



THE HARBOR – EXECUTIVE STEERING COMMITTEE

Juvenile Assessment Center Minutes

November 29, 2017 – 1:00 PM

DJJS Zenoff Conference Room

Las Vegas, NV 89101

Minutes taken by Vikki Andrews

Present in Person

Clark County Department of Family Services

Paula Hammack, Interim Director - *Board Member*

Clark County Department of Juvenile Justice Services

John M. Martin, Director – *Board Member*

Brett Allen, Manager

Cheryl Wright, Clinical Services Manager

Cesar Lemos, Executive Director, The Harbor

Mike Whelihan, Asst. Director

Vikki Andrews, Administrative Secretary

Clark County District Attorney's Office

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

Catherine Jorgenson, Deputy Civil District Attorney

Clark County Family Court

Judge William Voy – *Board Member*

Clark County School District

James Ketsaa, Chief of Police, Clark County School District Police Department-*Board Member*

Workforce Connections

Jim Kostecki, CFO – *Board Member*

WestCare

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

Robert Vickrey

Community Representatives

Punam Mathur, Parent Representative and Vice Chair – *Board Member*

Arnija Hooks, Youth Representative - *Board Member*

Community Guests

Khadyja Carter – OCHA
Kelli Nesto – Department of Children and Family Services
Quintin Davis – Kingdom Alliance
Rev. Robert Patterson – Kingdom Alliance

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 October 25, 2017 Minutes

The October 25, 2017 minutes were approved.

IV. Approval of November 29, 2017 Agenda

The November 29, 2017 agenda was approved.

V. Discuss Potential Additional Partners Including ESC Members, Government Entities and Providers

a. Addition of community representatives to the ESC

Brigid Duffy, Deputy Juvenile District Attorney and Chair, states that at the previous Executive Steering Committee (ESC) meeting there had been discussion about adding State representatives to the committee. Public safety and community business partners were suggested. John M. Martin, Department of Juvenile Justice Services (DJJS) suggests the Department of Child and Family Services (DCFS) and reaching out to John Munoz with parole who would be a good member of this team and a direct recipient of the work The Harbor does. Judge William Voy, Clark County Family Court, agreed with Mr. Martin. Ms. Duffy will reach out to Mr. Munoz and invite him to the next ESC meeting. Catherine Jorgenson, Civil District Attorney, clarified that to add DCFS to the ESC, the State inter-local agreement would need to be amended.

Mr. Martin asked Punam Mathur, Parent Representative and Vice Chair, if she has any suggestions as far as business partners the ESC could reach out to, who may have an interest in joining the ESC. Ms. Mathur states that she has invited some groups to tour and learn more about The Harbor to gauge their interest, and will continue to do so. She states that she and Youth Representative Arnija Hooks plan to attend community outreach events with Cesar Lemos, Executive Director of The Harbor. Judge Voy suggests reaching out to Don Burnette who has shown an interest in The Harbor and does a lot for the community. Mr. Martin states he will reach out to Mr. Burnette.

Ms. Mathur asks if there is a limit on the size of ESC members allowed. There is no limit in size, but reaching quorum becomes harder with more members. Ms. Jorgenson adds that there is a set process for adding members officially. For instance, the category and criteria would need to be decided, and the inter-local would need to be amended. Judge Voy suggests getting commitments from potential members prior to amending the inter-local so it can be done all at once. Ms. Mathur asks if it is possible to seek one time approval for several members at one time, up to a certain amount of members. Ms. Jorgenson states that it is allowed, and she suggests adding members by category rather than by name to avoid continuously amending the inter-local. There are currently 14 ESC members. Ms. Duffy states that 21 members would be her max on a committee. With 21 members, 11 would be required present for a quorum. The category and criteria will be brought back to the ESC to discuss. This will be added to the next agenda as a possible action item.

VI. Discuss WestCare's Integration Into The Harbor Assessment Model

WestCare has been fully integrated.

VII. Discuss Amending Inter-Local Agreement to Add Commitment From Entities Providing Additional Staff

The State has informed the ESC that they are about 4-6 weeks out from having their new staff on board at The Harbor. At the previous meeting, Dr. Tammy Malich stated that she had met with Pat Skorkowsky, Clark County School District (CCSD) Super Intendent, and he had committed to providing staff. It is unknown where Dr. Malich is currently in the process. Mr. Martin adds that he met with Mr. Skorkowsky who was in support of what Dr. Malich is requesting. Ms. Duffy asks Paula Hammack, Department of Family Services, for an update. Ms. Hammack states that they have found a position but needs to solidify some information. She can provide more information in about thirty days. Ms. Duffy clarifies that the position will be a swing/grave shift and may be affected by a shift differential.

VIII. Discuss Henderson Police Department Inter-Local Agreement

Henderson Police Department is still in the process of being fully integrated. It is currently a matter of making sure all the entities have signed the inter-local. This will remain on the agenda for monitoring.

IX. Discuss Sub-committee to Address Marketing of The Harbor

Ms. Mathur has been able to take a few businesses on tour of The Harbor who have expressed interest. Nevada Community Foundation and Miles Dixon have toured The Harbor, and Mike Barton from CCSD is planning a tour. Mr. Lemos will be following up with the Clark County Public Information Officer about creating a PSA. She will meet with Mr. Lemos sometime in late December or early January for creating a PSA. As of yet, potential donors have not been set up. Ms. Mathur states that it's a matter of getting their attention. Judge Voy suggests reaching out to the Review-Journal as a partner in support. He states that newspapers and T.V. stations bring attention to the programs that they sponsor, and it would be beneficial to have the Review-Journal or a news channel on board. Ms. Mathur will reach out to Channel 8's Community Affairs Department. Ms. Mathur states Tim Mullin is the new Executive Director of the Golden Knights Foundation and she believes that he would be a good natural ally as a Las Vegas local who cares deeply about the community. Ms. Mathur will reach out to Mr. Mullins.

Ms. Duffy states that she met with Deputy Chief Chris Darcy to bring him up to speed on The Harbor. She also met with Captain Plummer, and has a message out to Under-sheriff McMahill about what she wants from Las Vegas Metropolitan Police Department (LVMPD). She is getting two different messages from LVMPD. From Captain level up, LVMPD is 100% supportive of juvenile diversionary programs, and from patrol level down, it is not supported. The patrol officers want to make arrests and diversion does not count for meeting their statistics. Ms. Duffy wants to recognize publicly, with an award from The Harbor, the area command center that is using The Harbor the most. She wants the patrol officers to see that diversion matters. Ms. Duffy is asking the ESC for funding for a plaque. Northwest Area and North East area command are making the most use of The Harbor. She believes that the District Attorney and Under-sheriff McMahill will be present to thank the patrol officers for diverting youth from the juvenile justice system. The ESC is in support of funding for the plaques. Mr. Lemos is to get a quote for the plaques and catering lunch for the command centers. Under-sheriff McMahill is on-board with presenting the awards after the new year.

X. AB395 Funding of \$1.9 Million

- a. Data that will be required to continue the \$1.9 million after two years**
 - b. Scope of Work Proposal**
 - c. 24-hour Model Schedule and Start Date**
- A. Ms. Duffy reminds the ESC that there is not data required by legislature, but it is beneficial to The Harbor to show the data and progress. She is interested in what the educational outcome is for youth who have been through The Harbor. Cheryl Wright, DJJS, states that Tara Reins is conducting a study that includes this information.
- B. The RFP process for The Harbor II is in process. All have been reviewed and waiting for the next step. There is an estimated 30-45 days for the process. Ms. Jorgenson asks if this committee will be over The Harbor II also or if it is anticipated that it will have its own committee. It is not anticipated that there will be an additional committee. Ms. Jorgenson states that the inter-local will need to clarify that.

- C. The 24-hour model is reliant on additional commitment from CCSD, State Mental Health and DFS. See item VII for additional information.

XI. Data and Progress Report From The Executive Director

In October, 188 youth were served at The Harbor. Since opening date to October 31, 2017, 2296 youth have been served. The escalation percentage of youth who have escalated has dropped from 5% to 4% which puts The Harbor at a 96% success rate so far.

- Gender: 49% Female, 51% Male
- Race: Race: 4% Asian/Pacific Islander, 34% Black, 25% Hispanic, 4% Mixed, 33% White
- Top 5 Zip Codes: 89101, 89108, 89110, 89115, 89030
- Top 5 Offenses: Possession of Marijuana 35%, Battery 22%, Affray/Fighting 21%, Petit Larceny 9%, Possession of Drug Paraphernalia 13%
- Law Enforcement Wait Times : Average 10 minutes
- Youth/Families who qualify for services in September: 191

Judge Voy asks if the total youth served and escalated is going back to the opening of The Harbor. It does go back to the opening date of October 17, 2016. Ms. Mathur asks about the youth escalated portion of the report; if we should only count the law enforcement referrals towards that figure, and what does escalation look like for family or community referral. Mr. Lemos explains that escalation is any youth that has come into The Harbor and has still not escalated to Juvenile Justice Services. Ms. Mathur states that she would be interested in the law enforcement interception referrals (CCSD, LVMPD, Citations) being a separate figure. Judge Voy asks that both numbers be reported on separately as both numbers, law enforcement and community referrals/walk-ins, are important. Judge Voy believes that there will be a higher recidivism or new law enforcement contact rate with the walk-ins and community referrals as opposed to initial law enforcement referrals.

XII. Informational Items

- a. Next meeting December 20, 2017 at 1:00 pm, Zenoff Conference Room, 651 N. Pecos Road, Las Vegas, NV 89101
- b. Judge Voy states that as a result of symposium done with CCSD regarding trauma and de-escalation, it was discovered that charter schools do not have any training or knowledge of what to do with truant youth. Hearing Master Pickard along with LVMPD has put together a charter school summit for December 08, 2017 from 10am-4pm at the LVMPD main headquarters. CCSD will bring in their staff to help facilitate the training. This would be a good push for The Harbor.
- c. No emerging issues at this time.

XIII. Public Comments

Reverend Robert Patterson along with Quintin Davis are opening a mentoring program, Judo Academy, for parents and youth. They would like to work with The Harbor and The Harbor youth as an addition to the program. The future goal is to have a ranch style housing facility to assist with mentoring and reform. They recognize that the problem starts in the home and would like to provide parents with mentoring and resources for youth. They would also like for their academy to be a place where the youth can come in their free time for mentoring and services. They plan to be fully functioning by spring of 2018, and would also like to work with DJJS in vetting their hired staff for appropriateness. Judge Voy suggests that Rev. Patterson and Mr. Davis attend Diversion Court, as there is a great need for additional mentoring programs.

XIV. Adjournment