

Department of Juvenile Justice Services

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John M. Martin, Director
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Policy and Fiscal Affairs Board January 24, 2019 - 12:30 pm

Joshua Conference Room
Sixth Floor
Government Center
Las Vegas, NV 89101
Minutes

Chair: Vacant
Vice Chair: Judge William Voy

Present

Commissioner Lawrence Weekly
Commissioner Justin Jones
Judge William Voy

Clark County Management

Jeff Wells, Assistant County Manager
Jason Patchett, Associate Attorney

Department of Juvenile Justice Services

John Martin, Director
Satonya Patton, Executive Assistant (*prepared minutes*)
David Doyle / CAC Chair

Department of Family Services

Tim Burch, Administrator of Human Services
Jill Marano, Assistant Director
Ebony Washington, Assistant Director
Paula Hammack, Assistant Director
Mari Parlade, Manager *on behalf of Sheila Parks, CAC Chair*

I. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order by the Vice Chair, Judge William Voy with a quorum present.

II. Public Comments

None at this time.

III. Approval of the August 16, 2018 Meeting Minutes

The minutes are approved as written.

IV. Approval of the January 24, 2019 Agenda

The agenda is approved striking item five.

V. Vote for a Commissioner to be Vice Chair for the remaining term of the previous Commissioner, which will expire in May 2019.

Item five was stricken from the agenda. Voting will be tabled for another meeting.

VI. Budget and Legislation Discussion

Blue Ribbon Panel – Jeff Wells, Assistant County Manager briefly discussed the Blue Ribbon Panel process, which was set up by Justice Nancy Saitta Approximately three years ago. The new legislation indicates that Clark County is working on hiring three new Judges instead of having Hearing Masters.

Medicaid Issues – John Martin, Director stated that there are escalating Medicaid issues. Mr. Martin briefly discussed the changed par process. We are now seeing that we are being denied services for the youth. We are expected to titrate down the level of services that we are giving the youth. For example a juvenile sex offender is in placement for fourteen months in a placement facility because they cannot return home. That youth has extensive behavioral and possible mental health issues, so now after the first 90 days we are being titrated down. The first one we saw was \$16.20 per day decrease and if you multiple that out to the 65 youth that we have in placement just for the first level of titration down that is \$500,000. That decrease does not include the 180 day mark where they are going to continue to titrate down further. Mr. Martin stated that the change in the policy and the message is frustrating. Mr. Wells said that the State is trying to cut the BST from \$72.00 a day to half of that effectively. David Doyle provided brief input. He stated that the cost for providers per day has been reduced from \$72.72 to \$58.50. The 1915C Waiver will be done in September 2019. This waiver provides a bundle rate for therapeutic foster care. This will help to get some of the funding off of Clark County.

Emerging Issues – Commissioner Lawrence Weekly stated that the Board needs to hear more about emerging issues from all of the Clark County Departments. Often the Commissioners are asked to vote on items that they have not been briefed about. He stated that the Commissioners are not educated enough on certain issues.

VII. Receive the Director’s Report on the Activities of the Department of Juvenile Justice Services (DJJS) and Direct Staff Accordingly from Director John M. Martin

P.O.S.T. Academy – Mr. Martin stated that the 2019 Spring P.O.S.T. Academy will start in February 2019. The hiring process has been difficult because a lot of people cannot pass the background process. Currently the department has twenty vacancies for Juvenile Probation Officers. There will be nine people participating in the 2019 Spring P.O.S.T. Academy.

Clark County School Justice Program – The Department is partnering with the Clark County School District (CCSD) to initiate a nationally recognized evidence based practice locally named the Clark County School Justice Partnership (CCSJP). The goal of the change in practice is to reduce the school district’s dependence on juvenile justice and bolster the ability of the schools to manage disruptive behavior through numerous practice changes and increased resource allocation and mapping.

New Program – With regards to the CCSJP; a new pilot program was started last week at Sierra Vista High School. This program is to teach the school administrators how to maintain better youth behavior in their classes.

My Brother’s Keeper Conference (MBK) – The MBK Conference was held on January 17, 2019 at the Texas Station. The theme was “*no student is unreachable.*” This conference had a great turnout with 500 people in attendance. Mr. Martin thanked Commissioner Lawrence Weekly and Judge William Voy for speaking at the conference.

New Spring Mountain Residential Center (SMRC) – Mr. Martin stated that the new SMRC will be a placement facility for youth ordered by Judge Voy. The new facility is scheduled to open in March 2019.

The Harbor – The Harbor Juvenile Assessment Centers have served over 6,000 youth and families to date. The main Harbor location on Mojave Road is open 24/7. The opening of a third site will be this summer, which will be located on Pecos and Harmon. Mr. Martin stated that there has been a reduction in youth citations since the implementation of the first Harbor.

Hearing Masters – Judge Voy stated that as of January 28, 2019 he will be down two Hearing Masters. They are trying to keep cases on the Monday and Wednesday calendars. Jon Norheim will be taking over Drug Court. Bailey will do the day court. Margaret will still be active in matters involving the CCSJP.

Symposium – Judge Voy stated that the *Keeping Kids in School Symposium* will be held on February 8, 2019 from 9 am – 5 pm at the Metro building B, located on Martin Luther King Street.

VIII. Receive the DJJS Citizens Advisory Committee Report from *David Doyle, Chair*

Harbor Expansion – Mr. Doyle stated that the Citizens Advisory Committee Members are supportive of the second Harbor expansion. There is also hope to expand The Harbor to Henderson, NV.

Programming for Girls – Mr. Doyle stated that programming for girls is extremely necessary and supports DJJS in their efforts for implementation. Commissioner Justin Jones asked if there was real data for The Harbor with long term ROI’s for these Harbor types of programs down the road in criminal justice. Director Martin stated that there has been some conversations; he knows that Golden Sachs does it through its social impact bonds. There is some leverage, and Golden Sachs will come and help out with some of those developments. At this time DJJS’ data is about two and half years old with regards to The Harbor. The Harbor is still too young for certain stats. This is the first time that results have been made with regards to a CCSJP standpoint. Mr. Martin would like to look at the social impact bonding to help with the assistance of establishing more Harbors throughout the city.

IX. Receive the Director’s Report on the Activities of the Department of Juvenile Justice Services (DJJS) and Direct Staff Accordingly from *Tim Burch, Administrator of Human Services*

UNLV Athletics – The DFS partnership is coming to an end with UNLV Athletics. Every home basketball and football home game a foster family has been recognized. Families get VIP seating and a backstage tour of the process and the arena.

Count Me In Campaign – Mr. Burch briefly discussed the *Count Me In Campaign*. The recruitment process has started in hopes of getting the community interested in becoming foster parents. There are ads on IHeart Radio and Sunny 106.5.

Every Church, Every Child Initiative - The goal is the increase partnerships within the faith-based community with the *Every Church, Every Child Initiative*. At this time there are four churches on board and several others have expressed interest in joining the initiative. The goal over the next five years is to recruit more foster parents and get them trained. Commissioner Justin Jones asked if DFS has asked the Catholic Church and LDS Church about participating in the initiative. Mr. Burch said yes; and that DFS is letting this process be led by faith-based leaders. This initiative needs to be multiple faith-based entities involved.

Galleria and Torey Pines Locations – Properties have closed escrow. The DFS employees will be moving into the new Galleria and Torey Pines locations in late summer. Staff located on Water Street in Henderson; the Clark Building; and the MLK Campus will go to these new locations.

X. Receive the DFS Citizen’s Advisory Committee Report. *Mari Parlade on behalf of Sheila Parks, Chair*

Judy Tudor – Manager, Mari Parlade stated that the Citizen’s Advisory Committee Members are excited about Judy Tudor, Assistant Director returning to the DFS. She will start on January 28, 2019.

CAC Memberships Renewed – Dr. Lisa Hibbler; Sheila Parks; and Crystal Bomar renewed their Citizen’s Advisory Committee memberships.

Strategic Plan - The CAC Members support the DFS strategic plan.

XI. Schedule Next Meeting - *March 14, 2019*, in the Joshua Conference Room Joshua Conference Room – 6th Floor, Government Center at 12:30 pm.

XII. Public Comments
None at this time.

XIII. Adjournment - The meeting was adjourned.