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PUBLIC NOTICE

A MEETING OF THE CLARK COUNTY CITIZEN'S ADVISORY COMMITTEE

DATE OF MEETING:

Thursday, February 19, 2026

TIME: 8:30 AM – 10:00 AM

Virtual: Microsoft Teams Meeting (Join on your computer, mobile app or room device)

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Parent Advocate: Ali Caliendo, Vice Chair

Foster Parent: Donna Smith, Deputy Chair

CASA: Sheila Parks

CCSD: Christopher Merritt

Juvenile Probation: Judge Margaret Pickard

Foster Youth: DaShaun Jackson

Private Provider of Mental Health: Madyson Weir

Child Welfare: Shannon Bilbray-Axelrod

Child Welfare: Tammy Malich

General Public: Angela Cook

General Public: VACANT (1)

AGENDA

**Items on the agenda may be taken out of order. The Committee may combine two or more agenda items for consideration; and the committee may remove an item from the agenda or delay discussion relating to an item on the agenda at any time. No action may be taken on any matter not listed on the posted agenda.

- I. Call to Order and Roll Call.
- II. Comments by General Public – This is a period devoted to comments by the general public about items on the agenda. No discussion, action, or votes may be taken on this agenda item. If you wish to speak to the Committee about items within its jurisdiction but not appear on this agenda, you must wait until the “Comments by the General Public” period listed at the end of this agenda. Comments will be limited to three (3) minutes.
- III. Approval of January 15, 2026, Minutes (for possible action)
- IV. CAC New Members welcome and introduction (information only)
- V. CAC Membership nomination and voting of new officers (for possible action)
- VI. Annual Open Meeting Law Overview (information only)
- VII. Clark County Family Services Report Out (information only):
 - 1) Notable department goals, changes, and programs
 - 2) Child Haven population, & duration of stay
 - 3) Intake/Placement:
 - How many children were brought in, placed with family, placed in foster care, how many in child haven or other placements/group homes.
 - 4) Intervention, Accountability, Policies and Procedures:
 - Status of plans to potentially adopt federal “Kin First” approach to reducing barriers to/requirements for relative and Fictive Kin licensing.
 - 5) Transitional Aged Youth Supports & Independent Living:
 - Independent Living/Aging Out Program
- VIII. Discussion of 2026 CAC priorities and if adjustments should be made (possible action):
 - 1) Family of Origin
 - Reporting on referrals to parents that go beyond the standard parenting class and substance abuse classes.
 - Reporting on referrals at the beginning and end of the case.
 - Thorough investigation of family/kinship placements at the beginning of the case, not at the time of termination and move to adoption.
 - Reunification rates
 - 2) Children
 - Child Placements statistical reports
 - Services and programs for teens and aging out youth
 - High-needs youth-Mental health, dual diagnosis, overlap with JJS
 - Mental Health and access to care-easier access to Medicaid prior authorizations and testing
 - CCSD-School of origin reporting, monitoring higher expulsion rates, etc.
 - 3) Placements
 - Safety at visitation centers both inside the buildings and out.
 - Transparent reporting and accountability from the Ombudsman’s office
 - New Licensing Requirement updates
 - Respite Care
 - Execution on partnership agreement

- IX.** Identify Emerging Issues to be addressed at future meetings and receive updates on activities of the CAC members related to their duties as committee members (information only)
 - Visitation process update
 - Foster Parent Champion call trends and themes written report
- X.** Next Meeting date to be set. (for possible action)
- XI.** Comments by General Public - This is a period devoted to comments by the general public about any topic within the jurisdiction of the committee, but not necessarily on the agenda. No discussion, action, or votes may be taken on this agenda item. Comments will be limited to three (3) minutes
- XII.** Adjournment