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Policy and Fiscal Affairs Board

May 24, 2018 - 12:30 pm

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

Chair: Judge William Voy
Vice Chair: Commissioner Susan Brager

Present

Commissioner Susan Brager
Commissioner Chris Giunchigliani
Judge William Voy

Clark County Management

Kevin Schiller, Assistant County Manager
Jason Patchett, Deputy District Attorney

Department of Juvenile Justice Services

John Martin, Director
Michael Whelihan, Assistant Director
Satonya Patton, Executive Assistant (*prepared minutes*)
Dr. Tiffany Tyler, CAC Chair
David Doyle, Eagle Quest Director / CAC Vice Chair

Department of Family Services

Jill Marano, Assistant Director
Ebony Washington, Assistant Director
Mari Parlade, Manager
Sheila Parks, CAC Chair

I. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order by the Chair, Judge William Voy with a quorum present.

II. Public Comments

None at this time.

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

STEVE SISOLAK, Chairman • CHRIS GIUNCHIGLIANI, Vice Chair
SUSAN BRAGER • LARRY BROWN • JAMES B. GIBSON • MARILYN KIRKPATRICK • LAWRENCE WEEKLY
YOLANDA T. KING, County Manager

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III. Approval of the February 22, 2018 Meeting Minutes

The minutes are approved as written.

IV. Approval of the May 24, 2018 Agenda

The agenda is approved as written.

V. Election of New Officers. *For this term, the Chair must be one of the County Commissioners, and the Vice Chair must be one of the District Judges*

Board members voted and for new Officers. Commissioner Susan Brager will be the Chair and Judge William Voy is the Vice Chair.

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

The Harbor West – The second Harbor will be located in the Charleston Boulevard and Jones area. It is anticipated to open by late summer. Eagle Quest was selected and approved as the vendor to operate the second location in a public/private partnership. Approximately 3,400 families have been serviced with the opening of the first Harbor that is located at 861 S. Mojave Rd, LV, NV 89101.

Risk Tools - Probation and Clinical Services will pilot the use of the MAYSI-2 mental health screen on the Intake hallway with 100 youth that will be set for Court. The information gained from the pilot will assist the department in resource allocation planning. The Department of Juvenile Justice Services is excited about this because it will screen out youth that should not be on probation.

Trauma Audit – Mr. Martin stated that a trauma informed care audit was done with the Clinical Services Division and our team is committed to doing a better job at the front when a youth comes in. Our team is looking at better in home services for the youth. Judge Voy congratulated Manager, Cheryl Wright for her dedication for creating a vetting program.

Detention Population – Mr. Martin stated that at this time the population in detention is 166, which is high. The youth's average stay at DJJS is eleven days. Judge William Voy added that the population has increased like it was in 2005 because of violent crimes occurring. Some of these violent crimes are home invasions and burglaries. Mr. Martin stated that there are no resources for girls. Many of the beds in detention are being utilized by State paroled youth. The State needs to do a better job with placing. DJJS should not be used as a constant resource to house paroled youth.

Spring Mountain Residential Center (SMRC) – The new SMRC project is officially moving forward.

Proclamation for SMYC Track Team – DJJS has asked that County Management assist with the request of a proclamation for the SMYC 2018 Track Team. Commissioner Susan Brager and Commissioner Chris Giunchigliani gave their approval for the request.

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Probation System Review – The Probation Division began working with the Robert F. Kennedy Foundation on reviewing the probation department and juvenile justice system performance in Clark County in May of 2017. Efforts focused on review and assessment of probation practices to enhance youth outcomes and system performance by ensuring that policies and procedures; corresponding training; departmental management; and supervision of probationers all reflect best practices. The Robert F. Kennedy Foundation completed and submitted their final report in April 2018. The Probation Division will continue to work with the RFK foundation on implementation of many of the proposed changes. The changes will include partnerships with the Court, District Attorneys and Public Defenders to improve processes and procedures to benefit youth and families.

VII. Receive the DJJS Citizens Advisory Committee Report. *Dr. Tiffany Tyler, Chair*

Thanks – Dr. Tyler thanked Director John Martin for asking for the trauma informed care audit. It is important that services are provided to the youth sooner than later to ensure that they get the help they need.

State Parole Youth - We hope that this Board hears Mr. Martin’s challenges with the State and provide some level of support. As a citizen, Dr. Tyler stated that it is disconcerting to hear what the State is doing by placing paroled youth at DJJS on a continuous basis.

Female Youth – Females are being disproportionately represented in the system due to their needs not being met. Females are often considered a public safety risk. The Citizens Advisory Committee would suggest that we as a community need to wrap our arms around their needs. Intervention and prevention needs to be prioritized in this area.

Clark County School Justice Partnership – Dr. Tyler attended a two day conference, which is a formal partnership with DJJS and Clark County School District. This partnership will allow us as a community to have an opportunity to start identifying and intervening with children and their families before they escalate into the juvenile system. This will be the first time that a memorandum of understanding will be in place for this type of partnership where we formerly decide how we want to make decisions and coordinate for the well-being of families.

Judge Voy stated that it is the juvenile justice services side that is pushing the strategy to Clark County School District (CCSD) to be in partnership. The School Justice Partnership was created by a Judge in Atlanta a few years ago. It is juvenile justice services goal to push CCSD to adopt the mechanism and philosophy that keeping their kids in school is important and not to traumatize them any further.

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VIII. Receive the Director's Report on the Activities of the Department of Family Services (DFS) and Direct Staff Accordingly. *Kevin Schiller, Interim Director*

Mr. Schiller stated that DFS is in the process of reconstructing the current management structure. There will be meetings held to do this.

Federal Legislation – The Family First Prevention Services Act was passed and signed into law on February 9, 2018. The new law allows funding for prevention activities; enhanced support for Title IV-B; and continued funding to promote adoption and legal guardianship. The Federal Administration for Children and Families is required to issue additional guidance by October 2018. DCFS and Washoe County are working to develop a plan for statewide fiscal and program changes to bring us into compliance with the new law.

Federal / County Updates – DFS is undergoing a federal Child and Family Services review. This review occurs in May and September for a two week period. It involves case file review and interviews with case participants. Statewide focus groups will be held in July.

Mr. Schiller stated that Child Haven is not designed to monitor children. His team will be reviewing to see if a child returns within thirty days. They will also be looking at ways to fix some parts of the DFS business practices. Lastly, Mr. Schiller stated that the east side DFS location will be reviewed as well.

IX. Receive the DFS Citizen's Advisory Committee Report. *Sheila Parks, Chair*

Sheila Parks is the new Chair. DFS is trying to reconstruct some aspects of the Citizens Advisory Committee. They have new members. There will be a meeting to discuss improving employee morale. Ms. Parks stated that they hope to have some goals in place for their meeting.

X. Schedule Next Meeting – August 16, 2018 in the Joshua Conference Room Joshua Conference Room – 6th Floor, Government Center at 12:30 pm.

XI. Public Comments

David Doyle stated that another crisis is going on. There will be a hearing on June 6, 2018 regarding funding for group homes. The Medicaid rate is in jeopardy. This will close group homes in southern Nevada. The funding is going to be taken away from housing the youth. Mr. Doyle stated that group homes will go from receiving \$135 a day for a bed to \$66 dollars a day. Judge Voy asked Kevin Schiller to please do a letter of support regarding this.

XII. Adjournment - The meeting was adjourned.