



THE HARBOR – EXECUTIVE STEERING COMMITTEE

Juvenile Assessment Center Minutes

December 19, 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

Lee Quick, Management Analyst

Clark County Department of Juvenile Justice Services

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

Mike Whelihan, Asst. Director

Cheryl Wright, Clinical Services Manager

Brett Allen, 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 Family Court

Judge William Voy – ***Board Member***

Clark County Law Enforcement

Sean Toman, Captain, *on behalf of Kevin McMahill, Undersheriff Las Vegas Metropolitan Police Department* – ***Board Member***

Robert Hanks, Captain, North Las Vegas Police Department – ***Board Member***

Clark County School District

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

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

Dave Doyle, Director – *Board Member*

The Harbor

Cesar Lemos, Executive Director

Workforce Connections

Jim Kostecki, CFO – *Board Member*

Community Guests

Joe Roberts, Clark County School District

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, 2018 Minutes

The September 26, 2018 minutes were approved.

IV. Approval of December 19, 2018 Agenda

The December 19, 2018 agenda was approved.

V. Report From Civil District Attorney

All parties have approved and signed the agreement, and it should be wrapped up within the next few days. Dr. Malich thanks Jason Patchett, District Attorney’s Office, for his work on the agreement. Punam Mathur, Community Representative, asks why the inter-local was amended and if it was routine. Mr. Patchett explained that the inter-local was being amended to change the language regarding board membership to be more generalized, in order to allow more participation.

VI. Discuss Possible Additional Members

The board has always held firm to not adding members just to add more members. There has always been a requirement that members offer some type of contribution to The Harbor and the Executive Steering Committee (ESC). Eagle Quest was officially added at the last quarterly meeting.

- a. Progressus – Progressus does provide staff members at The Harbor. Jack Martin, Department of Juvenile Justice Services (DJJS) spoke with Andrew Post , Executive Director of Progressus and obtained an update. They currently have two staff working at The Harbor, one per Harbor, and have responded to Western High School on gang related issues. The funding has been blended between DJJS and CCSD until they receive their Medicaid type 14 provider approval. Mr. Martin has contacted the Director of Medicaid to request the approval process be expedited.

Dr. Malich states that Progressus provides about 100 of the contracted social workers and mental health professional in CCSD right now under a grant, and CCSD is very happy with the services they are providing. Dr. Malich did inform the committee that a model serving on-site tier III services by Progressus that is being used in three schools in the City of Henderson is not operating successfully. The concern is that the on-site model is not being responsive to kids. Dr. Malich and Cesar Lemos, The Harbor, have discussed this and put a system in place for this. Mr. Martin moves that the ESC hold on making the decision to add Progressus as a board member until the

Medicaid issue is resolved and they prove to be a sustainable partner. The committee approved the motion to hold on the decision of Progressus's membership.

- b. Clark County Association of School Administrators (CCASA), Executive Director's Position – Mr. Martin has not recently heard from current Executive Director Steven Augsperger. Mr. Martin states that he is unsure if there is any interest on the part of the CCASA in becoming a board member on the ESC at this time. Mr. Martin believes it has value, and would like to put this decision on hold. Judge William Voy voices his concern that if school administrators lose interest, there may be an uphill battle for The Harbor. Ms. Mathur states that adding the position of the Executive Director of CCASA to the ESC seems like the correct thing to do, as the membership would be for the position and not the person currently holding the position. She asks if the ESC can vote today on adding the position. Mr. Martin and Judge Voy don't disagree, however they believe that the person holding the Executive Director position needs to want to have a role in the ESC. Ellen Richardson-Adams asks if this position would require an inter-local, or if it would fall under the existing inter-local. It is clarified that it would fall under the existing inter-local. Mr. Martin rescinds his motion for a hold, and the committee motioned and approved the Executive Director position as a voting member to the ESC.

Judge Voy informs the committee that he and Mr. Martin recently spoke with the CCSD Superintendent and some of the questions that he asked caused Judge Voy some concern. Judge Voy has heard that the court is to blame for teachers being attacked or children bringing weapons to school and no one is doing anything about it. Judge Voy explained that he doesn't have any decision to prosecute, that is in the control of the DA's office. Judge Voy is concerned that there could be pushback from administrators. There is concern that CCSD Police Department is a voting member and have not been at the table in some time and there have been pushbacks from their union. There was exhaustive research on the intake hallway showing that 70% of the youth brought in or cited were low level and misdemeanor offenses. Those statistics are similar nationwide. The ESC believes that there may need to be more time spent educating officers on interventions that work.

- c. Clark County School District Director of Psychological Services Position – The current person in this position is Dr. Bob Wiers. There are currently two staff working at The Harbor. Ms. Mathur asks the committee where the line is drawn for member participation, and how we define the criteria that we use when selecting members in, order to provide an honest and credible response in how selections are made. Mr. Patchett clarifies that we are adding a citizen member to the committee, who would be able to bring their personal experience and influence to the ESC; if they come in as a citizen representative, there is no requirement to provide an in-kind or monetary contribution. Ms. Richardson-Adams states that out of most of the related services areas, CCSD Psychological Services is the most relevant to the mission of The Harbor, and how their role and responsibilities can help provide insight in how much disability can play a role in crime and other actions. The committee motioned and approved to add the CCSD Director of Psychological Services position to the ESC.

VII. Discuss Marketing of The Harbor

Mr. Lemos met with the Executive Director of C.H.I.P.S. and explained The Harbor and how it could be of use to her department. He also reached out to Nevada Highway Patrol, and will begin presenting at their academies for new cadets beginning in March 2019, and they are speaking with current officers to get them up to speed with the functions of The Harbor. Judge Voy asked if the City Marshalls are aware of The Harbor, and Mr. Lemos informed him that the Marshall's do refer to The Harbor. Judge Voy also suggests

reaching out to Park Police. Mr. Martin suggests that Mr. Lemos reach out to Clark County Parks and Recreation, and Terrible Herbst to see about displaying signage for The Harbor. Mr. Martin also suggests marketing and signage on the Las Vegas Strip and LVMPD lobbies and locker rooms. Brigid Duffy, District Attorney's Office, mentions that a lot of the youth picked up at casinos are from out of state, and that Cheryl Wright, DJJS, has met with the head of security and has conducted a presentation with their staff. Judge Voy suggests reaching out to youth sports organizations who spend a lot of time with youth and try to mentor. Dr. Malich asked if The Harbor has reached out to faith based communities, to which Mr. Martin stated that he has spoken with individual communities as they reach out. Judge Voy mentioned the political organization, Citizens of Common Good, which is an organization of different churches and religions, and that he will reach out to them to present The Harbor.

Ms. Duffy told the ESC that she was asked by two members of legislature, in two different political parties, if there was any need for bill draft requests around The Harbor. She was unable to think of any legislative sessions that may be needed to support The Harbor better. Ms. Duffy would like the committee to keep in mind that the offer is available to the ESC. Judge Voy mentioned to the committee that he was working with someone whose attorney was creating a bill draft that could get around FURPA . This would mean that as soon as a youth hit detention, automatically CCSD mental health staff could talk to DJJS mental health staff, and it would be beneficial to add The Harbor.

Ms. Duffy stated that she recently presented at the LVMPD North East area command as a refresher. Judge Voy suggests that the Spring Valley area command receive a refresher now that The Harbor Charleston is open in their area. Mr. Martin would like to present each area command with snacks or treats to help promote The Harbor. There has still been no response from City of Henderson Police Department.

Captain Sean Toman spoke with Foundation Director Chris Mallory of the Raiders, and was informed that anything to do with youth development is one of the three pillars of focus for the Raiders. Captain Toman will connect the ESC with Chris Mallory. Dr. Malich states that the Golden Knights have been a great partner with CCSD and would be great partners for The Harbor. Ms. Richardson-Adams suggests using social media such as Instagram to promote The Harbor.

VIII. Update From Eagle Quest

Dave Doyle, Eagle Quest, provided the ESC with an update on the Charleston location. They have identified 26 schools within a two mile radius of the Charleston location that they will be doing some outreach, to meet with school personnel help them to become more comfortable with using The Harbor. The Charleston location has assessed 415 youth since opening on October 22, 2018. Mr. Doyle believes they can average about 250 assessments per month, and are hoping for 3000 in their first year. There is steady increase of walk-ins and law enforcement use each month. The Charleston location is piloting an agency satisfaction survey in addition to the exit survey that is currently being used. The satisfaction survey is intended to follow up with families to inquire about how the service providers did and if they are performing at an appropriate level.

IX. The Harbor Data Report

Ms. Mathur asked Mr. Lemos how the number of youth served, and assessed are differing and if The Harbor is working at maximum capacity. Mr. Lemos explained the difference in the numbers and stated that there are times when The Harbor is slammed and there are times when they are less busy, such as summer months when school isn't in session. Mr. Martin pointed out that The Harbor Mojave will possibly serve less youth now that The Harbor Charleston has opened. There are two areas in the valley that would benefit from having a Harbor. The \$16million request of legislature would be for the replication of new Harbors and maintenance of the current two Harbor locations. The funding has also been requested to fill

gap services that are needed in the community. The Harbor continues to support education, graduation, and now comes up in the School Justice Partnership and child welfare.

- a. The total youth served to-date at both Harbor sites is 5,743 youth and total youth assessed is 5,052. Escalation numbers are holding the same at 4% of total youth served. The number from LVMPD drop-offs has increased in this quarter. Gender numbers remain the same as previous quarters, as well as top five offenses and zip codes.

Dr. Malich asked how The Harbor is ensuring that escalation number is accurate. Mr. Lemos explained that there are three layers of auditing: one at 60 days by calling the family directly and asking if there have been additional law enforcement contacts, one at the one year mark by reviewing all youth in FamilyTraks, and one at two years reviewing all youth.

Mr. Doyle asked Mr. Lemos about the significant change in families connected to DWSS Services, and Mr. Lemos explained that initially the number were gross numbers, and didn't break down which were inquiries from which programs the families were connected to. Ms. Wright stated that she is currently in contact with the supervisor of DWSS to see if the statistics can be generated in a different way, to get a better idea of what specific services are being used.

Dr. Malich stated that Mr. Lemos and one of the members of her team are working closely on doing a better job on data collection. There is a program area in the CCSD Student Information System that holds federal violence indicators, The Harbor, and other pertinent information. Currently they are working on a systemic way to pull academic, behavioral and attendance data and what impact if any there has been. The hope is to make semester reporting a normal part of the process. Principal Bob Tarter is working with Mr. Lemos on getting a counselor and attendance officer at The Harbor full time. Additionally they are reviewing how many family members could benefit from Adult Education services, to possibly bring services to other people in the families.

X. Informational Items

- a. Next meeting March 27, 2019 at 1:00 pm, The Harbor, 861 N. Mojave Rd. Las Vegas, NV 89101.
- b. Dr. Malich would like to give a public kudos to Mr. Martin for his hard work in assisting a youth in receiving her high school credits, taking the ACT test and receiving her diploma while in detention. She is now in the process of enrolling into the College of Southern Nevada.
- c. My Brother's Keeper Annual Conference invitation will be sent to members of the ESC. The conference is on January 17, 2018 at Texas Station.
- d. Mr. Martin would like to add to the next agenda an action item to remove the current youth representative board member and select a new youth representative. The current member has not been in attendance for several meetings. Mr. Martin has asked Mr. Lemos to identify a new candidate for the youth representative member role.
- e. Mr. Martin informs the ESC that The Harbor is making national attention. On December 17, a group from San Diego, CA came to visit The Harbor, in order to possibly recreate The Harbor in their county. The Front Porch recently opened in Chatham County, GA which is modeled after The Harbor with similar MOU's. Cheri Wright is assisting them with their clinical pieces. Mr. Martin also had the opportunity to go to Allentown, PA to look at a drop-out recovery model that is a collaboration between Workforce and a private provider where the company has a re-engagement center for all youth who have dropped out. Mr. Martin hopes to get the Workforce connections to house providers at The Harbor to work on re-engagement strategies. Additionally, Mr. Martin will be meeting with The City of Henderson to start discussion about opening a Harbor in Henderson.

XI. Public Comments

None at this time.

XII. Adjournment