

**MINUTES**  
**CITIZENS ADVISORY COMMITTEE (CAC)**  
Clark County  
Department of Juvenile Justice Services  
Director's Office Conference room  
March 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2021 at 9am

**Advisory Members Present:** Leisa Moseley, David Doyle, Tiffany Tyler-Garner, Patrick Schreiber, Dominika Washington, Michael Tulipat, Ricardo Villalobos, Josephine Bonomo, Ronald Coe, and Jennifer Keiser

**Advisory Members Absent:** Karen Omosola

**Attendees:** John Martin, Mike Whelihan, Ross Williams, and Cheri Wright

**Minutes completed by:** Shannon Freire

- I. **Call to Order** – 9:02am
- II. **Introductions**
- III. **Public Comments** - None
- IV. **Approval of 2/3/2021 CAC minutes** – Approved
- V. **Approval of Agenda** – Approved
- VI. **Receive the Director's Report on the Activities of the Department of Juvenile Justice Services**
  - a. **Budget/Personnel**
    - i. DJJS still has a management vacancy we are trying to fill. We are looking for someone with a specialized skill set for grant writing and County budget experience.
    - ii. The group discussed concerns with finding appropriate placement for hard to place youth and girls. Out of state placement options usually will not accept Nevada Medicaid rates and denies placement. Our crossover team assists with this challenge when they can though the lack of continuum of care remains a challenge.
    - iii. There are still 65 positions frozen due to the pandemic, but we are happy to have avoided the 27 layoffs.
    - iv. We continue to focus on our partnerships and expose youth to the community and resources in our valley.
  - b. **Legislation** – There are many recycled bills from last year.
    - i. The Summit View facility is underutilized and offers very little vocational programs. There is also concerns with mental health treatment. There is always talk of the facility moving under Clark County. Thank you, Mike, for creating proposed budget scenarios in case the State tries to push back more of their responsibilities onto the County.

- ii. Other bills we are monitoring are the requirement of body cameras, peace officer rights, and Harbor funding.

**c. Juvenile Detention Reform**

- i. Use of isolation has been proven to be ineffective and more detrimental to youth and adults. Our Diversity Work Group, that was restarted in December, is focusing on the issues around isolation. We are making changes to allow 3.5 hours maximum isolation in Detention. And also, when isolation is a must (for example due to Covid-19 regulations), we are seeing what we can provide for the child to stay busy during that time. This will make our facility, staff, and clients safer and in turn, have less crisis or emergency situations.
- ii. The restraint chair is not used as much as it was in the past. It should only be used when a child cannot be restrained, and they pose a threat to themselves or others. With additional training, we plan to remove the restraint chair completely.
- iii. DJJS is considering and researching the possibility of turning our E-8 detention unit into a Psychiatric Residential Treatment Center. That will require a different license than what we currently have. The community is in desperate need of a continuum care placement for our crossover youth. This will also be beneficial when there are youth with suicidal tendencies or mental health issues as they will not have to be taken to the hospital but instead, be treated right on our campus by a clinically approved mental health treatment team. We will also have to work with Medicaid and ensure any barriers we may have are taken care of prior to moving forward.
- iv. We continue to make improvements recommended by the RFK Foundation. We are concentrating on being more case and child specific and the needs or barriers within. Family engagement is a huge component of that as well. Jack has taken feedback from community providers, foster parents, youth, etc.
  - 1. We are moving forward with the growth focused case management program. This will give each child that specific case plan to help them succeed. We need to help them remove barriers and focus on the positive instead of the negative. We need to KNOW a family and meet them where they are.
  - 2. This case management is new for clinicians as well as PO's. We all need to do better understanding and taking the time each family needs to best support them.

**d. Juvenile Justice Programming**

- i. With the agency focusing on family engagement and positive behaviors of youth, we are also looking at adding incentives to programs and probation requirements. With family and DJJS support, the child has more of a chance to be successful.
- ii. The dual caseload team continues to work well together. They formed a relationship with Parole as well. A constant challenge is the lack of a continuum of care and appropriate placement options in Nevada. Child Haven and Detention are not always appropriate but the only options most times. The girl's residential center will be able to assist but still going through the RFP final draft process. We are hoping for an August open date.

- iii. We are partnering with Eaglequest on a new Adventure Program. It is proven youth need positive reinforcement and do better when they have things to keep them busy. We will provide monthly activities, community events, day hikes, movie nights, sport competitions, summer camps, dodgeball, lake days, etc. We can help grow their experiences while keeping them busy. This is another way to focus on the good and positivity we can bring youth that need it more than ever.
  - 1. Youth are able to create a life book. This gives them the opportunity to make a memory book they can keep forever and remember accomplishments and good times they had.
- iv. Truancy Prevention Outreach Program (TPOP) is working great with CCSD. We are able to get a clear picture and expectations for each child and help them focus on academic success and the importance of attendance. Youth that are in need of more, we can send to the Harbor to get a full family assessment done and wrap resources around the family. The Harbor has also referred youth to TPOP for assistance.
  - 1. As TPOP just started late 2020, we plan to gather data later this year to get a closer dive into what is successful, where we have gaps and ultimately how we can improve ourselves. Our CQI team is preparing for that now as well as finding a third party to assist.

**e. The Harbor Update**

- i. Over 16,000 youth and families have been served at our 4 Harbor locations with still a 7% recidivism rate. Our 5<sup>th</sup> Henderson location will open doors July 1<sup>st</sup>. The location is great as it is close to bus service and many providers are in the same complex. There are many possible collaborations nearby as well. With another location around the valley, we are expanding our partners at all locations.
  - 1. Harbor locations have started garden clubs for youth and have even discussed having a friendly cooking competition between locations.
  - 2. We also have recently partnered with the Metro Foundation and will soon be providing 4 thousand meals to families in need.
  - 3. Manager Jeff Jones has a new campaign for the Harbor and created merchandise to help brand it; There is Hope at the Harbor. A lot of fun exciting things happening! We are connecting parents to youth's accomplishments and even scheduling award ceremonies.

**VII. CAC Strategic Goals**

- a. **Increase programming to improve client outcomes, using evidence-based practices and measuring performance**
- b. **Reduce disproportionate minority contact using targeted strategies and programs**
- c. **Post juvenile justice transition**
- d. **Improve facilities to provide increased security and increased rehabilitative and vocational opportunities**

**VIII. 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**

- i.** CAC board member Michael Tulipat shared news of him joining the Nye Sheriff's department. He is excited to stay on the board and assist when he can.

**c. Announcements**

- i.** Next meeting is April 7<sup>th</sup>, 2021 at 9:00 a.m., in the Director's Office Conference Room, 601 N. Pecos Road, Las Vegas, NV 89101

<b>Date</b>	<b>Meeting</b>	<b>Time and location</b>
3 <sup>rd</sup> Thurs monthly	DFS CAC	8:30-10am DFS Central Clark room, 121 S. Martin Luther King
5/20, 8/26, 11/18	Policy and Fiscal Affairs meeting	12:30pm in the Govt. Center, 6 <sup>th</sup> floor in the Joshua Conference Room
3/31, 6/30, 9/29, 12/15	Harbor Executive Steering Committee	1-3pm The Harbor 861 N. Mojave Rd.
5/12, 8/11, 11/10	DJJS JDAI (JJ Detention Alternatives Initiative Committee)	12pm DJJS Director's Conference room

**IX. Public Comments**

**X. Adjournment – 10:07am**