

Department of Juvenile Justice Services

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Policy and Fiscal Affairs Board Agenda May 20th, 2021 - 12:30 pm

Present

Commissioner Justin Jones
Judge William Voy
Judge Robert Teuton
Judge Rebecca Burton

Clark County Management

Jeff Wells, Assistant County Manager
Catherine Jorgenson, Associate Attorney
Kevin Schiller, Assistant County Manager

Department of Juvenile Justice Services

John Martin, Director
Cheri Wright, Assistant Director
Eboni Washington, Assistant Director
David Doyle, DJJS CAC Chair
Shannon Freire, Executive Assistant

Department of Family Services

Tim Burch, Director
Abigail Frierson, Assistant Director
Jill Marano, Assistant Director
Margaret LaBlanc, Assistant Director
Donna Russem, DFS CAC Chair

Guests

Dedee Parker
Brigid Duffy, Director DA
Sara Schaerrer

Chair: Commissioner Justin Jones
Vice Chair: Judge William Voy

- I. Call to Order 12:34**
- II. Public Comments – N/A**
- For Possible Action III. Approval of the February 11th, 2021 Meeting Minutes - Approved**
- For Possible Action IV. Approval of the May 20th, 2021 Agenda- Approved**

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
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- For Possible Action**
- V. Election of New Officers.** *For this term, the Chair must be one of the District Judges and the Vice Chair must be one of the County Commissioners.*
- a. Judge Voy appointed as chair. Commissioner McCurdy appointed as vice chair, both with no opposition.
- VI. Receive report from County Management regarding DFS/DJJS budgets for Fiscal 2021-22.**
- VII. Receive a report from Clark County regarding the Governor’s FY 21-23 recommended budget and 2021 Legislative session -** Preliminary budget presentation was presented earlier this week. Once the session ends, we will have more news on where we are at.
- VIII. Discuss dual Jurisdiction Calendar/Cases**
- a. Struggle with placement continues. Dual calendars help but not enough. Other jurisdictions are now creating dual calendars as well. Thank you, D.A. Cordes, for leading the team.
- IX. Receive a report from Judge Voy on the current status of the State Juvenile Justice facilities –** The group discussed struggles with State facilities and open beds vs. total beds.
- X. Receive the Director’s Report on the Activities of the Department of Juvenile Justice Services (DJJS).** *John M. Martin, Director*
- a. DJJS M-Team had an all-day meeting off-site on 3/25 focusing on family engagement. Jack invited a school district rep, foster parents, providers, and parents who have been through our system to attend. They were asked to give us real feedback on DJJS and advice on how we can do better. M-team then made concrete plans to implement ideas discussed with our partners. We need to make family engagement a part of every discussion. Involving the parent, child, DFS, field PO, etc. is critical when discussing a case plan for youth. We need to make expectations clear to all parties involved. Make the parent an advocate, not an adversary.
- b. Staff and youth moved back up to SMYC May 1 and have adjusted well. We re-opened with 60 beds. Youth can attend in-person CCSD classes. Summer school will start June 7th as well as our Forestry Program.
- c. Probation caseload is at 1250 total. When Jack started with DJJS, we were at 4400.
- d. Stewart location will close permanently. Probation Officers will move into school offices to offer support to staff and youth. They are not there to be the ‘hammer’ and that will be clear from the beginning.
- e. Working on a team within the Harbor that can assist with low-level domestic violence incidences in homes. Use of Detention rarely helps the situation, when the family needs immediate wrap services. There are evidence-based interventions that include the family engagement element. The team would be able to arrive at the scene, separate parties, and help facilitate a resolution and safety plan when needed. They would also provide follow up with the families.

f. There is no update on the girls' residential center. It is still in the RFP final draft process.

XI. Receive the DJJS Citizen's Advisory Committee Report.

David Doyle, Chair

- a. Thank you, Jack and DJJS management team, for your work and efforts to improve on the family engagement day. Thank you for listening to the community's voice.
- b. Henderson Harbor staff are being hired as we speak. Soft opening is scheduled for July 1 and a Grand Opening on August 12th. We are excited to expand services across the valley.
- c. We are always looking for funding opportunities for youth transferring out of juvenile justice services. Thank you, Kevin Schiller, for your continued efforts as well and taking progressive steps.

XII. Receive the Director's Report on the Activities of the Department of Family Services (DFS). *Tim Burch, Administrator of Human Services*

Please see Director's report and monthly statistics for update.

XIII. Receive the DFS Citizen's Advisory Committee Report.

Chair or Representative – Donna Russum

- a. CAC board is focusing on transition resources for youth aging out of foster care as well as the educational component.
- b. They continue to monitor legislation bills that could affect youth.
- c. There is always a concern for the lack of mental health services in our community.
- d. Crisis intervention team has had issues with insurance effecting timelines. They are reaching out to families for assistance.

XIV. Identify emerging issues for next meeting.

- a. Assistant County Manager Kevin Schiller shared his upcoming business trip with Commissioner Justin Jones to Reno to tour facilities. Hoping to push forward on the SPAN building.
- b. Assistant County Manager Kevin Schiller also shared his concerns over the homelessness population as we are coming out of a pandemic and entering another economic one.

XV. Announcements -N/A

XVI. Public Comments – N/A

XVII. Adjournment 1:29