

CCFS Citizens Advisory Committee Meeting Minutes

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Date:	January 15, 2026 8:30 am – 10:00 am

Membership		Present	Absent
CAC Members:	Alison (Ali) Caliendo	X	
	Christopher Merritt	X	
	David (Dave) Johnson	X	
	Dashun Jackson	X	
	Donna Smith	X	
	Judge Margaret Pickard	X	
	Shelia Parks	X	
Clark County Management:	Abigail Frierson, CCFS Interim Deputy Director	X	
	Wonswayla Mackey, CCFS Deputy Director	X	
	Lisa Martinez, CCFS Deputy Director	X	
	Stacie Dastrup, CCFS Deputy Director	X	
	Robynn Bell, CCFS Deputy Director	X	
Public:	Laurie Iscan, Deputy DA	X	
	Jennifer Erbes, CCFS Manager	X	
	Rachelle Tyler-Martin, CCFS Office Services Manager	X	
	Amet Landry, Citizen representative	X	
	Gloria Standwick, DA Civil	X	
	Claudia Rockmaker, School Social Worker	X	
	John Munoz, JJS Director	X	
	Danilo Chavarria, JJS Deputy Director	X	
	Al Kermode, JJS Deputy Director	X	
	Shannon Freire, JJS Executive Assistant	X	
	Dave Doyle, Eagle Quest	X	
	Kirsten Carl, JJS CAC	X	
	Jill Marano, Clinical & Community Services Director	X	
	Dominika Washington, JJS	X	
	Gwynneth Smith, Chief Deputy DA	X	
Dr. Tiffany Tyler-Gardner	X		

Agenda Item I:	Call to order and roll call
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The meeting was called to order at 8:33 am by Chair, Dave Johnson. Quorum was confirmed.

Agenda Item II:	Comments by General Public	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • None 	
Agenda Item III:	Approval of July 17, 2025, Minutes	(For Possible Action)
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • CAC, July 17, 2025, Minutes: Approved 	
	<p>Dave Johnson, Chair, motioned to move agenda items out of order Motion was not approved Dave Johnson resigned from the CAC Committee Ali Caliendo, Vice Chair resumed the meeting</p>	
Agenda Item IV:	Clinical & Community Services Director's Report Out	(Information Only)
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Jill Marano provided an overview of the establishment of Clinical & Community Services. • A year ago, created a new department by reviewing the services provided by Social Service, Juvenile Justice and Child Welfare. Identified there is a lot of prevention, early intervention and diversion activities happening across the County to streamline and make it more accessible into one department, hence, creating Clinical & Community Services (CCS). • The over-arching program areas within CCS are Clinical and Mental services from Juvenile Services and Child Welfare; Prevention and Intervention programs from Harbor and TPoP, and providing support to adults from Social Service. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Harbor is a juvenile assessment center designed to be a diversion from the Juvenile Justice system and TPoP is a truancy & prevention outreach program, strong collaboration with the school district to intervene and provide support to families with youth truancy. • Jill stated this past year have been working on the infostructure, which is almost completed, and critically looking at what services and programs are working and not working to better streamline those services. When the redesign structure of what CCS looks like, she is willing to come back and provide an update. 	
Agenda Item V:	Clark County Juvenile Justice Services Report Out	(Information Only)
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • John Munoz stated CCJS is committed to cooperating and collaborating with CCFS. Understanding work with the same children in different roles for perspectives. • He welcomed those who have questions regarding JJS to reach out to him. • John shared what CCJS CAC is working on: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Supporting youth programs and services <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Stay informed about agency programming, using evidence-based practices shown to improve youth outcomes. 	

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Promote awareness of services to support rehabilitation and help youth transition back to their families and communities. ○ Provide thoughtful community input to help shape and strengthen programming. <p>2. Increase community engagement and public awareness</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Help raise awareness about the agency’s mission, services, and successes through outreach and word-of-mouth. ○ Support agency-sponsored events, encourage volunteerism, and promote opportunities for the public to get involved. ○ Act as community ambassadors who can help share accurate, consistent information about the agency and its impact. <p>3. Offer community perspective and strengthen partnerships</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Provide valuable input on agency initiative, emerging needs and community priorities through structured feedback and open dialogue. ○ Help identify and connect the agency with local organizations, services, and individuals that can support youth and families. ○ Assist in the development and promotion of collaborative efforts between agency and community partners ○ Share and celebrate the success of community-based initiative that aligns with the agency’s mission. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Donna Smith inquired when JJS’s CAC meets. John responded monthly, 1st Wednesday. ● Ali inquired who are the point of contact for the dual status youth/liaison for both departments. John responded, Supervisor Jody Lupo-Masden for JJS. Gwynneth Smith, DA’s office stated she is also a contact person for the children. Stacie responded Briana McIntosh for CCFS.
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Agenda Item VI:	Discussion of follow-up items from previous meetings, discuss possible recommendations to the Policy & Fiscal Affairs Committee, and direct staff accordingly	(Information Only)
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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Stacie Dastrup reported the State updated a policy extending foster care. Young adults receiving SSI, who are regional center clients, who are pregnant within 12 weeks postpartum automatically meet participation requirements. ● Donna stated visitation discussion was regarding visits outside of a visitation center and who qualifies to oversee. ● Shelia Parks stated that CASA volunteers are still able to observe visitations and assist with transportation; however, it is not CASA volunteer’s responsibility to supervise visitation. ● Lisa stated CCFS partnered with the Boy Scouts of America for opportunities for foster parents to take the children, like a respite event. ● Lisa stated CCFS is exploring additional opportunities to expand visitation facilities outside to the community. CCFS is currently maintaining three visitation centers at the North, South and Center offices.
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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Sway stated CCFS Policy & Procedure team is preparing for the Child and Family reviews that come out of our FPO, anticipating completion in March. Next project for the team is preparing the posting of CCFS policies on the public county website. • Committee agreed to move item Independent Living (IL) to Clark County Family Services Report Out. 	
Agenda Item VII:	Clark County Family Services Report Out	(Information Only)
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Lisa stated regarding Kin First and relative licensing, waiting on the State regarding the licensing standards. Per DCFS an agenda for a workshop is in the process of being approved, a workshop will be scheduled. A date for the workshop has not been established. Once NAC approves, CCFS will update policy and practices. • Sway confirmed the statistical stats were provided in the agenda attachments. • Sway stated as of December 2025 stat calls presented were under 50,000 with a trend down around 3,000. • Robynn Bell reported improvements in campus population and quicker community placements. Challenges remain for youth with complex mental health needs, placement refusal, or limited bed availability. Targeted efforts continue for harder-to-place youth. • Donna Smith inquired about ICE involvement in intake. Wonswayla Mackey indicated follow-up would be required. Abigail Frierson reported minimal ICE-related cases, generally occurring after custody is established. • Stacie Dastrup reported the Independent Living program transitioned to Social Services. Three units are operational with approximately 75 youth on the waitlist. All referrals are expected to be assigned within 60 days. Caseloads average 40 youth per worker. Chafee funds of approximately \$750 annually support education and self-sufficiency needs. 	
Agenda Item VIII:	Receive a Foster Parent Champion’s update, discuss possible recommendations to make to the Policy and Fiscal Affairs Committee based upon the update, and direct staff accordingly	(Information only)
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Jennifer Erbes reported over 8,600 caregiver calls handled in 2025. Supports include childcare assistance, referrals, disruption prevention, and case coordination. • A dedicated email, phone line, and monthly caregiver newsletter are in place. • A caregiver-focused website is under development. • Data tracking includes childcare needs, disruptions, referrals, and caregiver feedback surveys. • Additional foster parent champions will be hired in February. 	

Agenda Item IX:	Discussion of CAC priorities and if adjustments should be made	(Information only)
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The committee agreed to defer priority setting until new members are officially seated at the February meeting. 	
Agenda Item X:	Identify Emerging Issues to be addressed at future meetings and receive updates on activities of the CAC members related to their duties as committee members	(Information only)
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Proposed future agenda items include: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> Visitation process update Foster Parent Champion written call trends and themes report. 	
Agenda Item XI:	Next Meeting date to be set	(For Possible Action)
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The next meeting was set for February 19, 2026, at 8:30 AM by unanimous vote. 	
Agenda Item XII:	Comments by General Public	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> None 	
Agenda Item XIII:	Adjournment	
	Meeting adjourned at 9:54 am.	