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**NEVADA STATE JUVENILE JUSTICE COMMISSION  
PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE MEETING  
MINUTES  
July 30, 2015**

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**Call to Order**

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Coppa at 10:02 a.m.

**Roll Call – Dan Coppa**

Members Present: Dan Coppa, Elizabeth Florez, Steve McBride, MariaJose Taibo-Vega,

Members Present by Phone: John Martin, Paula Smith

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

Staff Present: J. Alice Mueller

Public Present: Vanessa Spinazola (NVACLU)

**Public Comment and Discussion**

There was no public comment.

**Review of Official Minutes from April 30, May 28, and June 15, 2015**

Commissioner Florez moved to accept the minutes of April 30, 2015 as presented with a second from Commissioner Smith. The motion was passed by the Committee. Commissioner Florez also moved to accept the minutes of May 28, 2015 as presented with a second from Commissioner Martin. The motion was passed by the Committee. Finally Commissioner Martin made a motion to approve the minutes of June 15, 2015 with a second from Commissioner Smith. This motion was also passed by the Committee.

**2014 Governor's Report– Dan Coppa**

A preliminary version of the Governor's report was reviewed with corrections noted. Most of these were fairly minor and a request was made that they be completed in time for the next Planning and development meeting in September.

**Three Year Plan Update– Alice Mueller**

The June 18, 2015 meeting was referenced where Pauline Salla presented to the Quarterly Full Juvenile Justice Commission that the Three Year Plan had been submitted to the Office of Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention (OJJDP) on the due date of June 16, 2015. It was sent at 3:42 pm and accepted by OJJDP. Notification should occur sometime in August.

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### **PREA Grant Update – Steve McBride**

The PREA Zero Tolerance grant must be submitted on July 23, 2015. Pauline Salla has been gracious enough to continue working on the many different pieces which were still in motion. This was submitted on time, and for the 5% reduction amount which was required to be reallocated. Details will be provided to the committee when they have been received.

### **SB107 Room Confinement– Steve McBride**

There have been several conversations concerning Dr. Tomassonne's visit to Nevada. He has submitted a scope of work with a budget of around \$8,000.00 and the contract is being finalized. It should occur sometime this fall, although no specific month has been named. Once the contract is completed, actual travel arrangements can be made. Everyone is remaining flexible for the time being.

At this time, until Summit View reopens, he will only be traveling to NYTC and the Caliente Youth Center (CYC). There is also a secondary contract in the works which will include follow up visits to assess the implementation of suggested action steps resulting from the initial visit's findings.

The most current SB107 room confinement report was reviewed and corrections noted. In addition to the monthly updates for July and August, a copy of the reporting form was requested for the September meeting.

### **OJJDP Review of Juvenile Justice Programs Office – Dan Coppa**

There was a federal programmatic audit conducted from June 22 through June 25, 2015. Visits were made to Carson City and Douglas County Probation to review their use of Formula Grant funds. Churchill County Probation was audited on its use of Juvenile Accountability Block Grant (JABG) funds. Washoe County Juvenile Probation was audited for both JABG and Formula funds. Visits were also made to China Springs/Aurora Pines and to NYTC.

The good news, is that the audits had no findings. The grant recipients were found to all be in good order and all are to be commended. After ten years, an audit with zero findings is amazing and shows the incredible work of the Specialists and all involved with Carson, Douglas, Churchill and Washoe Probation Departments.

### **Legal Education of Nevada Barristers on Juvenile Issues– Dan Coppa**

One of the documents assembled for presentation to the Nevada State Bar and Nevada Continuing Legal Education was presented for examination as well as having been sent out to the members of the Committee. At noon on July 30, 2015, Chairman Coppa had a meeting with Larry Digesti, the president elect of the Nevada State Bar, who had previously received a copy of the document. His reaction has been very positive, in fact they had been looking for something in the Juvenile area as educational opportunities there were lacking. Commissioner Smith was thanked for her efforts in compiling the guide and especially for information on tribal laws, ordinances and statutes. This is often an area that has been overlooked. It is hoped that this will allow things to proceed with further education available for Nevada Barristers.

### **New Business– Dan Coppa**

A request was made to present information on the final PREA audit report for the Nevada Youth Training Center (NYTC) at the September meeting. It was finalized on July 16, 2015, with all standards either met or exceeded. Hopefully there will be enough time to have the data gathered by then. If nothing else, a status update can be presented. Eventually, this information will be posted on the Division of Child and Family Services, Juvenile Justice Program's Office website.

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### **Comments from Public**

Vanessa Spinazola wished to bring out two points before the Committee. The first concerned the National Council on Crime and Delinquency (NCCD). The Annie Casey Foundation is funding them to do a study on youth placement both in and out of state. A subcommittee has been set up with their first meeting on Tuesday August 4, 2015 at 1:30 pm. Anyone interested in participating with this subcommittee along with Judge Walker, Judge Young, Ryan Sullivan and the Guinn Center were asked to attend. They plan to meet quarterly.

There may be some difficulty obtaining data without Specialist Salla's assistance, but valiant attempts will be made. Chris Hartney from NCCD will be conducting stakeholder interviews and will be identifying those in the system who they are interested in talking to. There is a goal to gather the data within a three month period. Interviews and data crunching should be accomplished, along with a first draft, at around six months for review by the subcommittee. What they will be looking for is a reinvestment model. That is, how many youth were placed at what cost compared to how that money could be used on the front end for services to prevent out of home placement and involvement in crimes to begin with. This should be in place before next summer, elections and the next legislative session.

The second thing which Vanessa Spinazola brought up was that her outreach coordinator Deisy Hernandez is leaving and she would like to hire someone who has had personal involvement with the system. They like to hire a diverse group of people, and someone with actual experience with the work would be great. The application is available on their website.

### **Set Time, Date and Agenda for Next Meeting**

The next Committee Meeting is scheduled for Thursday September 17, 2015 at 10:00 am. This will be a videoconference with the following agenda.

Agenda:

Governor's 2014 Report

PREA zero application grant update

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

NYTC PREA audit report

### **Adjourn**

The meeting was adjourned at 10:35 a.m. by Chairman Coppa.