



THE HARBOR – EXECUTIVE STEERING COMMITTEE

Juvenile Assessment Center Minutes

January 31, 2018 – 1:00 PM

DJJS Zenoff Conference Room

Las Vegas, NV 89101

Minutes taken by Vikki Andrews

Present in Person

City of Las Vegas

Tara Raines

Clark County Department of Juvenile Justice Services

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

Michael Whelihan, Asst. Director

Cheryl Wright, Clinical Services Manager

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 Law Enforcement

Chris Darcy, Deputy Chief *on behalf of Kevin McMahon, Undersheriff Las Vegas Metro Police Department* – ***Board Member***

Clark County School District

James Ketsaa, School Police Chief – ***Board Member***

Joe Roberts

Department of Health and Human Services

Ellen Richardson-Adams, Outpatient Administrator, Department of Public and Behavioral Health Services – ***Board Member***

The Harbor

Cesar Lemos, Executive Director

Christian Scott

Workforce Connections

Jim Kostecki, CFO – ***Board Member***

WestCare

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

Community Guests

Dave Doyle – Eagle Quest

Jennifer Bevacqua – Eagle Quest

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 November 29, 2017 Minutes

The December 20, 2017 minutes were approved.

IV. Approval of December 20, 2017 Agenda

The January 31, 2018 agenda was approved.

V. Discuss WestCare Shelter Closure

Darlene Terrill, WestCare, announced that after 30 years, WestCare Shelter on Duncan will be closing temporarily as of March 1, 2018 until a new location is found. The closing location has not been accessible enough to the community. There are several alternative sites that have agreed to take the homeless youth population. Ms. Terrill asks Deputy Chief Christopher Darcy, Las Vegas Metropolitan Police Department (LVMPD) to assist in getting the information out to all of law enforcement. The partnership for homeless youth will take in youth, as well as Help of Southern Nevada. Ms. Terrill also states that two of her WestCare staff will be joining The Harbor. She also announces that the WestCare Kids and Family Center location on Green Valley Parkway is now open. If services are needed in the Henderson area, outpatient, crisis intervention etc. are offered. The Maryland Parkway location can also take youth for assessments.

VI. Discuss Potential Additional Partners including ESC Members, Government Entities, and Providers

a. Judge Voy and Mr. Martin to report on meeting with UNR and Cooperative Extension

John M. Martin, Department of Juvenile Justice Services (DJJS), stated that he had recently met with Commissioner Kirkpatrick who was recently issued a grant from the Cooperative Extension. Mr. Martin asked for her to issue him copies of that grant so that it may be replicated and brought back to the Executive Steering Committee (ESC) to ask for permission to request funding for a third location in the north east area. Mr. Martin would like to have the grant written and an estimation of what the financials would look like for his next scheduled meeting with the Commissioner. The new location would require some participation from existing partners. Mr. Martin asks Cesar Lemos, The Harbor, to find out what the estimated cost of funding a new location would be for the next few years. Mr. Martin would like to make this a long standing grant.

Discuss Category Title and Criteria for Additional ESC Members

Catherine Jorgenson, Civil District Attorney, stated that at the last meeting, the discussion was having a cap of 21 members on the ESC. Currently there are 15 members. The discussion was to create a category of citizen representatives that would be flexible and not tied to one particular type. Ms. Jorgenson suggests that instead of having a youth and parent category, to have a member of the public or resident of Clark County category. What this would do is eliminate the requirement of having to have a specific type of representative. Brigid Duffy, Deputy Juvenile District Attorney and Chair, asks if specific examples are

required or if they can just be called citizen representatives. Ms. Jorgenson suggests a statement indicating that someone who has demonstrated interest in participating in juvenile justice issues and what The Harbor is doing as criteria. She suggests examples as a sort of guideline to go by; it would not be something that the ESC is tied to, it would be including but not limited to. Ms. Jorgenson mentions that if the ESC members are to be limited at 21 members, then the number of citizen representatives would go down as more members are added to the inter-local. Judge William Voy, Family Court, asks Ms. Jorgenson to draft an example in writing that can be voted on in the next ESC meeting.

Ms. Jorgenson added that the term for the citizen representatives is a one year term, and that term is expiring for current citizen representatives. At the next meeting they will need to be reappointed. Ms. Jorgenson suggests making the citizen representative a two year term.

Ms. Duffy asks how to remove members from the ESC. Ms. Jorgenson states that if member is a member through the inter-local, than the inter-local will need to be changed. If they are members because they have entered into an agreement with Clark County, removal is done by a majority vote. Under Clark County Code, if there is a committee appointed by the board, and that person fails to attend three consecutive meetings, that person can be removed. There are no criteria for citizen representatives to be removed besides majority vote.

VII. Discuss Amending Inter-local Agreement to Add Commitment from Entities and Providing Additional Staff

Mr. Lemos states that the school district has provided two additional contract staff, making a total of four school district staff. Judge Voy asks if school is not in session during summer, will a school representative still be available at The Harbor. Joe Roberts, Clark County School District (CCSD) stated that two of the staff have add-on days under their contracts, and the staffing during the summer can be broken up between the two. The two added independent contractor social workers are not tied to specific hours and can be flexible. Judge Voy asks if school is not in session, do those staff need to be there. Mr. Lemos states that they do need to be there because they do provide required school information, and there are some schools that are still in session during summer months.

Ms. Duffy asks if the inter-local needs to be amended to add the two additional staff from the school district. Ms. Jorgenson states that it does not need to be changed; as it reads now, each entity has committed to a certain number of staff and can provide additional staff at their discretion. Judge Voy believes that having the specific commitment as a part of the inter-local would make it more difficult for CCSD to extract their support of The Harbor. Ms. Jorgenson states that there is a right of termination by any member with 90 days' notice. Mr. Martin asks Mr. Roberts if the funding sources for the staff that CCSD has provided to The Harbor are sustainable. Mr. Roberts says that the sources are sustainable and he does not anticipate an issue with reorganization.

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

Mr. Lemos states that over the last few weeks, Channel 13 new and the Review Journal have done pieces on The Harbor. There have been discussions with Stacy Welling to get a Public Service Announcement (PSA) out to the public. Arnija Hooks, Youth Representative, will be on the PSA. Currently Mr. Lemos is working on also getting a Spanish speaking youth to participate in the PSA. LVMPD Sergeant has Metro's PIO unit working to promote the Family Justice Center through Metro, but they are also looking at the initial Harbor video to combine with their own for Metro briefings internally and externally.

IX. 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 no data requirement by legislature, but it is beneficial to The Harbor to show the data and progress.

Judge Voy believes that the recidivism issue is the most important piece of data. Mr. Martin states that he spoke with Mr. Skorkowsky who wants to connect him with their data person. He would like to see what some of the educational outcomes are, as well as suspensions, truancies, CCSD police involvement etc., from youth who participated with The Harbor. Tara Raines, City of Las Vegas, stated that she is doing a snapshot study with the University of Denver, and they have requested all of that data from CCSD; they should have the information on 200 kids by June. The data they are capturing are behavioral and emotional risk, social skills, behavioral and emotional performance, suspension and expulsion, GPA, end of year scores, etc. Judge Voy asks if by November 30, 2018, if the same data can be pulled on every youth who came through The Harbor. Ms. Raines says she can ask for the data. Ms. Terrill and Deputy Chief Darcy asked if there is a follow up done with families. Mr. Lemos stated that there is a 60 day follow up, and currently they are comparing January 2017 youth with FamilyTracs to see if there has been additional contact, and will continue to do so each month. Mr. Roberts states that he can find a few staff to go over to The Harbor to collect this data and build a file for each youth.

- B. No additional information at this time.

- C. Mr. Lemos states that The Harbor will be going 24 hours on February 10, 2018 and the new location is moved in. Judge Voy states that the hinges on the two quiet rooms needs to be addressed. The doors must open out not in, this is a safety concern. Mr. Lemos will follow up LVMPD facilities Ken Thomas, if not completed he will let Deputy Chief Darcy know so it may be addressed.

X. Data and Progress Report From The Executive Director

In December 2018, 216 youth were served at The Harbor. Since opening date to November 30, 2017, 2702 youth have been served. The escalation percentage of youth who have is 4% which puts The Harbor at a 96% success rate.

- Gender: 41% Female, 59% Male
- Race: Race: 4% Asian/Pacific Islander, 35% Black, 20% Hispanic, 3% Mixed, 38% White
- Top 5 Zip Codes: 89030, 89101, 89110, 89115, 89121 – The top two areas where kids are coming into The Harbor from are Sunrise with 471 and North Las Vegas with 399
- Top 5 Offenses: Possession of Marijuana 34%, Battery 23%, Affray/Fighting 20%, Petit Larceny 9%, Possession of Drug Paraphernalia 14%
- Law Enforcement Wait Times : Average 14 minutes
- Youth/Families who qualify for services in November: 157

The average number of youth seen at The Harbor is 200. This number includes citations diverted from Intake. Michael Whelihan, DJJS, asks if the 4% recidivism rate includes Intake hold open as an escalation. Mr. Lemos says this figures include if youth have reoffended since participating with The Harbor, including hold opens and unpaid restitution, but not including youth who did not comply with recommendations. Mr. Whelihan suggests breaking down the numbers from who reoffended, and who escalated for reasons such as unpaid restitution and non-compliance so it may be presented to legislation. Cheryl Wright, DJJS, suggests breaking down these numbers into categories as they come in. Mr. Whelihan asks if additional family members are being tracked for data after they leave The Harbor. Currently there is not a way to know if once a family is referred to a provider, if they decide to have additional family members receive services. Ms. Wright states that in an upcoming provider meeting, she will be asking providers to have families sign releases for additional youth if the family decides to have more than just the referred youth seen, and will ask them to provide that information back to The Harbor for tracking.

Ms. Terrill asks if we have enough staff diversity. Mr. Lemos states that there have been staff hired who are Spanish speaking, and that The Harbor also works with the county interpreters.

XI. Informational Items

- a. Next meeting February 28, 2018 at 1:00 pm, Family Court Administration Room 319, 601 N. Pecos Road, Las Vegas, NV 89101

- b. The School to Prison Pipeline is scheduled for February 1, 2018.
 - 1) Presentation to North East Area Command will be rescheduled with Undersheriff McMahill.
 - 2) Mr. Lemos and The Harbor team have submitted a proposal to present at the Coalition for Juvenile Justice Conference.
 - 3) Judge Voy will be presenting at a National Family Court Conference in San Diego March 21 and 22, 2018.
 - 4) Deputy Chief Darcy states that there are two new Patrol Deputy Chiefs who understand the significance and importance of taking youth to The Harbor. In coordination with March 1, 2018 kick off, The Harbor information will be pushed out again to all of LVMPD, and supervisors will start accounting for usages of The Harbor.
 - 5) The Family Justice Center Ribbon Cutting will be held on March 1, 2018 at 10:00 a.m.

- c. No emerging issues at this time.

XII. Public Comments

None at this time.

XIII. Adjournment