

MINUTES
CITIZENS ADVISORY COMMITTEE (CAC)
Clark County

Department of Juvenile Justice Services
Zenoff Conference Room, 601 N. Pecos Road, Las Vegas, NV 89101
October 3, 2012 at 9:00 a.m.

Advisory Members Present: Larry Ashley, Tom Maroney, Robert Henry, Joelyne Gold-Nance, Brian Petrilla, Louise Helton, Representative for Tiffany Tyler and Arnold Stalk

Advisory Members Absent: Anthony York, Leisa Moseley, and Heidi Swank

Guest: Fritz Reese, John “Jack” Martin, Robert Tarter, Brett Allen, and Satonya Boyd

I. **Call to Order** at 9:00 am.

II. **Announcements from the Chairman of the Citizens Advisory Committee and inform Committee Members.**

- Larry Ashley, Chairman welcomed everyone.
- Mr. Ashley wished Fritz Reese, Director farewell on his retirement.
- Mr. Ashley was at the drug summit in Reno, Nevada recently and briefly shared information about the summit. One item he shared was that there are several sweet drinks that are alcohol based, which are targeted at youth.
- Mr. Ashley stated that the new mental health facility named the P.R.A.C.T.I.C.E. Center will be open on October 17, 2012 at UNLV. Services at the center are on a slight fee scale.

III. **Public Comments**

- Introductions were done.
- Brett Allen, Juvenile Justice Services Probation Manager was introduced by Fritz Reese, Director of the Department of Juvenile Justice Services (DJJS). Mr. Allen is a former State employee.
- The Town Hall Meeting will be held on **November 13, 2012 at 6 pm**. It will be held at Nevada Partners located at 710 West Lake Mead Boulevard, North Las Vegas, Nevada 89030. The Director’s Office will invite the County Commissioners.
- There will be no Citizens Advisory Committee Meeting in November due to the Town Hall Meeting.
- Tom Maroney briefly discussed the Ropes Course. Project Soar is on hold.

IV. Approval of September 5, 2012 Minutes

- Members approved the September 5, 2012 Minutes.

V. Approval of Agenda

- Members approved the agenda.

VI. Strategic Plan

- Nothing to report.

VII. Membership/Ordinance

- Nothing to report.

VIII. Operating Procedures

- Nothing to report.

IX. Work Plan – Review an update from committee and discuss

- The Citizens Advisory Committee will have a meeting in the near future to just focus on the work plan.

X. Partnership with Juvenile Detention Alternatives Initiative - Review and discuss

- Nothing to report.

XI. Town Hall Meeting

- The Citizens Advisory Committee stated there will be a Town Hall Meeting; approximately fifty people are hoped to attend the meeting. The Town Hall Meeting will be held on *November 13, 2012 at 6 pm*. It will be located at Nevada Partners.
- Robert Henry stated that the focus of this town hall meeting is to be a resource to parents for truancy.
- Panel Speakers - Joelyne Gold-Nance stated that a panelists list will be forthcoming. She further indicated that community providers will need to reserve a table. She also shared in Heidi Swank's absence that she would like to have someone speak to people regarding adult GED's. Mr. Henry stated that the Attendance Coordinator from Clark County School District will be there to speak.
- Truancy will be one of the topics discussed at the meeting. Tables will be set up with community providers along with brochures to help the community. Joelyne Gold-Nance suggested that discussion at the Town Hall Meeting can focus on us as a community needing to understand why youth are having an issue with truancy. Secondly, provide resources for truancy and the effects of truancy on our community. Thirdly, providing education material to the community is imperative at the Town Hall Meeting.

- Mr. Henry will check with his contact person to speak at the Town Hall Meeting for truancy.
- November 1, 2012 is the next Policy & fiscal affairs meeting and the Citizens Advisory Committee will have a letter from them for the Governor.
- The sub-committee members for the Town Hall Meeting are Louise Helton, Robert Henry, Joelyne Gold-Nance, and Heidi Swank.
- Mr. Henry stated that having a Town Hall Meeting at one of the continuation schools and high schools would be extremely beneficial.

XII. Receive the Director's Report on the Activities of the Department of Juvenile Justice Services (DJJS) and inform Committee Members

- See Attachment: Director's Report
- DJJS has been able to fill three JPO Supervisor positions

XIII. Public Comments

- Principal, Bob Tarter of the Youthful Offender Program has been invited to share information about the program at High Desert Prison. Mr. Tarter stated that there are sixteen teachers working at the prison. The Youthful Offender Program has a full high school/GED program. Mr. Tarter stated that the goal is to get the youth a GED, which will help them get time off their sentence. An incarcerated youth will get sixty days off their sentence if they complete the GED program; ninety days will come off their sentence if they receive a high school diploma. Principal, Bob Tarter and other members of Administration would like to get a school building built. At this time classes are being held in portables. The goal is for youth to leave the Youthful Offender Program with a trade / skill that is beneficial for them when seeking employment. Currently there are two hundred twenty-four students in the Youthful Offender Program. Males from ages 15 –25 are in the program. The class sizes are small so that the success rate is higher. Inmates that are under the age of 17 must be housed separately from the other inmates. At this time they have approximately eleven inmates that are under the age of 17. There is a library onsite. Mr. Tarter stated that the program is going well.

Next Meeting – (December 5, 2012, 9:00 a.m., Zenoff Conference Room, 601 N. Pecos Road, Las Vegas, Nevada 89101)

XIV. Adjournment

Adjourned at 10:23 am