

DFS Citizens Advisory Committee Meeting Minutes

Meeting Location:	Clark County Department of Family Services, 121 S. Martin Luther King Las Vegas, NV 89106
Date:	June 20, 2019 8:30 am – 10:00 am

Membership:		Present	Absent
Public: Joseph Rajchel Ariel Racine Violet Huerta Markesha Gordon Karoline Binelo Sara Huerta Carol Huerta Dominique DeBiasio	Dr. Lisa Morris-Hibbler	Phone	
	Dr. Tammy Malich		X
	Shelia Parks	X	
	Crystal Bomar		X
	Judge Frank Sullivan		X
	Andre Bailey	Phone	
	Matthew Cox	Phone	
	Dashun Jackson	X	
	Donna Smith	Phone	
	Denise Tanata	X	
	Carly Aldis	Phone	
County/Department Management:	Tim Burch	Administrator	X
	Paula Hammack	Assistant Director	X
	Jill Marano	Assistant Director	X
	Judy Tudor	Assistant Director	X
	Mari Parlade	DFS Strategic Initiatives Manager	X

Agenda Item 1:	Call to order and welcome	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The meeting was called to order at 8:37 am and roll was called by Chair Sheila Parks 	
Agenda Item 2:	Public Comments	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> None 	
Agenda Item 3:	Approval of May 16, 2019 Minutes (For Possible Action)	CAC Members
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Approved 	
Agenda Item 4:	Department of Family Services Report Out (Information only)	DFS Management
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Clark County is one of the co-hosts for NACo (National Association of Counties) national conference in Las Vegas during July 12th -15th There will be site visits that include the Southern Nevada Children’s Advocacy Center (SNCAC) There is a pre-conference event on July 11th that Denise Tanata will be speaking around Early Childhood Interventions and the implementation of FFPSA DFS received a write-up in the NACo national newsletter for “Best Practices” The New Southern Nevada Children’s Advocacy Center’s Foundation had an open house – A survivor spoke about her personal experience with DFS and SNCAC team – the SNCAC team received a \$50,000 donation DFS will be receiving an award from NACo for The Harbor Project and the IV-E Wavier “Safe@ Home Project” 	

- The “Safe@Home Project” will lose IV-E funding – services will continue through funds from emergency TANF assistance grants, a VOCA grant, and Title IV-B2 funding
- DFS received funding from the county general funding for cost of living for staff, and will have an update on supplemental positions by the end of July
- Tim provided an update on various sites that are moving (South, MLK, East and Clark)
- BCC approved funds from Marijuana licensing fee revenue to go towards housing for the homeless families of DFS, including kinships and placements – this will help to remove the barriers for housing
- DFS reintroduced the concept of child stats, which is an active on-going review of key indicators and data points on how we do our jobs, creating transparency within the department, including data clean-up
- DFS will be working with the Comptroller office on a comprehensive work study looking at long-term models of funding in regards to workloads
- Tim provided a legislative update handout on bills that impacted DFS, child welfare, fictive-kin to access KinGAP, education PLR’s, wrap services for youth involved in sex-trafficking, corporal punishment in the classroom, and having six Dependency District Court Judges
- Child welfare workers will have their personal addresses removed from the Assessor website for safety reasons

Prevention: Implementation of the Family First Prevention Services Act (FFPSA)

- Judy provided an update on the statewide planning session that she attended
- They will be emphasizing building up mental health services and developing community partnerships on an array of services
- University of Maryland will be assisting Nevada in developing a statewide plan on when and how to opt into FFPSA
- There will be follow-up meetings in which the CAC committee will continue to receive updates
- CASA program services will be included in the statewide planning process

Intervention & Accountability (internal & external communication)

- Judy provided an update on addressing complaints through the Ombudsman’s office
- Developing an internal process to address complaints to ensure they are being tracked and to identify issues
- There will be an Ombudsman Complaint form on-line that is linked to the Ombudsman’s office through the county website and will be linked to DFS website
- CAC will continue to receive monthly reports from the Ombudsman’s office
- The Ombudsman will attend the CAC meeting on a quarterly basis and provide a report-out
- DFS will develop a satisfaction survey to be sent out quarterly to community partners to receive feedback
- CAC members were asked to submit questions for the survey and provide feedback via email on any other concerns that need to be addressed
- Judy will draft the email to be sent out
- Sheila asked members to provide feedback on other topics, concerns, or changes to the CAC meetings they would like to address
- Youth feedback will be included in the satisfaction survey in regards to addressing complaints
- Denise Tanata will keep DFS updated on the development and design process of the Trista APP

Youth Supports: Independent Living and Transitional Aged Youth Supports

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Judy attended a youth convening called, Youth Villages, an Independent Living Case Practice Model used in several states Research found that in youth transitioning out of foster care there was a decrease in homelessness by 22% and an increase in economics opportunity and earnings by 17% because of partnerships with other national organizations The Administrators Public Health Association (APHA) and Chapin Hall offer a grant opportunity to bring this model into various jurisdictions DFS will be applying for this grant in October and technical assistance will be provided during the grant process DFS will be a part of a national workgroup on developing “Standards of Care” for youth 18 to 21 This case practice model has smaller caseloads to better assist the youth with IL services prior to aging out of the system Youth will be involved in the decision process of IL services to better assist their needs and support and will be a part of the AB150 discussion Ariel provided an update on the 100 Day Challenge with HUD Las Vegas was one of the communities to participate in this challenge – a community goal was to house 100 homeless youth and prevent homelessness for 50 system youth (youth parole, DJJS and child welfare) CCSS and community partners met monthly regarding the goals, challenges and enhancing collaboration with community partners and resources to reduce challenges Youth that have aged out can apply for services through STEPUP <p>Ombudsman Report</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Update provided in section: Intervention & Accountability (internal & external communication) <p>Policies and Procedures</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> The first set of policies are available on-line on the website, which includes the Nevada Initial Assessment (NIA) and the PCPA (protective capacity progress assessment) Additional policies will be added at a later date There will be future discussions on getting the youth engaged in the development and review process of policies and procedures 	
Agenda Item 5:	CAC Discussion &/or Recommendations on the Top 3 Priorities (delineated in Section IV)	For Possible Action
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Please see information in Section IV 	
Agenda Item 6:	Informational items/Announcements	(Information Only)
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Attendees extended condolences to member, Donna Smith on the loss of a family member FAAYT will be facilitating at the National Independent Living Conference at Daniel Memorial in August on Youth Groups Sustainability 	
Agenda Item 7:	Comments by General Public	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> None 	
Agenda Item 8:	Adjournment – 9:53 am	
	Next meeting will be Thursday, July 18, 2019 @ 8:30 am	