

Department of Juvenile Justice Services

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Policy and Fiscal Affairs Board

March 9, 2017 - 12:30 pm

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

Present

Commissioner Susan Brager
Judge William Voy
Judge Robert Teuton
Judge Charles Hoskin

Clark County Management

Jeff Wells, Assistant County Manager
Brigid Duffy, Chief Deputy District Attorney
Catherine Jorgenson, Deputy District Attorney

Department of Juvenile Justice Services

John Martin, Director
Patrick Schreiber, Assistant Director
Steve Morris, Manager
Satonya Patton, Executive Assistant (*prepared minutes*)
David Doyle, CAC Vice Chair

Department of Family Services

Paula Hammack, Interim Director
Jill Marano, Assistant Director
Ebony Washington, Acting Assistant Director

Guests:

None

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YOLANDA T. KING, County Manager

I. Call to Order

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

II. Introductions

Introductions were made.

III. Public Comments

None at this time.

IV. Review & Approve the minutes of the January 12, 2017 Meeting.

The minutes were approved as written.

V. Approve the Agenda

The Agenda was approved as written.

VI. Budget and Legislation Discussion

Budget – Jeff Wells stated there was two tenths of an increase due to property taxes, and there will be no supplemental positions at all this year. County Management did not ask departments for a wish list. Vacancy savings is usually what the County funds the capital budget with. Yolanda King is at a budget meeting today.

Legislation – John Martin stated that the Department of Juvenile Justice Services (DJJS) is closely following AB 180 and AB 185. These legislative bills would result in unfunded mandates.

Assembly Bill 180 implements a juvenile justice bill of rights that the Department agrees within principle, would need several friendly amendments to be fiscally neutral.

Assembly Bill 185 is a third attempt to move youth certified as adults, youth pending their adult convictions, and sentenced youth back to the Juvenile Detention Center to be housed until they met the age of majority. This is another unfunded mandate that would result in the re-opening of at least three housing units, and the expansion of a multitude of services i.e. medical, mental health, transport, etc. to house these youth. In essence, the recent programs demonstrating solid results would be closed and the staff would be relocated back to Detention to appropriately house the returning youth.

Mr. Martin stated that AB 185 is picking up traction this legislation year. Most of the concern about this bill is regarding cost and DJJS will be forced to close the programming that it has currently established for the youth such as the Evening Report Center; ISP; SMRC, etc. DJJS will be forced to open two cottages that have been closed. The fiscal cost for the department will be high. Mr. Wells suggested that he will coordinate a list of Judges to assist with AB 185. Mr. Martin will do some bullet items and present them to Mr. Wells.

Paula Hammack stated that the Department of Family Services (DFS) is looking closely at AB 99 and AB 236.

Assembly Bill 99 affects children in institutions. Assembly Bill 99 *is relating to children; requiring certain institutions and agencies to treat a child as having the gender with which the child identifies; requiring certain persons to receive training on working with lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender and questioning children; requiring the Division of Child and Family Services of the Department of Health and Human Services to establish protocols to follow or factors to consider before placing a child in certain placements; requiring the Division to establish a process for filing and resolving certain grievances; revising the manner in which a foster child is notified of his or her rights; requiring certain facilities to which a juvenile court commits a child to comply with certain federal law; and providing other matters properly relating thereto.*

Assembly Bill 236 affects a child welfare service to obtain educational records for children. Assembly Bill 236 *is relating to child welfare; authorizing the director of an agency which provides child welfare services or certain designees to request the education records of a pupil who is in the custody of the agency; requiring a public or private school or school district to comply with such a request; providing that the board of trustees of a school district, the governing body of a charter school or the governing body of a private school may be joined as a party in a proceeding concerning the protection of a child for failing to comply with such a request; and providing other matters properly relating thereto.*

Judge William Voy briefly discussed the Governor's bill with regards to special projects. He stated that there is revised language in the bill pertaining to juveniles that are on Medicaid while located at Spring Mountain Youth Camp (SMYC).

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

Juvenile Assessment Center (JAC) – Mr. Martin thanked Commissioners for their continued support for The Harbor, Juvenile Assessment Center (JAC). The Department opened the doors on October 17, 2016 at 651 N. Pecos, Las Vegas, NV 89101. Since its opening the Harbor has served nearly four hundred fifty families. The Harbor is serving approximately thirteen youth daily.

P.O.S.T. Academy – The spring 2017 P.O.S.T. Academy started on February 13, 2017 and graduation will be held on April 7, 2017 at 10 am in the Commissioners' Chambers.

Eastside Probation Center Relocation – Mr. Martin stated that there have been conversations about the Department of Family Services (DFS) and DJJS co-locating at an eastside location. Mr. Martin said his team is still waiting on DFS. Probation has identified a location to relocate the Eastside Center. If and when Probation relocates the Eastside Center, it will be a County-owned property. The current center is located at 4180 S. Pecos. This location is the smallest regional office (4,160 SF). DJJS will continue to work with RPM. Commissioner Susan Brager said she will pull up the information on this property.

Medicaid – Mr. Martin stated that DJJS is optimistic about Medicaid Services.

VIII. Receive the DJJS Citizens Advisory Committee Report. David Doyle, Vice Chair on behalf of Dr. Tiffany Tyler, Chair

- Mr. Doyle stated that the members of the Citizens Advisory Committee Board will be writing a letter opposing Assembly Bill 185 in support for DJJS. The Citizens Advisory Committee Board would like to see more Juvenile Assessment Centers throughout the state of Nevada. Mr. Doyle stated that he will be meeting with Assembly Speaker, Jason Frierson in Carson City. One item he will be speaking with him about is enhanced programming for girls.

IX. Receive the Director's Report on the Activities of the Department of Family Services (DFS) and Direct Staff Accordingly Interim Director Paula Hammack and Assistant Director Jill Marano

Main Building Update – Ms. Hammack stated that the Department of Family Services is waiting for RPM for advisement with regards to closing escrow within the six months for the building located on 330 South Valley View.

Child Haven – The daily population is approximately sixty children instead of eighty. Staff will be attending refresher training in the behavior modification program.

Annie E. Casey Foundation – The Department has been working three months with the Annie E. Casey Foundation as they are conducting interviews with frontline staff; management; and providers. This will assist the Annie E. Casey Foundation in providing the best assessment for current practices within the department. The final assessment will be done May 2017. Recommendations will be made for programmatic changes to help improve foster parent recruitment and reducing the use of congregate care.

Population – Ms. Hammack stated that DFS population is going down. There were sixty children on campus.

Medicaid - Jill Marano stated that she recently spoke to the Nevada Department of Health and Human Services Director, Richard Whitley. They briefly discussed state therapeutic foster care and bundle rates for Medicaid.

Specialized Foster Care Provider Update – The department is working with Foster Care Providers to ensure better outcomes for children placed in foster care homes. A meeting was held in February 2017 with Foster Care Providers to discuss standards of care and performance expectations.

X. Receive the DFS Citizens Advisory Committee Report. Deshaun Jackson, Chair
Nothing to present at this time.

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- XI. Schedule Next Meeting** – May 11, 2017 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.