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**NEVADA STATE JUVENILE JUSTICE COMMISSION  
MINORITY/GENDER COMMITTEE MEETING  
MINUTES  
April 27, 2016**

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**Call to Order**

The meeting was called to order by Co-Chairman John Martin at 5:35 p.m.

**Roll Call – Alice Mueller**

Members Present by Phone: Dawn Lozano, John Martin, Paula Smith, Egan Walker

Members Excused: Noah Jennings, Lisa Morris Hibbler, Raymond McKay, Ivet Santiago, Lonnie Wright

Staff Present by Phone: Leslie Bittleston, J. Alice Mueller

Members of the Public Present by Phone: Lynette Gust, Craig Tippens

**Public Comment and Discussion**

There was no public comment at this time.

**Review of Official Minutes from March 9, 2016 Meeting**

There was no quorum, so the Minutes from March 9, 2016 were not reviewed or approved.

**Specific Strategies for DMC of African American Youth – Jack Martin**

At the previous meeting in March, the need for a Disproportionate Minority Contact (DMC) Summit were discussed. Since then, Co-Chairs Hibbler and Martin have contacted Assemblyman Tyron Thompson about possibly hosting this summit. The thought is, that this would be like the Juvenile Detention Alternative Initiatives (JDAI) stakeholder meetings held in Clark County. They will be about getting the proper people together for discussions on how to forward DMC initiatives.

Some elected officials have already been contacted to help with coordinating the summit which should take place in Las Vegas. One of the main points of the summit will be to develop DMC point of contact training for law enforcement. This needs to be Nevada specific, as training brought in previously did not really address the Nevada issues.

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### **Legal Education Training – Dawn Lozano**

Commissioner Lozano has been a strong proponent of specific legal education for attorneys working with juveniles. There might be a possibility of putting forth the need for this legal education during the DMC Summit, or subsequent law enforcement training. Currently there is a Supreme Court initiative addressing this topic. Prosecutors, defense attorneys and even law enforcement realize that Nevada attorneys need additional juvenile training. With the State Bar Association showing increased interest, funding may be available through them.

Co-Chair Martin was wondering how the Juvenile Justice Commission could help this move forward. They may not necessarily sponsor it, but could perhaps host something. That is, provide a location where the training could take place. The Commission would be working in partnership with the Supreme Court and those who do the Continued Legal Education (CLE). His main concern was that we may be duplicating what the Supreme Court is already doing. Commissioner Lozano emphasized that we all need to be working together to get this up and running. There was a suggestion to present this to the Full Commission in May.

### **School to Prison Pipeline Update – Jack Martin**

A presentation on the Clark County Assessment Center was made to the Clark County Board of Commissioners. It was also presented to the Legislative Interim Committee on Juvenile Justice and Child Welfare. Both occasions resulted in lots of positive feedback. Work is now being conducted on getting an inter-local government group together to continue with data analytics. A new caseload management system has been signed on, which will allow reports to be designed specifically on DMC issues, interventions and diversion strategies. This should make collecting the right data for the right reasons at the right times, very possible. It is hoped that the center will be functioning sometime around September or October.

### **New Business**

Alice will be sending out an email about which times will be best for the Minority and Gender Committee to meet. For the last several times, there has been difficulty getting quorum. The current time of 5:30 pm to 6:00 pm while really good for some members is less than ideal for others.

### **Comments from Public**

There were no public comments at this time.

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

The next Committee Meeting will be pending sometime in June. Notification will go out once a satisfactory time period is determined. This will be a teleconference.

#### **Agenda:**

Specific Strategies to address DMC in African American Youth, emphasis on training.  
DMC summit plans and ideas.  
School to Prison Pipeline

### **Adjourn**

Co-Chair Martin moved to adjourn the meeting at 5:45 p.m.