. Walkthroughs are being completed with the contracted provider. First home should open in August and the second in October. There will be 12 beds in each home. Shade structure and gate are going up prior to opening.
 - iii. Working with downtown County to create a universal group home rate.
 - iv. Judge Voy retired yesterday. He was a great advocate for youth, and we will miss him and his expertise. Judge Bailey will most likely replace him.
 - v. Growth focused case management implementation is going well. Trained supervisors and now field probation officers. We are excited to intertwine Workforce Connections and other vocational opportunities.
- e. **The Harbor Update**
 - i. CCSD schools identified about 30 kids for a re-engagement plan over the summer. If they finish requirements before the school year starts, the student will be able to attend their regular school.
 - ii. While the number of referrals is lower during summer, Harbor Manager, Ilia is streamlining several newer processes and updated standard operating procedures.
 - iii. Clark County rural areas are still requesting assistance due to the lack of services and resources. Ms. Wright toured Laughlin with law enforcement and got a feel for the town. Visited schools, rec centers, and apartment complexes so we can gage where the gaps are and help build an infrastructure of support. Planning to do the same for Moapa, Mesquite, etc.
 - iv. Harbor Charleston is partnering with Liberty Dental for a pilot program.
 - v. Eagle Quest Adventure threw their end of the year bash with over 100 people attending! They are preparing for camping next, a girl's trip in July and boys this month. After receiving feedback from the youth, this camp will include horseback riding, Shakespeare play, pool days, etc. We love to keep it all about the kids. They choose the programming, design the shirts, set up their tents, etc. They also have a pre-camp day so the kids can get to know each other and be even more excited for camp.
- f. **Truancy Prevention and Outreach Program Update**
 - i. Created a partnership with Southern Nevada Regional Housing Authority and had an outreach event last week that went great. Eagle Quest joined and were able to get assessments completed and schedule intake appointments.

- 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 July 6th, 2022, at 9 a.m., location to be determined.

VIII. Public Comments

IX. Adjournment – 9:51 am