



THE HARBOR – EXECUTIVE STEERING COMMITTEE

Juvenile Assessment Center Minutes

April 26, 2017 - 1:00 PM

DJJS Zenoff Conference Room

Las Vegas, NV 89101

Minutes taken by Vikki Andrews

Present in Person

City of Las Vegas

Lee Quick, Principal Policy Analyst - Guest

Clark County Department of Juvenile Justice Services

John M. Martin, Director – *Board Member*

Steve Morris, Manager

Cheryl Wright, Clinical Services Manager

Cesar Lemos, Executive Director, The Harbor

Vikki Andrews, Administrative Secretary

Clark County Department of Family Services

Eboni Washington, Acting Assistant Director

Anthony Vidal

Vickie Malone

Holly Vetter

Clark County District Attorney's Office

Catherine Jorgenson, Deputy Civil District Attorney

Clark County Law Enforcement

Matt McCarthy, *on behalf of Kevin McMahill, Undersheriff Las Vegas Metro Police Department –Board Member*

Clark County School District Police

Mitch Maciszak *on behalf of James Ketsaa-Board Member*

Clark County Family Court

Judge William Voy – *Board Member*

Community

Arnija Hooks, Youth Representative, Cheyenne High School – *Board Member*

Department of Health and Human Services

Ellen Richardson-Adams, Outpatient Administrator – *Board Member*

Present By Phone

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

Community Guests

Khadija Carter

Robert Vickrey, Director of Communications, Westcare

Kevin Morss, Regional Vice President, Westcare

Robert Patterson

Ardell Galbreath, Workforce Connections

I. Call to Order

John M. Martin, Director, Department of Juvenile Justice called the meeting to order, there was a quorum.

II. Public Comments

None at this time.

III. Approval of March 29, 2017 Minutes

The March 29, 2017 minutes were approved.

IV. Approval of Agenda

The August 26, 2017 agenda was approved.

V. Ratify Agreement with Workforce Connections

The committee members motioned and approved to include Workforce Connections in the inter-local Agreement. Ardell Galbreth, Executive Director, Workforce Connections, thanked the committee and stated that he looks forward to being a solid partner.

VI. Discussion For a Working Lunch That The Executive Steering Committee Will Sponsor to Invite Community Providers and Dignitaries

Mr. Martin would like to do a working lunch that is sponsored by The Harbor Executive Steering Committee where sponsors are invited and dignitaries give thanks. This would be a great opportunity to work through issues with providers, to keep them engaged, and interested in providing services. The committee was in agreement to sponsor a working lunch. This lunch would possibly be scheduled for some time in the month of June.

VII. Discuss Potential Additional Partners

Mr. Martin stated that he would like to call on the Executive Director to say who and what we are missing. Mr. Martin would like to start reaching out to other partners in the community. The committee motions and agrees to leave this as a standing agenda item that can be discussed as things come up.

VIII. Predictive Analytics Discussion and Presentation from DFS

Eboni Washington, Acting Assistant Director and her team from the Department of Family Services, provided a presentation on predictive analytics. They presented how the use of predictive analytics and programs such as Cognos and SPSS modeler, can collect and organize data that will track trends, track geospatial data in the context of time and location, how it can use content in court reports, orders and case notes, and data about people and things within a group and identify the connections between them. Mr. Martin states that he was excited about the presentation.

IX. Data and Progress Report from The Harbor Executive Director

Cesar Lemos, Executive Director of The Harbor, states that he created a report to present to the Executive Steering Committee broken down by the month of April 2017, Year to Date, and from Opening to Date. The total youth served is 965 total, 29 have escalated. Mr. Lemos clarifies that this number represents only the youth that are tracked for the first 60 days after being seen at The Harbor. Mr. Lemos states that there have been 103 families who have been referred and qualified for services through the Division of Welfare and Supportive Services. Mr. Martin stated that the statistic is impressive.

- Gender: 578 Male, 387 Female
- Race: 5% Asian/Pacific Islander, 35% Black, 36% Hispanic, 4% Mixed, 20% White
- Top 5 Zip Codes: 89101, 89108, 89110, 89115, 89030
- Top 5 Offenses: Affray/Fighting, Battery, Petit Larceny, Possession of Drug Paraphernalia, Possession of Marijuana
- Law Enforcement Wait Times : April average 13 minutes

Mr. Lemos stated the goal is to keep the Law Enforcement wait time under fifteen minutes. He states that the officers who don't have The Harbor form in their personal computer system have longer wait times than those who already have the forms and are able to complete the forms on scene.

Lee Quick, City of Las Vegas, asked for clarification on Probation Intake Citations. Mr. Lemos explained that The Harbor takes first time low level offense citations from Probation Intake to be served at The Harbor rather than Juvenile Justice Services. Mr. Martin further explained that one of the arguments is that immediate consequence is research driven, positive or negative consequence. He explained that when a youth is cited, they are not seen by Probation Intake for six to eight weeks, and with that time lapse that youth can have additional police contacts. One of the major driving forces of The Harbor is to get youth in at the first time as quick as possible, and provide them with services they need in order to avoid further police contact in the future.

Matt McCarthy, Las Vegas Metropolitan Police Department, states that this data is great and really captures what they have been talking about for the last few months. He asks when officers are bringing youth into booking, are they being directed to The Harbor when it qualifies? Mr. Lemos states that this is something that they are going to start initiating especially now that the hours have been expanded. Mr. McCarthy states that when officers bring youth in that qualify for The Harbor, they should be given an aggressive message to refer to The Harbor instead of booking. Ellen Richards-Adams, Department of Health and Human Services stated that when a tour of the Denver JAC was completed, the selling piece for law enforcement was when they brought youth in to their booking unit and found that their JAC was an option. Mr. Lemos stated that he wants to continue to keep marketing the program and wants to make additional rounds to Law Enforcement locations that he has already been to, to remind them about how beneficial The Harbor is as an alternative to booking drop-offs. Mr. Martin states that it should also be presented in the academy programs. Mr. McCarthy asked how this information can be facilitated in the LVMPD academy. Mr. Lemos stated that he would be happy to help at the academy.

Mr. Lemos stated that he and Tammy Malich presented at the Doolittle Center for the NAACP Board Meeting about The Harbor and it was overwhelmingly received. He states that he has had many requests to come out and present at schools and fairs, and his staff have been really great at going out and presenting, and people have been very receptive about it.

X. Informational Items

Announcements

- a. Next meeting May 31, 2017 at 1:00 pm, Zenoff Conference Room, 601 N. Pecos Road, Las Vegas, NV 89101

XI. Public Comments

Pastor Robert Patterson states that he has been working with children since 1980, and he has a great desire to help work with the kids in the community. He feels that there are a lot of programs in the community that are not run well and would really like the opportunity to help. He states that he lost his son in 1992 and

wants to make sure that no other families have to get the same phone call that he received. He has worked with Mr. Martin and Ms. Quick since meeting them at the Safe Village Initiative, and he has also worked with the Manhood Training Initiative for three years. He wants to do whatever he can to help the community and The Harbor youth. He was invited by Mr. Martin and Ms. Quick to the meeting on this date and he's very pleased that he came.

Mr. Galbreth thanked the committee on behalf of Workforce Connections for giving him the opportunity to work with the committee. Workforce Connections engages trains and connects young men and women to assist them in finding gainful employment so that they can become successful independent adults. He states that the workforce development systems that they oversee are very important to help youth become better adults. It's not exclusive to just the youth; they also do what they can to assist the whole family. He looks forward in helping and working with The Harbor.

Kevin Morris Vice President of Westcare, states that Westcare would like to be considered as an additional partner of The Harbor. Westcare was awarded the demonstration grant through the State of Nevada for a certified community behavioral health clinic where they will be providing mental health, substance abuse, and primary prevention care for kids and adults. They will be opening family engagement sites in different parts of the community. They would like to know how they can work with The Harbor and possibly have some staff members on site, and participating in the program. He would like to present at the next ESC meeting.

XII. Adjournment