

Department of Juvenile Justice Services

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Policy and Fiscal Affairs Board

May 9, 2019 - 12:30 pm

Joshua Conference Room
Sixth Floor
Government Center
Las Vegas, NV 89101
Minutes

Chair: Vacant

Vice Chair: Judge William Voy

Present

Commissioner Lawrence Weekly

Commissioner Justin Jones

Judge William Voy

Judge Robert W. Teuton

Clark County Management

Jeff Wells, Assistant County Manager

Kevin Schiller, Assistant County Manager

Brigid Duffy, Deputy Attorney

Jason Patchett, Associate Attorney

Department of Juvenile Justice Services

John Martin, Director

Michael Whelihan, Assistant Director

Eboni Washington, Assistant Director

Satonya Patton, Executive Assistant (*prepared minutes*)

Department of Family Services

Tim Burch, Administrator of Human Services

Jill Marano, Assistant Director

Paula Hammack, Assistant Director

Judy Tudor, Assistant Director

Mari Parlade, Manager

Sheila Parks, CAC Chair

I. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order by the Vice Chair, Judge William Voy with a quorum present.

II. Public Comments

None at this time.

III. Approval of the March 14, 2019 Meeting Minutes

The minutes are approved as written.

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

MARILYN KIRKPATRICK, Chair • LAWRENCE WEEKLY, Vice Chair

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YOLANDA T. KING, County Manager

IV. Approval of the May 9, 2019 Agenda

The agenda is approved as written.

V. Election of New Officers. *For this term, the Chair must be one of the District Judges, and the Vice Chair must be one of the County Commissioners.*

Members voted and Judge William Voy is the new Chair. The new Vice Chair is Commissioner Justin Jones.

VI. Budget and Legislation Discussion

Budget

Jeff Wells briefly discussed supplemental positions and CCDC / Metro. Supplemental monies went to general government things that must be done. The budget will be finalized after the legislative session.

Legislation

Director, John Martin stated that the Department of Juvenile Justice Services (DJJS) has two Harbor bills pending. Brigid Duffy stated that the bills may go to special session due to what is going on.

DJJS Watching Assembly Bills – Michael Whelihan, Assistant Director stated that AB 36 and AB 439 are the bills that DJJS is watching.

DFS Watching Assembly Bills – Tim Burch, Administrator of Human Services stated that DFS is watching the following assembly bills: AB 150; AB 151; and AB 111.

VII. Receive the Director's Report on the Activities of the Department of Juvenile Justice Services (DJJS) and Direct Staff Accordingly from Director John M. Martin

Spring Mountain Residential Center (SMTC) – Mr. Martin stated that the grand opening for SMRC was held on March 15, 2019.

PREA Audit – DJJS has completed the annual PREA Audit. There were a few recommendations presented to assist in making DJJS' business practices better for PREA compliance.

Eboni Washington - Mr. Martin welcomed Assistant Director, Eboni Washington to the DJJS Team.

The Harbor - To date The Harbor has serviced 8,000 youth and families.

State Parole Youth – The DJJS population in Detention is increasing because State Parole Youth are being detained here instead of Summit View. Judge William Voy discussed the youth population increase at Caliente and Desert Willow. Judge Voy stated that these facilities are under staffed; and staff are locking youth in cells and using OC Spray due to staffing issues. The youth may have to come back to DJJS. There is potential that Summit View may be offered to the County to run and manage.

NACo Achievement Award – The Harbor won the NACo Achievement Award. This agenda item went before the Board of County Commissioners on July 16, 2019.

49th Forestry Program Annual Picnic – Spring Mountain Youth Camp will be having their *49th Forestry Program Annual Picnic* on Friday, August 2, 2019. If you are interested in attending please contact the Camp and RSVP with Melonie Maxwell at 702-455-5555 extension 0.

VIII. Receive the DJJS Citizens Advisory Committee Report from *David Doyle, Chair*
Nothing to report at this time.

IX. Receive the Director’s Report on the Activities of the Department of Juvenile Justice Services (DJJS) and Direct Staff Accordingly from *Tim Burch, Administrator of Human Services*

Foster Parent Recruitment & Retention – The Department of Family Services has partnered with VMWare to provide training to support unit staff and resource development staff. The website is in the final stages. The anticipated launch will be sometime next month.

Charles Schwab - Mr. Burch stated that DFS is collaborating with Charles Schwab and the SCE Federal Credit Union to assist aged out youth with financial literacy.

Graduating Students – 95 youth are anticipated to graduate this year. DFS will be working with CASA to provide a graduation party for the youth.

Cross Over Team – Mr. Burch stated that the Cross Over Team is working well. The Cross Over Team is a unit that has been developed to manage cases served by both DJJS and DFS. Staff have been assigned to this unit and are receiving cases. The team is only handling dual custody youth. These cases are on Judge Voy’s Wednesday calendar.

Supplemental Positions – Kevin Schiller briefly spoke about supplemental positions and transitioning employees from grant positions to hard money positions.

X. Receive the DFS Citizen’s Advisory Committee Report from *Sheila Parks, Chair*

Many of the CAC members will be attending the Preview of the HBO special called “*Fosters.*”

Foster Parent Recruitment: Ms. Parks stated that CAC members are looking forward to the new foster parent recruitment campaign, so that the new message can be shared with various networking groups to help recruit more quality foster parents.

Repurposing of Child Haven: Ms. Parks stated that, although Family First Prevention and Services Act is not being implemented in October 2019; CAC members are interested in knowing what the Department is doing to find placements for these youth. CAC members understand that the youth will not be able to remain in congregate care. CAC members are hoping that Child Haven can be repurposed to possibly serve some of the most difficult or hard to place youth.

DFS Policy Updates: DFS has been working on updating various policies; specifically the foster parent and kinship support policies. CAC members are concerned about how these policies will be disseminated to the various affected stakeholders; as well as how accessible they will be to the general public. Additionally, it will be important that the workers also have training on these new policies.

Internal and External Communication by DFS with Stakeholder – Ms. Parks stated that the internal and external communication by DFS with stakeholders continues to be an ongoing issue. CAC members continues to raise concerns about what the Department is doing to handle the ongoing complaints about workers not responding; or following DFS’ policies/protocol. CAC members have begun reviewing the monthly complaint reports that are received from the Ombudsman office. CAC members are looking to see if the complaints show trends or systemic patterns; such as whether they pertain to certain workers, or coming from the same units.

XI. Schedule Next Meeting – *August 22, 2019*, in the Joshua Conference Room Joshua Conference Room – 6th Floor, Government Center at 12:30 pm.

XII. Public Comments
None at this time.

XIII. Adjournment - The meeting was adjourned.