

Department of Juvenile Justice Services

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Fritz Reese, Director

Policy and Fiscal Affairs Board

Meeting Minutes

May 5, 2011

12:30 pm

Desert Pines Golf Club

3415 East Bonanza Road
Las Vegas, NV 89101
Duffer's Bar & Grill

Members Present:

Commissioner Susan Brager
Commissioner Mary Beth Scow
Judge William Voy
Judge Frank Sullivan

Clark County Management

Jeff Wells, Assistant County Manager
Leonard Cash, Assistant Court Administrator

Department of Family Services (DFS)

Tom Morton, Director

Department of Juvenile Justice Services (DJJS)

Fritz Reese, Director
Larry Ashley, Citizen's Advisory Committee Chairman
Carol McWaters, Executive Assistant

Clark County Civil District Attorney's Office

Mark Wood, Deputy District Attorney

I. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Susan Brager, who announced there was a quorum, and asked everyone to introduce themselves to the newest member, Commissioner Mary Beth Scow.

II. Review and Approve Minutes from February 3, 2010 meeting – Action Item.

The minutes were approved.

III. Receive the Director’s Report on the Activities of the Department of Juvenile Justice Services and Direct Staff Accordingly – *Fritz Reese, Director*

- Mr. Reese distributed the Director’s Report.
- The Department submitted their 9% reduction plan as requested. The Disproportionate Minority Contact subcommittee, “Committee on Youth” has become very involved in working with youth prior to their becoming adjudicated on a more intense basis. The ability to track the successes and failures will be of interest.
- Spring Mountain Youth Camp Forestry Program will not be funded by Workforce Connections this year. The Department will fund it with Targeted Case Management reimbursement dollars.
- Mr. Reese testified at the recent Legislative session asking the State to reconsider continuing to fund the supervision of the State Parole youth placed back into the community.

Commissioner Brager discussed additional opportunities to contact the legislature on important issues.

IV. Citizen’s Advisory Committee Report – *Larry Ashley, Chairman*

Mr. Ashley reported the committee has become more aggressive. The members have identified three main areas of concern:

1. Truancy
2. Mental Health
3. Relationship between the Department of Juvenile Justice Services (DJJS) and Clark County School District

Commissioner Brager encouraged Mr. Ashley to contact her so she can be of assistance in discussions with the school district. The Citizen’s Advisory Committee can be a more vocal voice for the Department with the Legislature.

IV. Receive the Director’s Report on the Activities of the Department of Family Services and Direct Staff Accordingly – *Thomas Morton, Director*

Mr. Morton discussed the new Citizen’s Advisory Board (CAC) Ordinance and their reorganization.

Mr. Morton noted that the Legislature has had minimal contact on the Department of Family Services. His current budget is a combination of county, state and federal funds. Judge Sullivan discussed the change in focus for the Department. The emphasis is on the needs of the families, and not on the litigation of their mistakes. This is an attitude change needed for the entire Court system, not just the Officers in

the field. Judge Sullivan noticed that whenever there is an issue of neglect, the primal cause was drug abuse.

V. Annual Election of Officers

The annual election of Chair and Vice-Chair of the Policy & Fiscal Affairs Board was held. Judge Voy is the new Chairman with Commissioner Mary Beth Scow as the new Vice-Chair.

V. Public Comments

A period devoted to comments by the general public about matters relevant to juvenile issues will be held at this time. No vote may be taken on a matter not listed on the posted agenda.

VI. Schedule next meeting and Adjournment

The next meetings are listed below:

November 3, 2011 – Desert Pines Golf Course (Private Room)
12:30 PM

(The next meeting will again be held at the Golf Course Restaurant for the convenience of the attendees. Those that wish to purchase a lunch may do so at their own expense.)