

**DEPARTMENT OF JUVENILE JUSTICE SERVICES**  
**Director's Report**  
**Policy & Fiscal Affairs Board**  
**May 3, 2012**

The Department of Juvenile Justice Services (DJJS) appreciates the significant support of the Board of County Commissioners and the Policy and Fiscal Affairs Board. We continue to receive approval to refill necessary positions when Best Practices and safety and security of youth and staff were in the balance.

**Personnel/Budget**

The Probation Manager Interview Committee recommended Mr. Brett Allen for the position of Probation Manager. Mr. Reese approved the recommendation. Mr. Allen is currently the Chief of Nevada Youth Parole. We are looking forward to Brett, joining the team on June 4th.

DJJS is currently budgeted for FY 2012/2013 \$43 million.

The Department has a new Policy Committee. This committee is looking at all the Department's policies and has drafted changes and also entirely new policies for consideration. These policies include, but are not limited to:

- Code of Conduct
- Investigations
- Policy and Form Development
- Electronic Recording
- Use of Force
- Social Media
- Training Policy
- Baton Policy
- Equipment Policy
- Dress Code Policy

**Community Issues**

The Department has been coordinating various community services events to provide assistance to youth and families, prior to the youth being involved in the juvenile justice system. The Department, in conjunction with Judiciary, has conducted three Disproportionate Minority Contact (DMC) Town Hall meetings. The DMC committee established three working sub-committees:

1. Low risk youth
2. High risk youth
3. Education sub-committee

The latest Quarterly DMC meeting was held on Saturday, April 28<sup>th</sup> at 10:00 a.m. in the Zenoff training room. To assist in this work, the department has been engaged with the W. Haywood Burns Institute. We have initiated a new contract that will continue through November 2012 for a continued engagement with the Burns Institute. This contract is funded out of Annie E. Casey grant dollars. The scope of work and costs, have been submitted for their approval.

## **Spring Mountain Youth Camp (SMYC)**

- The program entitled “Thinking for a Change” (T4C) is off to a good start.
- The Ranger Week Program at SMYC began in April.
- Nevada Partners is visiting the camp this week to look at the facility for a potential Culinary Program and aftercare services.
- One of the Probation Officers has organized a community cleanup project with the United States Forestry Service (USFS) in Lovell Canyon for one week in April.
- The contract with the USFS was amended to allow 14-year-old youth to work on the forestry program. The prior age was 15.

## **Juvenile Detention**

- Average Detention population statistics  
2012 - 130 youth  
2011 - 164 youth  
2010 - 180 youth
- Laptops in Detention Review & Release Program (DRRP) – The DRRP program is currently piloting the use of laptop computers to better access Secure Alert in “real time” while in the field.
- The Division is researching the Red Flag Training. This training is similar to the Prison Rape Elimination Act (PREA) and will be a great addition to promoting best practice standards in the Detention Division.
- April was a Performance Based Standards (PbS) Reporting Month. Staff have filled out the surveys and Detention Assistant Manager Patrick Schreiber and Supervisor Vieira will be conducting random client surveys this month and reviewing Information Report documentation for the statistical data.

## **Probation Division**

Before a youth completes their probation requirements, they are held responsible for completing their court ordered classes. Probation coordinates the following programs in the individual neighborhood probation centers.

- Substance Abuse
- Petty Larceny
- Domestic Violence/Anger Management/Conflict Resolution/Bullying
- Critical Decision Making
- Chemical Awareness
- Creating Changes
- Employment
- Teen Pregnancy Prevention
- Thinking For a Change
- Bridge Counseling
- FACT Counseling

- Responsible Choices
- Power of One
- Gang Intervention

**Clinical Services** (Psychological Unit)

- Clinical Services provides a variety of assessment, case management, and counseling services to youth and their families. We are fortunate to have a few practicum students for the summer. They will assist the Division with testing of youth which will be helpful in ensuring that evaluations are completed in a timely fashion.
- The Chemical Dependency Intensive Outpatient Pilot Program offered by Clinical Services will be ending soon. The Division's intention is to determine what changes could be implemented to improve the program and to decide if the program should continue to be offered.
- Several of the behavioral health agencies within the community have closed their doors. Clinical Services continues to meet with any new providers to determine if those agencies can meet the needs of DJJS clients.
- Clinical Services, Detention, and Nursing have started meeting in order to work on ways to improve the administering and coordinating of medication for youth.