

MINUTES
CITIZENS ADVISORY COMMITTEE (CAC)
Clark County Department of Juvenile Justice Services
CCJJS Director's office Conference Room
Telephonic Conference: (857) 357-0254 Access Code 943-495
May 7th, 2025, at 9am

- I. Call to Order – 9:05 am**
- II. Introductions**
- III. Public Comments – NA**
- IV. Approval of /2/24 CAC minutes - Approved**
- V. Approval of Agenda - Approved**
- VI. Receive the Director's Report on the Activities of Clark County Juvenile Justice Services (CCJJS) – Report by Deputy Director Mike Whelihan.**
 - a. Budget/Personnel**
 - i. The current detention population is 134 youth. Additionally, 127 youth are on GPS monitoring, and 81 are housed at SMYC.
 - ii. Seven individuals graduated from the POST Academy in April. Eleven are scheduled to begin the next academy class next week.
 - iii. Four new CLS staff members are set to begin on May 24. A request has been made to extend the CLS program for an additional two years.
 - iv. Operations remain within the allocated budget.
 - v. One lateral transfer is expected to join the team.
 - vi. JDS update: Ten candidates have been offered positions and are currently undergoing background checks.
 - b. Juvenile Justice Programming**
 - i. **Forestry Program** – Scheduled to begin on May 19. Current programming at SMYC and Detention was discussed. The Forestry picnic is planned for July 31.
 - ii. **Corrisoft** – Judges will receive training this month on the GPS program for lower-level youth.
 - iii. **Evening Reporting Center (ERC)** – The ERC is being reimplemented, with a pilot launch anticipated in late 2025 or early 2026. Preparations include revamping policies, establishing parameters, and identifying measurable outcomes for success.
 - iv. **Stewart Field Probation Office** – Expected to open within the next 30 days.
 - v. **Cedar House** – The second residential home under the Office of Clinical and Community Services is now open and accepting placements.
 - c. Legislation - bills discussed we are currently monitoring:**
 - i. **SB383** – Assemblywoman Miller killed this bill last year. Director Whelihan has put in a lot of work to pass the bill this year, as he did last. It is designed to assist youth who are required to complete community service in Court orders.
 - ii. **SB359** – This bill is expected to significantly increase the number of traffic citations referred to Juvenile Justice, which will substantially impact workload. We would need funding if mandated.

- iii. **AB167** – Pertains to corrective room restrictions. It will require an assessment to be conducted if a youth remains in their room for more than 24 hours.
- iv. Staff are actively monitoring several additional bills that may impact operations.

VII. CAC Strategic Goals – Shannon will resend the strategic goals for the CCJJS Community Advisory Committee (CAC).

- a. **Increase programming to improve client outcomes, using evidence-based practices and measuring performance**
- b. **Reduce disproportionate minority contact through the use of targeted strategies and programs**
- c. **Post juvenile justice services transition assistance**
- d. **Improve facilities to provide increased security and increased rehabilitative and vocational opportunities**

VIII. Informational Items

- a. **Identify emerging issues to be addressed by the Committee at future meetings**
- b. **Other information that may be of interest to the Committee and the public**
 - a. **Dave Doyle provided the following updates:**
 - i. Requested that Clark County explore options to assist group homes with vehicle liability insurance. Rising insurance costs are significantly impacting providers, with only one currently accepting group home vehicles due to liability concerns. The goal is to preserve critical resources for youth.
 - ii. Shared that proposed Medicaid rate increases are expected to be applied retroactively to January 1st. Providers have not seen a rate adjustment since 2013.
 - iii. Noted that a public Medicaid meeting with updates from CMS is scheduled for May 15 at 4:30 p.m.
 - iv. Acknowledged progress in expanding community placement options for girls but emphasized the ongoing need for additional bed space.
 - c. **Announcements - Next meeting is June 4th, 2025, at 9 a.m., meeting location in CCJJS Director's office conference room with a virtual option as well.**

IX. Public Comments - NA

X. Adjournment – 9:41 am