



THE HARBOR – EXECUTIVE STEERING COMMITTEE

Juvenile Assessment Center Minutes

December 18, 2019 – 1:00 PM

The Harbor

861 N. Pecos Rd. Las Vegas, NV 89101

Minutes taken by Vikki Andrews

Present

City of Las Vegas

Dr. Michael Maxwell

Clark County Department of Juvenile Justice Services

John M. Martin, Director – **Board Member**

Eboni Washington, Assistant Director

Cheryl Wright, Health Care Services Manager

Vikki Andrews, Administrative Secretary

Clark County District Attorney’s Office

Brigid Duffy, Chief Deputy District Attorney, Juvenile Division – **Board Member**

Jason Patchett, Deputy Civil District Attorney

Clark County Department of Family Services

Jill Marano, Asst. Director – **Board Member**

Clark County Law Enforcement

Chris Darcy, Deputy Chief, *on behalf of Kevin McMahill, Undersheriff Las Vegas Metropolitan Police Department* – **Board Member**

Captain George Middlebrooke, North Las Vegas Police Department – **Board Member**

Captain Ken Young, *on behalf of James Ketsaa, Clark County School District Police* – **Board Member**

Clark County School District

Dr. Tammy Malich, Assistant Superintendent – **Board Member and Chair**

Robert Wiers, Director, Psychological Services – **Board Member**

Community Representative

Punam Mathur, Parent Representative – **Board Member**

Department of Health and Human Services

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

Eagle Quest

Jennifer Bevaqua
Diomar Chen

The Harbor

Cesar Lemos, Executive Director

Community Guests

Tami Hance, Communities in Schools

I. Call to Order

Dr. Tammy Malich, Clark County School District (CCSD) and Chair called the meeting to order, there was a quorum.

II. Public Comments

None at this time.

III. Approval of September 26, 2019 Minutes

The September 26, 2019 minutes were approved.

IV. Approval of December 18, 2019 Agenda

The December 18, 2019 agenda was approved.

V. Discussion Regarding Sustainable Funding

Eboni Washington, Department of Juvenile Justice Services (DJJS) stated to the Executive Steering Committee (ESC) that one of the items that is extremely important to The Harbor is that sustainable funding needs to be identified. The Harbor has been very fortunate to receiving funding from the legislature and the county, and the contributing board members. Expansion of The Harbor in different parts of the Valley will require that the ESC explore different options for funding such as grant funding and moving The Harbor towards becoming a non-profit 501c3.

Ms. Washington and Punam Mathur, Parent Representative, have met with a few organizations to begin to explore these opportunities. Ms. Mathur stated that long term, The Harbor should be its own independent 501c3 with its own governing board and ability to gain funding. The normal time frame for a 501c3 is a year to 18month process. In the meantime, The Harbor is really viable in seeking private funding, but has no way to “catch” it. In looking to solve the short term problem, the question of are there existing non-profit organizations that are willing to partner with The Harbor to serve as a fiscal agent. Ms. Washington and Ms. Mathur have met with Nevada Community Foundation and Moonridge Foundation, who both have shown an interest in partnering with The Harbor. Ms. Washington adds that it will take the collective group to usher the process forward, and that it is important that all board members are on the same page of this being a need and that they all believe in.

Ms. Mathur states that up to this point the ESC has been a steering committee that has no fundraising requirement. A 501c3 board will be required to raise money and steward the strategic vision of The Harbor. John M. Martin, DJJS, stated that the first decision that will need to be made is which foundation will The Harbor be partnering with. He added that these foundations bring substantial fundraisers with them. The foundation chosen should be that which will open the most doors to The Harbor in terms of philanthropy dollars and who will most want to see and help with expansion. Mr. Martin suggests adding a presentation for recommendation of partnership and voting on the next agenda. Ms. Mathur adds that The Harbor is functioning smoothly right now, but what is needed is practice in private fundraising; and that the foundation will provide a “savings account” relationship. Mr. Martin would also like to add voting on moving to a 501c3 model on the next agenda.

VI. Executive Director Update

Cesar Lemos updated the ESC on current statistics. Opening to date, The Harbor has seen just over 11,000 kids, and referrals are steadily increasing. School Justice Partnership (SJP) warnings are 43 since September when it took effect, and focus acts for SJP warnings created through law enforcement is 131. This is a slow roll out for School District Police. Presentations are being done with school district officers to show the ease of submitting a referral. Escalation has increased to 4%. Ms. Mathur asks of the total number of youth coming in, how many are not Juvenile Justice involved; about 60% of referrals were community referrals, has that number changed? The metric for success has been contact with law enforcement which makes sense for those brought in by law enforcement, but it does not make sense to have it be the metric for those who are walk-ins and community referrals. The ESC would like to start looking at some different metrics that may be educationally driven, to break down the gender and race of the 4% and to possibly reach out to them to see ask what could have been done differently or would have made more of a difference. The scope of performance measures needs to be broadened to capture those youth and the youth who are too young to be cited or touch the court system. Dr. Tammy Malich, Clark County School District (CCSD), reminds the ESC that data from The Harbor is also securely put into the school district's student information system, so the annual report does reflect school district data as well.

VII. Discussion of The Harbor Annual Report

The report is mostly done. A few additions are still being made such as pictures and testimonials from families who have been through The Harbor. Mr. Lemos thanks Dr. Malich and her team, and team members from The Harbor for their help in putting the report together. This report reflects opening to current date. Moving forward, the reports will only go back one year.

VIII. Applied Analysis Discussion

Mr. Martin has reached out to Jeremy Aguero, who is a third party data professional, about a contract for data analysis. He believes it will be beneficial to have the third party look at the data that has been collected over the years and dig a little deeper into the data to see what would be interesting for the public, what funders would want to look at, and anything else that can be beneficial to The Harbor such as effectiveness and areas of improvement. Mr. Martin would like to move forward with conversations with Mr. Aguero, Mr. Lemos and the data team from CCSD. The committee motioned and approved the next-step discussions for an applied analysis contract with Mr. Aguero.

IX. Data MOU

As a result of the decision by the County Commission to grant the \$12 million to DJJS and to allow DJJS to work with CCSD, an MOU was drafted and has been sent to legal departments of DJJS and CCSD. Dr. Malich stated that she doesn't believe that the language is clear enough in regards to the level of data sharing that will be allowed between agencies; she believes language needs to be added for clarity and sent back to legal for additional review. The data that will be cross referenced with DJJS is a large group of specified data. It is a much deeper level of data sharing than CCSD generally allows. It allows for DJJS staff to be trained and have their own log in to Infinite Campus. The data will include personal identifying information for students, contacts, grades, discipline, and additional data. The MOU is also around the scope of work for Chronic Absenteeism.

X. Informational Items

The next meeting will be March 25, 2020 at 1:00 pm, The Harbor – 861 N. Mojave Rd., Las Vegas, NV 89101

The My Brother's Keeper Annual Conference is on January 30, 2020 at the Texas Station. There have been 405 people who have already enrolled to attend the event. A weekly wire went out for all principals; Superintendent Jara has made it a mandatory requirement for all principals to attend.

There is an upcoming Equity and Access Committee meeting that affirms lack of equity and access for low income and kids of color in the community. It highlights four access points; pre-k, gate, middle school requisites and high school requisites. There will be a public press event in the future with school board members and other vested parties. An observation report will be going in front of the Commission on December 19, 2020.

Ms. Duffy stated that she is very happy with how all the data has come out. She is wondering how she will be able to staff 6 Harbor locations with DA's as she will not be able to staff them all. There have not been any experiences thus far for The Harbor Charleston without a DA present. There was a suggestion of using UNLV law students to assist in this area. Ms. Duffy stated she will need to find another way to support The Harbor. Dr. Malich added that she too has started to look into ways to support the additional locations. The biggest issue will be maintaining the level of responsiveness in every new location of The Harbor. The inter-local agreement may need to be revised in the future.

XI. Public Comments

None at this time.

XII. Adjournment