



THE HARBOR – EXECUTIVE STEERING COMMITTEE

Juvenile Assessment Center Minutes

March 27, 2019 – 1:00 PM

The Harbor

861 N. Pecos Rd. Las Vegas, NV 89101

Minutes taken by Vikki Andrews

Present

City of Las Vegas

Dr. Lisa Morris-Hibbler, Director, Department of Youth Development and Social Innovation – **Board Member**

Lee Quick, Management Analyst

Sierra Beezy

Clark County Department of Juvenile Justice Services

John M. Martin, Director – **Board Member, present by phone**

Mike Whelihan, Asst. Director

Cheryl Wright, Clinical Services Manager

Vikki Andrews, Administrative Secretary

Clark County District Attorney's Office

Brigid Duffy, Chief Deputy District Attorney – Juvenile Division – **Board Member**

Jason Patchett, Deputy Civil District Attorney

Clark County Law Enforcement

Chris Darcy, Deputy Chief, *on behalf of Kevin McMahill, Undersheriff Las Vegas Metropolitan Police Department* – **Board Member**

Jim Ketsaa, Chief, Clark County School District Police – **Board Member**

Jacqueline Gravaat, North Las Vegas Police Department

Clark County School District

Dr. Tammy Malich, Assistant Superintendent – **Board Member and Chair**

Robert Wiers, Director, Psychological Services – **Board Member**

Community Representative

Punam Mathur, Parent Representative – **Board Member**

Department of Health and Human Services

Ellen Richardson-Adams, Outpatient Administrator, Department of Public and Behavioral Health Services – **Board Member and Vice Chair, present by phone**

Eagle Quest

Dave Doyle, Director – **Board Member**

Samantha Day
Diomar Chen

The Harbor

Cesar Lemos, Executive Director

Workforce Connections

Jim Kostecki, CFO – *Board Member*

Community Guests

Tim Williams, A New Life Recovery

Giovanni Ocampo, Mission High School

Mariah Lopez, Mission High School

Barbara Collins, Principal, Mission High School

I. Call to Order

Dr. Tammy Malich, Clark County School District (CCSD) and Chair called the meeting to order, there was a quorum.

II. Public Comments

None at this time.

III. Approval of September 26, 2018 Minutes

The December 19, 2018 minutes were approved.

IV. Approval of December 19, 2018 Agenda

The March 27, 2019 agenda was approved.

V. Appointment of Youth Representative, Current Term of Arnija Hooks has Expired

The term of Arnija Hooks, Student Representative has expired, she is now out in the world attending college and working. She is going to school for her social sciences to degree to be able to serve in that capacity and give back the great service she has received. This agenda item will be carried to the next quarterly meeting.

A new representative will need to be selected. There have been issues with the time of the meeting and youth representatives being able to attend. There has been a lot of pushback from parents to pull their kids out of school even quarterly in order to attend The Harbor meetings, or for youth who work to take time off. Jason Patchett, District Attorney's Office, clarified for the committee that the bylaws are set to have a specific individual as a representative because they are a voting member. A student would need to be named, and that student if unable to can have a designee attend on their behalf. Barbara Collins, Mission High School, stated that she is dedicated to having a representative at every meeting. The language does not prohibit youth attending as community guests.

Ms. Collins with her two youth, Giovanni Ocampo and Mariah Lopez, to attend the meeting; both received services from The Harbor. Mr. Ocampo told the committee that he was very grateful to The Harbor for the opportunity it gave him to get connected to the resources in that time of his life. He continued to say that he truly believes that if he and his family did not find The Harbor, that he would not be with us today. Mr. Ocampo was struggling with substance abuse, and his family did not know where to turn to get him assistance. Mr. Ocampo has now been clean from substances for 1 year, 1 month and 13 days, and is on

track to graduate with the class of 2019. Ms. Lopez went to The Harbor for assistance because she was having difficulties with her family, and her parents needed some assistance. She is now on track to graduate high school with the class of 2019. She went from having 48 days of school attendance in her freshman year, to graduating one year early. Ms. Lopez states that she is grateful for the assistance that The Harbor has provided to her and her family.

Dr. Malich and Cesar Lemos, The Harbor, will also work more aggressively to find youth who have passed through The Harbor who will be willing to share their experiences in public. Brigid Duffy, District Attorney's Office, stated it would be useful to have youth who are willing to share their stories for the legislative sessions. Dr. Malich asked if the youth would be comfortable with sharing their stories. Mr. Ocampo stated that he would be willing to attend the legislative session to share his story, and Ms. Lopez stated that she would consider it. They were also given the option to write letters sharing their stories if they were willing.

VI. Discuss Medicaid Billing Proposal for Services Rendered at The Harbor

Jack Martin, Department of Juvenile Justice (DJJS), met with Scott Mayne who is the department's Medicaid consultant, to discuss billing for targeted case management within The Harbor arena, in order to be more self-supportive and start generating an income. It was recommended that The Harbor submit for a Medicaid State plan, which would be running an administrative caseload and is allowable. It pays about 16% of the total billable amount, roughly \$200,000.00 per year. Mr. Martin asks the Executive Steering Committee if there is an interest in pursuing the Medicaid Proposal; if so, Mr. Mayne will begin petitioning Medicaid to accept this as a state plan amendment, under the DJJS contract. The second decision would be if The Harbor is able to bill administratively, would the money be divided and disbursed to offset the cost to individual requirements of what has already been done, or would it roll over into The Harbor budget as part of how gap services are being funded. Mr. Mayne has not yet presented this to Medicaid to see if it was viable, Mr. Martin has asked him to wait to see if the ESC was on board. The committee motioned and approved to have Mr. Mayne begin this work, with the recommendation that The Harbor would bill as an entity with the understanding that the money will roll to further support the efforts of The Harbor with Mobile Crisis.

VII. Discuss Marketing of The Harbor

In the past meetings, Captain Sean Toman had mentioned that Las Vegas Metropolitan Police Department (LVMPD) had some connections, or knew people with connections The Raiders and the Vegas Golden Knights. Deputy Chief Chris Darcy, LVMPD, will meet offline with Mr. Lemos to come up with some options to generate the attention.

Mr. Lemos stated at the last meeting there was some direction to reach out to Park Police; a presentation was done and the information was well received. Posters have been created to display in park and rec's locations. Mr. Lemos has also met with Pastor Chaplin Barry with Messengers of Faith Ministry, and one of their Chaplin's will soon be placed at The Harbor for one day a week to see how it works. Dave Doyle, Eagle Quest, stated that there was outreach done with 12 Clark County schools within 2.5 mile radius of the Charleston location. From those there was a spike in referrals. They will continue to do more outreach. Dr. Lisa Morris-Hibbler, City of Las Vegas, suggests that Mr. Lemos do a presentation to the Regional SafeKey Committee, which includes all jurisdictions. The information can be put in the SafeKey sites at elementary and middle schools. She adds that The Harbor will be added to their collateral information. Dr. Morris-Hibbler will help Mr. Lemos connect with SafeKey. Ellen Richardson-Adams suggests adding to the Director's Report where presentations and outreach have been done in order to keep a running tab and pinpoint where the gaps may be. The committee motioned and approved for this agenda item to be moved from an action item on the agenda to being a standing item on the Director's Report.

Deputy Chief Darcy suggests reaching out to the new North Las Vegas Chief. Mr. Martin states that Assemblyman Tyrone Thompson is very supportive of The Harbor and possibly getting a new facility in the 89030 area. Mr. Martin has also met with the City of Henderson and the City of North Las Vegas who will tour The Harbor in the coming weeks. There's a desire to get into these areas, but funding is needed.

James Ketsaa, CCSD Police mentioned there are some events and fairs coming up in the coming weeks that may be good places for The Harbor to have a presence.

Beginning April 22, there will be ten RTC bus shelters running marketing for The Harbor, for one month.

VIII. The Harbor Data Report

Mr. Lemos reviewed the data report with the committee. The total youth served to-date at both Harbor sites is 7,112 youth and total youth assessed is 6164. Escalation numbers are holding the same at 4% of total youth served. Gender numbers remain the same as previous quarters, as well as top five offenses and zip codes.

Ms. Mathur asks if it's possible to take the escalation and look further into which youth came in through the criminal justice pipeline, what the percentage would be. Mr. Lemos will check the recidivism to see which are from law enforcement. The data will tell us if the law enforcement youth escalate at a higher rate than the community referrals and walk-ins.

Mr. Lemos was asked what the wait time for a walk-in client is. He has not tracked wait times for this. He offers that they wait, reschedule, or try going to The Harbor Charleston. Mr. Martin stated that he wants to see improvements on family wait times, and getting accurate answers on average wait times. He is bothered by the idea that a family who is truly in crisis may be told to reschedule or try a different location. Mike Whelihan, DJJS, suggests that Mr. Lemos begin to track wait times and busiest hours, so staffing and appointments can be handled and so families can be advised of what the best time to come in may be.

Jacqueline Gravaat, North Las Vegas Police Department (NLVPD), stated that the new Chief of Police is very interested in what The Harbor is doing and will have representatives present and a part of the meetings. She is surprised to see their referral numbers so low, but indicates that her entire command staff is fairly new. The information will be given to NLVPD officers. She ensures that there will be a positive change. Deputy Chief Darcy added that changing officer culture is difficult, and that LVMPD put it in their policies as to make it a rule, and hold people accountable for not following. He will share the policy with Ms. Gravaat.

Dr. Malich stated that she, Mr. Lemos, Mr. Doyle continue to work on ensuring that the appropriate data is being captured, and in the system so that there can be two way communication.

Mr. Martin stated that some preliminary numbers have been received, and the numbers for referrals into the juvenile justice system have dropped from over 13,000 to under 12,000. Certifications, direct files, state referrals and Spring Mountain Youth Camp referrals are all down. The detention population is also reduced from this time last year. The two year numbers from The Harbor are starting to be visible within DJJS.

IX. Informational Items

- a. Next meeting June 26, 2019 at 1:00 pm, The Harbor, 861 N. Mojave Rd. Las Vegas, NV 89101.
- b. When actual dates for legislation are received, they will be sent to the members for support. The committee is asking for \$16million exclusively for The Harbor. The funding would support the existing Harbor and expansion if it is fully funded. Ms. Duffy asks Deputy Chief Darcy and Chief Ketsaa to identify an officer in LVMPD and CCSDPD who would be able to speak at legislation. If they could appear in person in Carson City that would be best, but if they are unable, speaking locally will still make a difference. She also states that the youth representative speakers are invited to Carson City if they are able to attend. Mr. Martin has confirmed with members and partnering organizations that they are willing to testify, but has not yet asked them to write a letter in support. The list will be sent to Assemblywoman Moreno. Mr. Martin has a PowerPoint prepared with data that can be presented. He also adds that the bill is not specific to Clark County, however none of the other counties in Nevada have an interest.

X. Public Comments

Mr. Martin Thanks Ms. Collins, Ms. Lopez and Mr. Ocampo for coming in and sharing their stories with the ESC and reminds them that The Harbor is there for them if anything additional is needed.

XI. Adjournment