

PLANNING, DEVELOPMENT and PUBLIC EDUCATION
COMMITTEE REPORT

JUVENILE JUSTICE COMMISSION QUARTERLY MEETING
November 13, 2014
Las Vegas, Nevada

All ten juvenile detention facilities and the three youth correctional facilities are utilizing the first round of Prison Rape Elimination Act (PREA) templates which meets standards and also includes definitions. Clark County has their own set of PREA policies which also meets standards. An updated set of PREA templates are slated for distribution in January 2015.

“PREA 101 and Then Some” training was completed for state and county facilities. Clark County conducted their own PREA training.

The Planning, Development and Public Education Committee reviewed and approved a scope of work for consultant Dr. Joe Tomassone, Chief of Treatment Services, New York’s Office of Children and Family Services, to provide technical assistance concerning alternatives to room confinement. Once a written agreement is signed by both parties, visits by Dr. Tomassone will begin with focus on Caliente Youth Center (CYC), Nevada Youth Training Center (NYTC), and Red Rock Academy. Funds for this project were derived from remaining Federal Fiscal Year 2012 Juvenile Accountability Block Grant (JABG).

Additionally, the Nevada American Civil Liberties Union in Reno (ACLU) has been monitoring room confinement in state and county facilities. Two University of Nevada Reno School of Social Work interns assigned to ACLU, Katie Hoops and Karla Navarette, provided a room confinement analysis to the Planning Committee. An updated version was presented at the Committee’s October meeting.

The Committee received a request from the Nevada Youth Parole Bureau, Reno, to fund a tattoo removal program for some youth gang parolees. Youth Parole Officers, Paul Calonico and Matthew Elder, provided a written proposal for tattoo

removal for those youth seeking a fresh beginning that may result in their being seen in a more positive light. The amount requested \$1,500.00 which would come from the Commission's operating budget; the Planning Committee reviewed and now recommends approval to the Nevada Juvenile Justice Commission in the amount of up to \$1,500.00.

In conclusion, the Governor's "2013 Annual Report" as required of the Commission was reviewed by the Planning Committee at their October 16th meeting and now forwarded to the Commission for approval and subsequent transmittal to Governor Sandoval. The "2013 Annual Report" has a different approach from previous annual reports as statistical data is presented differently making it more useful.

Respectfully submitted,
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Planning, Development and
Public Education Committee