

Department of Juvenile Justice Services

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John M. Martin, Director
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Policy and Fiscal Affairs Board Meeting Minutes

April 2, 2015 - 12:30 pm

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

Present:

Commissioner Susan Brager
Judge William Voy
Judge Robert Teuton

Clark County Management

Jeff Wells, Assistant County Manager
Catherine Jorgenson, Deputy District Attorney

Department of Juvenile Justice Services

John M. Martin, Director
Patrick Schreiber, Assistant Director
Carol McWaters, Executive Assistant
Tom Maroney, CAC Member
Dr. Tiffany Tyler, CAC & Nevada Partners
Pat Nelson, CAC Member

Department of Family Services

Paula Hammock, Assistant Director
Michael Knight, Assistant Director

Guests:

Yesenia Amaro, LVRJ Reporter
Christine Cisneros, Boys Town, Nevada
Michele Kle3m, Boys Town, Nevada
Ray Tippetts, Eagle Quest
Edylynn Quijano, Eagle Quest

Call to Order

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Commissioner Brager with a quorum present.

I. Public Comment

There was no public comment at this time.

II. Review & Approve the minutes of the February 5, 2015 meeting.

The minutes were approved as written.

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

STEVE SISOLAK, Chairman • LARRY BROWN, Vice Chairman
SUSAN BRAGER • TOM COLLINS • CHRIS GIUNCHIGLIANI • MARY BETH SCOW • LAWRENCE WEEKLY
DONALD G. BURNETTE, County Manager

III. Approve the Agenda

The Agenda was approved as written.

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

Mr. Martin discussed the 2015 Legislative bills that the Department is keeping close track of. These are included in detail in the DJJS Director's Report.

The Department submitted to Assistant County Manager Jeff Wells the four (4) requested new positions. The details regarding these four positions will be forwarded to the Commissioners at their request. Mr. Martin expressed his appreciation for the assistance Mr. Wells continues to give the department.

In an effort to continue to provide opportunities of growth for the youth in the care of DJJS, Mr. Martin reached out to Mr. John Ventura at the Community of Southern Nevada Automotive Transportation Facilities to discuss the possibility of a vocational program for DJJS youth.

DJJS is collaborating with the Department of Social Services to assist youth who are being released from supervision and facing a difficult transition into the work world. In conjunction with Workforce Connections they will assist youth in applying for and finding work, a place to stay and successfully transitioning to an adult. Commissioner Brager inquired if the Carpenters' Union was available to assist in this? Judge Voy commented that years ago they were contacted but it was not feasible at the time. Judge Voy further noted that Hearing Master Soonhee Bailey is contacting the Department of Labor.

Mr. Martin stated that the juvenile detention population has been steadily climbing and as of today is 141 youth.

The progress toward the Evening Reporting Center and the approval of the new location for the Southwest Center is moving along. There are a number of stipulations presented by Real Property Management that the owners are not willing to agree to. The Commissioners will be kept informed as to the progress.

Sprint Mountain Youth Camp (SMYC) is starting a new fitness program called B.E.S.T. It stands for Body Efficiency Strength Training. County Manager Don Burnette and the DJJS have been working on this program to teach youth how to take care of their body and mind through training.

V. Receive the DJJS Citizen's Advisory Committee Report. *Tom Maroney, Member*

Three members of the DJJS Citizen's Advisory Committee were present at the meeting. Mr. Maroney spoke on the importance of recruiting new members and asked Commissioner Brager for her assistance. Of great need is a Hispanic member. The committee is also projecting a more positive image for the department. The valuable assistance of the Director, District Attorney Catherine Jorgenson and Stacey Welling is enabling the committee to create new goals and move forward.

VI. Receive the Director’s Report on the Activities of the Department of Family Services (DFS) and Direct Staff Accordingly

Assistant Director Paula Hammock reported that the department has received word from Amber Howell, Division of Child and Family Services that they have successfully completed all the requirements and action steps in the Performance Improvement Plan so that they will not be charged any fiscal penalties.

On March 17, 2015 DFS received approval from the BCC on an Inter-local Agreement with UNLV who will be conducting the evaluation on our Title IVE Waiver Demonstration Project. The Department met with Federal Representatives and will be submitting their revisions no later than April 8, 2015.

Ms. Hammock described the upcoming Community Outreach plans which included the conference on “Understanding Stages of Development: Implications for Child Welfare Practices” in collaboration with Carole Shauffer of the Youth Law Center. It was well attended by Judiciary, District Attorney’s Office and Community Partners.

April is considered Child Abuse Prevention Month and thus will be holding a number of events including the 4th Annual Clark County Spring Holiday Egg Hunt at the Government Center.

Ms. Hammock announced that the department is tracking 49 separate legislative bills. Of special interest is Senate Bill 49.

AN ACT relating to the protection of children; revising provisions relating to the licensure of emergency shelters for children by the Division of Public and Behavioral Health of the Department of Health and Human Services; and providing other matters properly relating thereto.

The department has submitted their budget to Mr. Wells. DFS is requesting 44 new positions.

VII. Receive the DFS Citizen’s Advisory Committee Report. *Donna smith, Chairman*
There was no report at this time.

VIII. Discuss Legislative Issues

The Legislative bills were discussed by each department director previously.

IX. Discuss Budget Issues

Commissioner Brager requested that the Citizen’s Advisory Committee members, for both departments, send a message to Carol McWaters if they would like to be placed on the Agenda for any Policy & Fiscal Affairs Board meeting. What the committees are doing is important and she wants to be able to give them the time necessary to express their concerns and ideas.

Commissioner Brager expressed her concern for the youth in the community and especially the 18 - 21 year olds. Ms. Brager is impressed with the accomplishments and what they have done to assist the youth and families.

Judge Voy discussed the recent meeting with Steve Wilson from Adult Probation system and the idea of putting youth on Probation where they can earn deductions by attending a six month boot camp.

Mr. Martin expressed his appreciation for Mr. Tim Burch the Director of Social Services and Clark County School District Superintendent Skorkowsky working together to not leave any youth without resources.

X. Identify Emerging Issues to be addressed by the staff or the Board at future meetings.

There is nothing new to report at this time.

XI. Announcements

XII. Schedule next meeting

The next meeting will be held May 7, 2015 at 12:30 PM in the Joshua Conference Room.

XIII. Public Comments

No comments.

XIV. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned.