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**NOTICE OF PUBLIC MEETING
NEVADA STATE JUVENILE JUSTICE COMMISSION
MINUTES
October 6, 2015**

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October 6th, 2015 Call to Order

This meeting was called to order on October 6th, 2015 at 3:33 am by Chairman Martin.

Roll Call – Alice Mueller

Members Present by Phone: Scott Davis, Elizabeth Florez, Jack Martin, Lisa Morris Hibbler, Lonnie Wright

Members Excused: Michael Beam, David Humke, Dawn Lozano, Egan Walker

Staff Present by Phone: Leslie Bittleston, Alice Mueller

Public Present by Phone: Carolyn Banks, Jeff Jones, Michael Whelihan,

Public Comment and Discussion

There was no public comment.

Review of Official Minutes from September 17, 2015

Commissioner Wright moved that the minutes of September 17, 2015 be accepted with a second from Commissioner Florez. The motion was passed by the Committee.

Review of NAJJA Standards update by Chapter

The Nevada Association of Juvenile Justice Administrator (NAJJA) Standards had been sent out to the members of the Standards Committee to be updated as assigned by chapter. Although two sections had been returned, upon examination, only chapter three had been reviewed and changes submitted. It was determined that those assigned be given another month to work on their chapters, and to submit any changes to Alice. These were to be sent to the members of the committee in time for them to be reviewed before the next meeting.

There was also discussion about whether the NAJJA Standards sent out were the most recent version. A newer form updated in association with Silver State was available. Commissioner Florez had examined it and noted few changes between it and the NAJJA Standards sent out.

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Chairman Martin was to review the two and determine which was to be used for this committee. Once selection has been made, the set of standards will be sent out to the committee members.

Chief Richardson from Churchill County has sent out a copy of the American Correctional Association (ACA) guidelines for juvenile detention facilities from 1992. Both Chairman Martin and Commissioner Florez are attempting to receive an updated copy of these standards. Of concern was the fact that among other things, methods of restraint were not listed specifically. Even the guidelines for the Washoe County Sheriff's Office address the use of restraints generally. It was suggested that the Committee wait to receive the updated ACA standards before proceeding and put this on the agenda for the next meeting.

There was agreement that although the section on restraints may not be specifically detailed, it could provide guidance on techniques which were not to be considered acceptable. Use of restraints for punitive measures instead of safety of individual and institution should not occur.

Ross Armstrong was consulted about where the Standards could reside within the state's doctrines. He provided four different models and recommended looking at NRS 62E.516 as an example of what the commission could hope to do. The Nevada Administrative Code (NAC) was also considered as a more rigid method that would give the Division authority to adopt the standards and require facilities to follow them. These Standards could also be adopted into the Nevada Revised Statutes, but that would require legislative approval. The last possibility would be a Governor's endorsement. There would be no legal binding effect, but the standards would be strongly recommended. An email detailing these choices will be sent out to the committee members for them to review with more discussion at the next meeting as an agenda item.

Further review and comparison with other jurisdictions was suggested. California has a full time Blue Ribbon Panel and Hawaii has a similar board. Nevada has the Legislative Council Bureau (LCB) but may benefit from having a commission dedicated to the subject. A sort of peer review similar to what Silver State currently does. Further clarification from the Attorney General's office will be handled at the next meeting.

New Business

Leslie Bittleston the new Juvenile Justice Specialist introduced herself to the members of the Committee. She is a native Nevadan who was raised in the northern part of the state and is a graduate of the University of Nevada, Reno. A veteran with five years of active duty in the army, she has also been a state employee for 16 years. Her most recent work has been with the state Medicaid agency and she is heavy into policy and operational/utilization management. She also has a strong background in policy with some grant experience. Leslie was welcomed by the Committee who expressed appreciation for her range of experience.

Comments from the Public

There were no statements from the public.

Set Time, Date and Agenda for Next Meeting:

The next meeting will be held in Thursday October 28, 2015 at 3:30 pm. This will be a teleconference.

Adjourn

The meeting was adjourned at 3:59 pm.