



THE HARBOR – EXECUTIVE STEERING COMMITTEE

Juvenile Assessment Center Minutes

May 31, 2017 - 1:00 PM

DJJS Zenoff Conference Room

Las Vegas, NV 89101

Minutes taken by Vikki Andrews

Present in Person

City of Las Vegas

Dr. Lisa Morris-Hibbler, Director, Department of Youth Development and Social Innovation – **Board Member**

Clark County Department of Juvenile Justice Services

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

Cheryl Wright, Clinical Services Manager

Cesar Lemos, Executive Director, The Harbor

Vikki Andrews, Administrative Secretary

Clark County Department of Family Services

Paula Hammack, Interim Director – **Board Member**

Clark County District Attorney's Office

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

Catherine Jorgenson, Deputy Civil District Attorney

Clark County Law Enforcement

Lt. Roger Price, *on behalf of Matt McCarthy and Kevin McMahill, Undersheriff Las Vegas Metro Police Department* – **Board Member**

Clark County Family Court

Judge William Voy – **Board Member**

Community

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

Department of Health and Human Services

Ellen Richardson-Adams, Outpatient Administrator – **Board Member**

Community Guests

Robert Vickrey, Director of Communications, Westcare

Jim Kostecki, Workforce Connections

Teyshonnia Bealer-West, Intern, The Harbor

Rachel (last name unknown)

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 April 26, 2017 Minutes

The April 26, 2017 minutes were approved.

IV. Approval of Agenda

The May 31, 2017 agenda was approved.

V. Appoint the Workforce Connections Executive Director as a member of the Executive Steering Committee in accordance with the terms of Section VI.C. of the Interlocal Contract as amended.

Ms. Duffy introduced Jim Kostecki, the newly appointed Interim Director of Workforce Connections to the board. John M. Martin, Director of the Department of Juvenile Justice Services stated that Workforce Connections is not necessarily a resource for kids, but for families, to help families who are often under employed or unemployed. Judge William Voy, Family Court, asked what type of commitment Workforce Connections has made to The Harbor. Mr. Martin states that there will be provider representatives at the center. Mr. Kostecki clarified that they only provide the work force development side, as they only do employment training. Their agency cannot provide direct services because it is against regulation, so they distribute funding to different providers throughout the community to help provide employment training. The committee members motioned and approved to add Jim Kostecki as an Executive Steering Committee member.

VI. Presentation from WestCare

Robert Vickrey, Director of Communications for WestCare, provided the committee with an informational presentation about WestCare. WestCare works with adults, youth, domestic violence, substance abuse and mental health issues. Mr. Vickrey provided the committee with a brief history of WestCare. WestCare is also part of the Certified Community Behavioral Health Clinic (CCBHC) project, which is a community health clinic that focuses on recovery, mental health, and youth services to treat from start to finish. Mr. Vickrey introduced each WestCare location and what each individual one focuses on.

Through the demonstration project, CCBHC, WestCare has a building on Sunset and Green Valley Pkwy which will be used as a youth and family center. Their goal is to duplicate the environment of The Harbor, to intervene and provide a safe and caring environment and providers for youth and families. Their doors will be open by June 30, 2017. It will be a drop place for first responders and for families looking for assistance with behavioral, mental health, addiction, suicide, etc. where they can be assessed and referral services will be put in place.

Punam Mathur, Parent Representative and Vice Chair, asked if they will be case managing from that location. Mr. Vickrey explained that youth and families will come under their care under the CCBHC model, and will be tracked through their referral services to make sure that they are getting the services that they need. Their hours of operation will be seven days a week with administrative hours.

Ms. Mathur asked if the demonstration was for a finite duration. Mr. Vickrey explained that it is a two year fee for service demonstration. Judge Voy asked what bench marks need to be established. Mr. Vickrey explained that there are nine essential services that need to take place for the CCBHC, that will be monitored by the state. The details for the demonstration to go beyond two years are currently unknown, and will be evaluated at the two year mark.

Mr. Martin asked Mr. Vickrey if WestCare is prepared to offer The Harbor staff in order to make it operate on a 24-hour model, and are they asking for WestCare to offer resources to their center. Mr. Vickrey stated that he has had discussion around sharing staff and resources with The Harbor so that they can emulate what The Harbor is currently doing. Paula Hammack, Interim Director, Department of Family Services, asked Mr. Martin if he was considering having the new WestCare location act as a touchpoint for that area command and surrounding area. Mr. Martin and Ms. Duffy would like to add a discussion on incorporating WestCare into The Harbor assessment center model as an action item to the next meeting agenda.

VII. Discus Potential Additional Partners including ESC members, government entities and providers.

Ms. Duffy states that WestCare would be an additional partner. Mr. Martin stated that he believes WestCare would be a great partnership that would help to bring The Harbor to a 24-hour model. He states that the numbers and data show that The Harbor needs to be open 24-hours. He also states that it would give the committee and opportunity to see what type of services WestCare provides and to vet them, to see if they what The Harbor has set the standard for. He also states that he would like to reach out to Boulder City Police Department, Henderson Police Department, City of Henderson, North Las Vegas and City of Las Vegas to see if they are interested in some level of partnership.

A guest stated that she did have some additional partnerships for The Harbor to consider. She states that she brought her son to The Harbor and was referred to services that didn't quite fit what her son needed, as he was six years old and an anger management class was not best for him. She reached out to Legacy Learning Center and STARS which put her son into practical real life exercises to help them with impulse control and anger, and they also offer mentoring. Judge Voy states that he likes the concept of impulse control and anger management scenarios for kids, because a classroom setting is not the right place to teach a young child impulse control. Judge Voy asks the department reach out to Legacy Learning Center and STAR, to introduce them to the vetting process. Cheryl Wright, Clinical Services Manager, Department of Juvenile Justice stated that she and Cesar Lemos, Executive Director for The Harbor, will reach out to Legacy and STAR.

VIII. Provider's Lunch discussion

Mr. Martin states that Las Vegas Metropolitan Police Department will be doing a media event around The Harbor on June 12, 2017, and because of that the luncheon will be postponed. Mr. Martin would like the luncheon to be just about the providers and not centered around the press release, so that they can recognize providers and get feedback that will help providers and The Harbor continue to succeed in working together. He would like for the luncheon to take place in July or August. Ms. Duffy would like this item to remain on the agenda as an action item for the next meeting.

IX. Data and Progress Report from The Harbor Executive Director

Mr. Lemos states that for the month of May, there has been an increase in service provided. Family walk-ins have significantly increased thanks to the expansion of hours, advertising and community outreach. He states that partnering with Metro Northeast area command has been beneficial. They gave The Harbor a proclamation and a letter of appreciation. Mr. Lemos states that there have been 400 youth come through The Harbor in one month, and the number of from Metro and school district police drop-offs have also significantly increased.

Cesar Lemos, Executive Director of The Harbor, states that he created a report to present to the Executive Steering Committee broken down by the month of April 2017, Year to Date, and from Opening to Date. The total youth served is 965 total, 29 have escalated. Mr. Lemos clarifies that this number represents only the youth that are tracked for the first 60 days after being seen at The Harbor. Mr. Lemos states that there have been 103 families who have been referred and qualified for services through the Division of Welfare and Supportive Services. Mr. Martin stated that the statistic is impressive.

- Total Youth Served to Date: 1367, Total Youth Escalated to Date: 38

- Gender: 60% Male, 40% Female
- Race: 4% Asian/Pacific Islander, 35% Black, 36% Hispanic, 4% Mixed, 21% White
- Top 5 Zip Codes: 89101, 89108, 89110, 89115, 89030
- Top 5 Offenses: Affray/Fighting, Battery, Petit Larceny, Possession of Drug Paraphernalia, Possession of Marijuana
- Law Enforcement Wait Times : May average wait time 14 minutes
- Youth/Families who qualify for services through DWSS from opening to date: 153

Judge Voy asked for clarification on if Battery Domestic Violence is included in the Battery offenses, Mr. Lemos stated that he believes Battery Domestic Violence is included, but will look at the statistics again and confirm.

Ellen Richards-Adams, Outpatient Administrator for the Department of Health and Human Services, asks if the number of youth and family who qualify for services through the Division of Welfare and Supportive Services (DWSS) can be presented in a graph. She also suggests looking at all zip-codes rather than top five in order to accurately select where an expansion of The Harbor would be most beneficial.

Ms. Hammack asked for clarification on the number of families who qualified for DWSS services, and if that number represents families who don't currently have services. Mr. Lemos confirmed that this number represents families who qualify but don't currently have DWSS services in place. He states that there are many families who come into The Harbor who are already have insurance. Ms. Hammack suggests knowing what services The Harbor is enrolling them in for future partnerships. Judge Voy asks that Mr. Lemos ask Evelyn to keep track of the various types of Medicaid that families are on. He states that there are some managed care providers under Medicaid plans that are difficult to deal with, and he would like to know who they are so that he and Mr. Martin can have conversations with them.

Ms. Mathur would like to track impact numbers further. Judge Voy would also like to track how many youth/families who have gone to The Harbor are referred to or subsequently end up at the Department of Family Services. Mr. Martin suggests we start incorporating some of the metrics that the committee first wanted in the Executive Director's Report. Dr. Lisa Morris-Hibbler, Director of the Department of Youth Development and Social Intervention for the City of Las Vegas states that Dr. Tara Raines has been working with Mr. Lemos and capturing information for longitudinal studies that are being done. She suggests that a list of things being studied but may not rise to being included in the Director's Report be brought to the committee for review. Mr. Lemos states that Dr. Raines needs to have 100 kids to start her study through the University of Denver, and is currently at 65 kids. She will be measuring things like graduation, school attendance, and other items of interest.

Ms. Mathur states that the 2015 study of 1,000 kids out of 13,000 referred to detention that was completed by the University of Las Vegas concluded that 70% of kids needed help, not detention. She states that she believes the committee has the preliminary gauges that prove their theory of action that diversion works. She states that moving forward, sustainability and expansion will be important. It will be a function of how effectively the committee will be able to make the case for investment to continue moving forward.

X. Informational Items

Announcements

- Next meeting June 28, 2017 at 1:00 pm, Zenoff Conference Room, 601 N. Pecos Road, Las Vegas, NV 89101
- Mr. Lemos reminded the committee of the June 12, 2017 media event at 10:00 a.m. at The Harbor.
- Dr. Morris-Hibbler stated that the recovery high school will be discussed at the City Council meeting for funding. It has just passed with the school board. It will be a great community resource for kids to focus on academics and sobriety.

XI. Public Comments

None at this time.

XII. Adjournment