



THE HARBOR – EXECUTIVE STEERING COMMITTEE

Juvenile Assessment Center Minutes

July 28, 2021 – 1:00 PM

The Harbor

861 N. Pecos Rd. Las Vegas, NV 89101

Minutes taken by Vikki Andrews

Present in Person

City of Las Vegas

Dr. Tammy Malich, Director, Department of Youth Development and Social Innovation, ***Board Member and Chair***

Clark County Department of Family Services

Abigail Frierson, Assistant Director – ***Board Member***

Clark County Department of Juvenile Justice Services

Cheryl Wright, Assistant Director

Eboni Washington, Assistant Director

Jack Martin, Director – ***Board Member***

Vikki Andrews, Administrative Secretary

Clark County District Attorney's Office

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

Catherine Jorgenson, Deputy Civil District Attorney

Clark County Family Court

Judge William Voy – ***Board Member***

Clark County Law Enforcement

Deputy Chief James LaRochelle, Las Vegas Metropolitan Police Department – ***Board Member***

Captain Ken Young, School District Police – ***Board Member***

Clark County School District

John Anzalone, Assistant Super-intendent, Educational Services Division – ***Board Member***

Eagle Quest

Jennifer Bevacqua, Director of Program Development

Diomar Chin, Manager, The Harbor Charleston

Patrick Schreiber, Manager, The Harbor Mojave

Workforce Connections

Dr. Ricardo Villalobos

Guests

Barbara Collins, Mission High School

Present By Phone**Community Representatives**

Punam Mather, 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*

Guests

Tami Hance – CIS Nevada

I. Call to Order

Dr. Tammy Malich, City of Las Vegas and Chair called the meeting to order, there was a quorum.

II. Public Comments

None at this time.

III. Election of ESC Chair and Co-Chair

Dr. Tammy Malich, Chair, and Ellen Richardson-Adams, Co-Chair, both expressed her desire to continue serving in their roles. The committee motioned and approved Dr. Malich as Chair and Ms. Richardson-Adams as Co-Chair.

IV. Approval of April 28, 2021 Minutes

The April 28, 2021 minutes were approved.

V. Approval of July 28, 2021 Agenda

The July 28, 2021 agenda was approved.

VI. Discussion and Appointment of Additional ESC Members for Two-Year Terms (July 28, 2021 through July 27, 2023)

- a. Re-appointment of Dave Doyle, Eagle Quest Director of Operations.
The committee motioned and approved the reappointment of Mr. Doyle
- b. Re-Appointment of Robert Weires, Clark County School District Psychological Services Director
The committee motioned and approved the reappointment of Mr. Weires.
- c. Appointment of Dr. Richard Villalobos as Workforce Connections Representative
Jim Kostecki's appointment has expired and he has recommended he be replaced by Dr. Richard Villalobos. The committee motioned and approved the appointment of Dr. Villalobos.
- d. Appointment of Parent Representative or other Citizen Representative
Punam Mathur does not wish to be reappointed as Parent Representative. The committee is looking for recommendations for this role. John Martin and the committee thanked Ms. Mathur for serving on the committee and for all of the work and guidance she provided. She served as so much more than just a Parent Representative and she will be difficult to replace. Ms. Cheryl Wright suggested that the parent of a family who has recently had their own experience at The Harbor could be a great option. The parent who recently spoke at The Harbor Henderson grand

opening was very open and willing to do more and be more connected with the work of The Harbor. Dr. Malich suggested if the first option was unavailable, that the parent who spoke at the State Department of Education event may be a good option. Ms. Wright will reach out to each for their interest.

- e. Appointment of Youth or other Citizen Representative
Ms. Malich asked if the ESC would like a youth representative in a youth advisory board capacity or representation at the table. Mr. Martin stated that the youth advisory board would be very beneficial to have, however he would still like youth representation at the table. He asks Mr. John Anzalone if a partnership with one of the continuation schools for participation can be an option. The youth at these schools tend to be probation youth or youth that could benefit from The Harbor's services. Mr. Anzalone will follow up on this and it will be placed on the next agenda.
- f. Appointment of Clark County Association of School Administrators Representative
Mr. Augsperger who was appointed in this role has retired. When in this role, he did not attend any meetings or contribute to the ESC. There is a new head of the Clark County Association of School Administrators, Jeff Horn; he has indicated that he would be committed to attending and would like to have a seat at the table. Mr. Martin is unsure if unions should be represented when The Harbor is about children. He believes it's far more important to have a principal or educator who is forward thinking at the table. Judge William Voy agrees that having someone who is "in the trenches", who deals with issues The Harbor youth face on a daily basis, would be beneficial. Captain Ken Young offers that when Mr. Horn was in his principal role he cared greatly about the youth, what they were dealing with and was fair. He believes Mr. Horn would be a good candidate. Dr. Malich adds that he has influence with the principals. Another suggestion made was the Principal Lead, she is able to disseminate information to principals monthly.
- g. Appointment of Clark County Education Association Representative
The head of the Clark County Education Association was very receptive and open to joining the ESC.

Barbara Collins suggested Chad Gregorius of the School Counseling Department and believes counselor's and social workers is where the best investment for The Harbor will be made. Judge Voy agrees that someone in this role would serve The Harbor well. Mr. Anzalone will reach out to Mr. Gregorius.

Catherine Jorgenson clarified that additional members appointed by the board need to be an individual not a role, this would keep the ESC from being locked into a specific role. This would not transfer if expiration or reappointment happened. Items D-G will be added to the next agenda for action.

VII. Discussion Regarding Updates/Modifications to The Harbor Interlocal Agreement

Edits were sent to Vikki Andrews and were reflected in the draft interlocal. Mr. Martin states that a lot of the frustration with the interlocal agreement is the inability of the school district to share meaningful data with The Harbor. CCSD has concerns with sharing data because of FERPA. Ms. Wright states that when Bob Tartar was still with CCSD, they were collaborating on a potential MOU agreement that could assist The Harbor in getting school district data. She believes the easiest thing to do would be to infuse it into the interlocal; the committee agrees. Judge Voy believes a specific person should be named as being responsible for providing data. Dr. Malich suggests if Chad Gregorius is named as part of the ESC, this role could be given to him as he has access to the data.

Dr. Malich suggests Judge Voy and Mr. Martin meet with Superintendent Jara to discuss the concerns. Mr. Martin states that he reaches out to Superintendent Jara regularly to set up a meeting but is continuously blocked by Dr. Barton of CCSD. Dr. Malich believes that Superintendent Jara, a representative of infinite

campus and CCSD legal need to meet with Mr. Martin and Judge Voy for resolution. Unfortunately, there are many people within CCSD who block decisions without the authority to do so. Mr. Anzalone will reach out to the necessary parties to schedule a meeting for drafting the MOU language.

Dr. Malich asks the committee how the ESC should proceed with its members and if things such as non-attendance should be addressed and worded differently than they are currently. Mr. Martin states the interlocal should have the standard attendance language of being removed from the ESC after missing a certain number of meetings. Ms. Jorgenson clarifies that members who are appointed by the interlocal who are signatories cannot be removed from the ESC; ESC appointed members can be removed at the committee's discretion. Ms. Jorgenson will make draft changes to the interlocal.

The interlocal will continue to be refined and will be addressed again at the next agenda.

VIII. Update on The Harbor 501c3 Status

Ms. Wright stated to the committee that the past years of being involved in The Harbor has been an amazing experience, and that she regularly brags to family and friends about the amazing program. She has had the opportunity to tour some family and friends through The Harbor locations; she states that she has a family member who is interested in starting a 501c3 to help support The Harbor and its mission.

IX. Update on Clark County School District Outreach Efforts

Dr. Malich has reached out to Brenda Larson-Mitchell and Dr. Barton and requested that Ms. Wright or her designee attend all level meetings to give an overview of The Harbor and its services, more information on this will come. There are still many principals who are unaware of, or don't use The Harbor; there should be Harbor information on school district websites and school district home page.

Ms. Richardson-Adams suggests reaching out to league sports and coaches as part of the outreach efforts. The coaches could see an aspect of youth that teachers may not see.

Ms. Wright adds that thanks to Ms. Collins, she will be presenting The Harbor to school counselors in two upcoming presentations. She believes getting involved with social workers is going to be critical.

X. The Harbor Marketing Sub-Committee

Ms. Wright with Deputy Chief La Rochelle hosted a barbecue and tour for the Las Vegas Metropolitan Police Department last month. It was very successful and well attended with roughly 100 officers coming through The Harbor that day. Since this event there has been an uptick in collaboration with LVMPD. Deputy Chief La Rochelle adds that this event was informative and should happen a few times a year. There is a lot of rotation in the COP team, which interacts with the community the most, so this is a great way to keep them engaged and informed about The Harbor.

The Harbor Henderson opening event was on July 12. The media was invited, and The Harbor received a lot of great news coverage. Following this event, Ms. Wright was contacted by Congresswoman Susie Lee who requested a tour of The Harbor and mentioned interest in supporting The Harbor.

The Harbor and TPOP staff have been attending community outreach events every Tuesday with LVMPD South Central Area Command. Recently, South Central Area command reached out to Ms. Wright in regard to some youth who had been stealing food from Target on Maryland and Flamingo. Their stealing food instead of other items indicates that they were hungry. Instead of arresting or citing the youth, South

Central Area Command, Target and Ms. Wright are collaborating to try to connect with these youth in a more positive way such as providing incentives and Harbor referrals.

XI. Presentation of The Quarterly Managers Report

Dr. Malich introduced Patrick Schreiber, Eagle Quest Manager over The Harbor Mojave to the ESC. Mr. Schreiber served as Assistant Director to DJJS prior to his retirement, was present when The Harbor opened its doors and has enjoyed watching its fast growth; he has been serving in his current role since March of 2021.

The Harbor has serviced over 18,000 families since its opening date. Recidivism had been steady at 8-10%, currently it is presenting at 12% because of a “data dump” and is expected to go back down. 80% of the youth of The Harbor are youth of color, which demonstrates The Harbors success of keeping youth who were overrepresented in the juvenile justice system out of the system. The top 5 offenses remain consistent. Outreach efforts have been continuing consistently with CCSD, LVMPD, and other community events.

The Harbor leadership continues to work with State Legislature and Executive branches, and local city and county leaders. These efforts have helped The Harbor to grow to its current five locations with more growth expected in the future. There has been a lot of support for The Harbor thanks to the efforts of the ESC, and Mr. Martin and Ms. Duffy’s efforts in the legislature.

Pre-Covid, the Mojave location was the only Harbor location to operate 24hrs. The workload does not currently justify moving back to this model, but this will be re-evaluated regularly.

Although there have been recent staffing changes at The Harbor, staff remain very mission and goal oriented. There is still excitement and motivation to reach their goals and objectives.

XII. Informational Items

- a. Announcements: The next meeting date is October 27, 2021 at 1:00 pm at The Harbor Mojave.
- b. Ms. Duffy attempted to get the following on the agenda but did not make the agenda deadline. A memo was provided to the District Attorney’s office that indicated DJJS would be going in the direction that all misdemeanors, regardless of if a youth had previous DJJS Probation or State Parole involvement, would be referred to The Harbor. Her concern is how Harbor staff are obtaining prior history, and if the appropriate levels of intervention are being provided being there is a previous history.

Ms. Duffy also has some concerns regarding how this may affect the current statistics and if these will be tracked differently, how domestic violence charges are differentiated, and if youth from Child Haven will be deferred to The Harbor. The memo in question and these concerns will be added to the next agenda. Ms. Duffy would also like to look into the date of service compared to the date of citation; this as well as possible fast tracking of citations will be added to the agenda.

Mr. Martin informed the committee that DJJS has submitted a proposal for the Biden Bucks Stimulus for a domestic violence response team in partnership with LVMPD and, in working with the courts to set up a domestic violence court. Proposals were also submitted for Harbor mobile and rural response teams to serve rural communities, and the expansion of TPOP. Funding was also requested for funding to help in the challenges of accessing mental health resources, vocational programs, and youth transitioning to adulthood. The total ask is for roughly \$25million.

- c. The city opened their ARPA funding pre-application process to non-profit and for-profit organizations. If anyone is looking for joint or individual projects, you are encouraged to apply.

XIII. Public Comments

XIV. Adjournment