



THE HARBOR – EXECUTIVE STEERING COMMITTEE

Juvenile Assessment Center Minutes

May 30, 2018 – 1:00 PM

The Harbor

861 N. Pecos Rd. Las Vegas, NV 89101

Minutes taken by Vikki Andrews

Present in Person

City of Las Vegas

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

Clark County Department of Juvenile Justice Services

John M. Martin, Director – **Board Member**
Michael Whelihan, Asst. Director
Cheryl Wright, Clinical Services Manager
Brett Allen, Manager
Vikki Andrews, Administrative Secretary

Clark County District Attorney's Office

Brigid Duffy, Deputy Juvenile District Attorney and Chair – **Board Member**
Jason Patchett, Deputy Civil District Attorney

Clark County Family Court

Judge William Voy – **Board Member**

Clark County School District

James Ketsaa, School Police Chief – **Board Member**
Dr. Tammy Malich, Assistant Super Intendent – **Board Member**

Department of Health and Human Services

Ellen Richardson-Adams, Outpatient Administrator, Department of Public and Behavioral Health Services – **Board Member**

The Harbor

Cesar Lemos, Executive Director

Workforce Connections

Jim Kostecki, CFO – *Board Member*

WestCare

Darlene Terrill, Director of Special Projects - *Board Member*

Community Guests

Jennifer Bevacqua – Eagle Quest

I. Call to Order

Brigid Duffy, Deputy Juvenile District Attorney and Chair called the meeting to order, there was a quorum.

II. Public Comments

None at this time.

III. Approval of November 29, 2017 Minutes

The February 28, 2018 minutes were approved.

IV. Approval of December 20, 2017 Agenda

The May 30, 2018 agenda was approved.

V. Discuss The Assistance League Bear Program

At the last meeting there was a presentation around The Assistance League Bear Program. However, there was not a quorum to make a motion to enter into that program. The Assistance League Bear Program would like to provide stuffed bears for youth who go to The Harbor. The committee motioned and approved entering into The Assistance League Bear Program. Cesar Lemos, The Harbor, will complete the appropriate paperwork.

VI. Discuss The Clark County School District Elementary Expulsion Harbor Support

Dr. Tammy Malich, Clark County School District (CCSD), would like the Executive Steering Committee (ESC) to consider the possibility that in lieu of alternative programs, it is mandated that all elementary students who are recommended for expulsion would be referred to The Harbor with their parents.

Currently Clark County expels only grades 3, 4, and 5, age 10 and up because of statute, and only for the mandatory reasons in statute. There is no alternative school for elementary. Currently CCSD follows due process and reassigns student to a new school. The mandatory reasons are distribution of drugs, possession of a weapon as defined under NRS 202, and battery to a school employee with bodily injury. John M. Martin, Department of Juvenile Justice Services (DJJS) suggested that there be no age requirement, that if any elementary youth are receiving the charges listed, they should be mandated to go through The Harbor. The volume would be roughly 100 students a year. The statistics on these referrals would need to be separate from current Harbor statistics. This will not change the school police process. The school police would continue with their current procedures in distributing citations or making arrests when appropriate. This would be a change only to the administrative process.

The committee motioned and approved that all elementary school students, Kindergarten-5th grade that have one of three charges, distribution of drugs, weapons as defined by NRS 202 and battery on a school employee with bodily injury, who are eligible for expulsion, be mandatorily referred to The Harbor along with their parents prior to expulsion. Referrals will be specific to state families are required to complete all services recommended by The Harbor, and the parents will consent to communication between The Harbor and CCSD.

VII. Discuss The School Justice Partnership

All of the information from the two day School Justice Partnership conference with Judge Teske from Clayton County, Georgia, such as asset mapping and focus factors have been collected. Judge William Voy has convened a meeting and invited several people to take place in the work group. The first meeting will take place on June 4, 2018 to lay down the ground work of electing co-chairs, timelines and scheduling. The research from Clayton County, Georgia and other multiple jurisdictions have shown dramatic increases in graduation rates, reduced behavior at school, reduced expulsions and suspensions, and reduced dependence on the Juvenile Justice System. This will be the second partnership that DJJS has entered into the school district with. The hope is to have an MOU in place by August 1, 2018. Judge Teske will be returning in late July to meet with all principals of all three levels.

VIII. Discuss Potential Additional Partners Including ESC Member, Government Entities and Providers

Eagle Quest was hoping for an opening date of mid-July. Currently there are dealings with the inter-state agreement between the Department of Health and Human Services and DJJS. Legal parties for both departments are currently reviewing the inter-state agreements. There is also a lease agreement that needs to be completed.

IX. Discuss Category Title and Criteria for Additional ESC Members

The citizen representative clause will be amended to be an additional members clause. The language will read, "The ESC may appoint up to seven additional members for two year terms. Such new members shall have the authority and obligations set forth in this section. By majority vote the ESC may remove these members from the ESC prior to the end of their terms. Citizen representatives by majority vote, this ESC may appoint residents of Clark County as members of the ESC to provide their assistance and perspective to the ESC." Non-governmental representative language stays the same. The committee motions and approves to approve the proposed language in the inter-local and to allow the District Attorney Civil Division to move it forward. The committee motioned and approved to strike agenda item IX going forward.

X. Discuss Marketing of The Harbor

A protocol has been established with graduating Las Vegas Metropolitan Police Department (LVMPD) officers to bring graduates through The Harbor and Family Justice Center. North West Area Command officers have asked The Harbor to present to families in their area what resources are available for families and kids scheduled for the first week of June. The Harbor has been asked to attend several City of Las Vegas and CCSD fairs and outreach events.

Dr. Morris-Hibbler would like a PSA sent to teachers and principals, as there may still be some confusion as to what The Harbor is and does.

XI. AB395 Funding of \$1.9million

The data is continuing to be collected. Mr. Martin would like to add that data reports for The Harbor West be collected and discussed to compare once it opens. Dr. Lisa Morris-Hibbler, City of Las Vegas, asks if there are plans for seeking additional funding, and if it would include a mobile unit. Mr. Martin states that he would like to solidify and expand the funding and make the mobile unit request in the future. He would like for The Harbor to stand arm and arm with the school district and have The Harbor was part of their Tier III intervention language.

Dr. Tara Raines is still working on the data to be reported. It is no longer 100 kids. There have been discussions about other options to more accurately collect data that could be more beneficial. What Dr. Raines has determined up to this point is that risk factors and educational factors are pretty standard, which tells us that the youth are behaviorally driven.

XII. Data and Progress Report From The Harbor Executive Director

The current data report captures February-April 2018. Citations have been broken down further; fax citations shown are exclusive to CCSD police, and probation intake citations were taken from the probation hallway. LVMPD drop-offs and family youth walk-ins have steadily increased each month. Total youth referred and total youth served have been separated to show which have had assessments, as there are many families who are referred who do not want to participate or accept services from The Harbor.

- Gender: 41% Female, 59% Male
- Race: Race: 4% Asian/Pacific Islander, 31% Black, 43% Hispanic, 3% Mixed, 19% White
- Top 5 Zip Codes: 89101, 89121, 89110, 89115, 89030
- Top 5 Offenses: Possession of Marijuana 36%, Battery 23%, Affray/Fighting 16%, Petit Larceny 10%, Possession of Drug Paraphernalia 15%
- Law Enforcement Wait Times : Average 10 minutes

XIII. Informational Items

- a. Next meeting June 27, 2018 at 1:00 pm, The Harbor, 861 N. Mojave Rd. Las Vegas, NV 89101.
- b. The next agenda will have an action item to start moving to quarterly meetings, and to discuss a new chair and co-chair.
- c. No emerging issues at this time.

XIV. Public Comments

XV. Adjournment