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NEVADA STATE JUVENILE JUSTICE COMMISSION**

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**NEVADA STATE JUVENILE JUSTICE COMMISSION
PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE MEETING
MINUTES**

September 24, 2015

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Call to Order

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Coppa at 10:03 a.m.

Roll Call – Dan Coppa

Members Present: Dan Coppa, MariaJose Taibo-Vega,

Members Present by Phone: Michael Beam, Elizabeth Florez, Paula Smith

Members Excused: Lisa Morris Hibbler, Fernando Serrano, Kim Wanker

Staff Present by Phone: Ross Armstrong (Deputy Attorney General), J. Alice Mueller

Public Present by Phone: Lori Kearse, Vanessa Spinazola (NVACLU)

Public Comment and Discussion

There was no public comment.

Review of Official Minutes from July 30, 2015

Some minor changes were made to the minutes of July 30, 2015 after which Commissioner Florez moved to have the minutes accepted as corrected. This was seconded by Commissioner Beam and approved by the Committee.

2014 Governor's Report– Dan Coppa

A preliminary version of the Governor's report was reviewed by the committee with one change noted. The table of contents specified an introductory letter by the Nevada Juvenile Justice Commission Chairman was to be included in the report. This letter was requested for review, in time for the October committee meeting.

PREA Grant Update – Dan Coppa

Paul Kluever is the new Prison Rape Elimination Act (PREA) Coordinator and will be working out of the Reno Division of Child and Family Services (DCFS) office on Mill Street. Notification about the Zero Tolerance grant award was made on September 18, 2015. The amount of this award is \$177,174.00 and is to be used to establish "Zero Tolerance" cultures for sexual assault in Nevada correctional facilities. Pauline Salla is to be congratulated for reconstructing the original grant application for submission.

SB107 Room Confinement– Alice Mueller

Steve McBride was unable to attend this meeting and had not forwarded any new information concerning Dr. Tomassonne's upcoming visit. The updated SB107 Room Confinement report had been provided to the members of the committee in addition to a template of requested information, which was sent to juvenile facilities. Chairman Coppa noticed that when comparing the current report with prior years, there had been some real reductions in the amount of time a youngster was placed in room confinement.

Ms. Mueller mentioned that she had discussed a youth who might be held over 72 hours with staff from a facility. They were concerned about the possible hold, but had felt it might be necessary. They were told to explain the circumstances on the form submitted so that their reasons for the action would be known. It was pointed out that if the law is examined, explanation in cases of holds exceeding 72 hours is required, however no penalties are attached to those actions. The thought is, how would you penalize and what would be gained from penalizing a facility? Basically, you explain and move on.

NYTC PREA Audit – Dan Coppa

A copy of the final auditor's report for the Nevada Youth Training Center (NYTC) was provided to the members of the committee. This was the first juvenile facility to have a PREA audit, although Caliente Youth Center will be coming up shortly followed by other facilities in the state. A copy of the report can also be found on the Juvenile Justice Programs Office webpage.

Legal Education of Nevada Barristers on Juvenile Issues– Dan Coppa

Chairman Coppa and Commissioner Wanker will be meeting with the Nevada Board of Governors at the Nevada State Bar Association on Thursday November 19, 2015. They will be discussing the Legal Education of Nevada Barristers on Juvenile Issues and providing them with some insight into legal counsel both from the community perspective as well as the defenses perspective.

New Business– Dan Coppa

Leslie Bittleston has been appointed as the new Social Service Chief for the Juvenile Justice Programs Office. She will assume that position on September 28, 2015 and will be working out of the Carson City DCFS office on Technology Way.

At the October committee meeting, it was requested that Ross Armstrong give a report on the study conducted under section 7 of SB107. The Advisory Commission on the Administration of Justice created pursuant to NRS 176.0123 during the 2013-2014 interim, was to conduct a study concerning detention and incarceration in Nevada. The study was to include without limitation or evaluation, a number of things including comparisons of confined/general population youth in regards to referrals to mental health, mental health diagnosis, suicide/suicide attempts, recidivism, reviews conducted prior to return to general population, average length of time in confinement, and cost per day. Was this report actually completed and submitted and if so, could it be shared with this committee. Ideally, a copy of the report would be available for review.

Comments from Public

There were no comments from the public.

Set Time, Date and Agenda for Next Meeting

The next Committee Meeting is scheduled for Thursday October 22, 2015 at 10:00 am. This will be a videoconference with the following agenda.

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Agenda:

Governor's 2014 Report for approval

PREA

SB107 Room Confinement: Dr. Tomassone visit update, SB107 report

Advisory Commission on the Administration of Justice, 2013-2014, incarceration and detention report dealing with juveniles

Legal Education for Nevada Barristers on Juvenile Issues

Adjourn

Commissioner Beam moved that the meeting be adjourned with a second from Commissioner Taibo-Vega. The meeting was adjourned at 10:20 a.m. by Chairman Coppa.