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**Nevada State Juvenile Justice Oversight Commission
Youth Committee
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Meeting Minutes**

Introductions.

*******The recorder was started after roll call was taken.**

Roll Call: Judge Egan Walker, Joey Hastings, Jackie, Nancy Saitta, Myra

Others: Sarah Bellows, Alexis Tucey, Leslie Bittleston

Public Comment

Judge Walker, Co-Chair of the Juvenile Justice Oversight Commission said we want to know how we can best connect with our youth members.

Appointment of New Members

Sarah Bellows confirmed that two youth members resigned. Kiera and Myra have been appointed to take their place. She reached out to Parole Officers today to try to get two more members on the committee. She left voice mails for four youth to verify that they would like to be a part of this committee. She also contacted Sharon Anderson about getting some Clark County input.

John Munoz announced that they have reached out to Youth Move, Annie E. Casey and the Coalition for Juvenile Justice on Engaging Youth and Re-Entry, Juvenile Justice Reform. There are things we are going to look at to retain and recruit youth. Many youths we have tried to recruit are trying to get their lives together and are also working. We might have to adjust our meeting schedules.

The process for applying to be on the committee was reviewed.

Mr. Munoz thanked Mr. Luis Beltran for being on the call and asked him to share any of his thoughts through the meeting.

Possible Incentives for Youth Committee Members

- **Budget Allotment**
- **Legalities**

Mr. Munoz said this has been an issue brought to our attention by some of our youth members since they are working or attending school and it is difficult to take time off to attend the meetings. Alexis Tucey asked what the concerns are around what you can or cannot do around stipends? Judge Walker suspects that none of us can receive direct compensation for our service on a commission. We can at most receive meal reimbursement and/or travel allotment. He suggests some light-hearted social activity. He would like to get to know the youth committee members and them to get to know us. Kelly and Luis agreed with this. Mr. Munoz thinks an icebreaker would be a great idea. We should discuss where we can do that and bring it back.

Ms. Tucey suggested if there is a possibility of a stipend, perhaps give a gas card which would be related to travel.

Right now, all the youth members are in the north. Judge Walker suggested an icebreaker for those folks. We could do some interesting things that could be compelling to the youth.

Ms. Hastings' family owns a restaurant and she is happy to host a lunch. They also have a relationship with the Reno Aces and 1868 Soccer Team.

Mr. Munoz asked that other ideas be emailed, and they will try to have some things lined up before the next meeting.

Scheduling Facility Tours

A copy of the Nevada Facility List was sent out. Mr. Munoz thinks we would like to see Jan Evans, and our state and county correctional facilities. We should narrow it down to five to ten for a tour.

- **Where do we want to go?**
- **When do/can we go?**
- **How are we going to pay for it?**

Mr. Munoz needs to have a conversation about this with the co-chairs. This is important for everyone to be on the same page and same understanding of what we are going to do with reform. We need the infrastructure to support everything we are doing. Judge Egan suggested that with all the youth commissioners in the north right now, perhaps a google poll could be sent out to see when they might have one or two days in April, May, or June. We could hit four to six facilities in one or two days between Douglas, Washoe, and Lyon County. If Youth Parole could provide the vehicles to transport people, we could find out what other funds are needed. Ms. Bellows will send out a doodle poll. She thinks having some visits in the south around the full Commission meeting would be good. Leslie Bittleston said through grant funding they get \$20,000/year for travel but it is for every single travel and would be needed if the full Commission wants to meet in person. She thinks we will have to find other funding opportunities. There was discussion about using the state plane.

New Business

Ms. Tucey suggested this would be an opportunity to present the Youth Subcommittee to the Work Plans that were developed for the JJOC and see if this is something that should be used for the upcoming meetings. She distributed it to the group in the north and will have Ms. Bellows send it out to everyone. She and Ms. Bittleston actioned out everything for each of the subcommittees. Please correct it as needed. She is going to recommend to all the subcommittees to use this as their standing agenda items each month.

Mr. Munoz gets inundated with the JJOC updates. When new members are established, we need to make sure we are pushing the information to the committee members. He is not sure everyone is getting that information. Ms. Tucey said her goal is to send updates to everyone.

Justice Orduna Hastings said as part of the standing agenda items for the full Commission, we will have time on every agenda for at least each of the committees to report back. We are trying to document and track as much as we can.

Next Steps

- **Date and Time for Next Meeting.** Ms. Bellows will send a doodle poll and then maybe build a day and time for each month.

Justice Orduna Hastings said this committee is very important and whatever she can do to be of assistance she will. Justice Saitta said it is very important to talk to the youth.

Ms. Tucey asked subcommittee members if they could provide her feedback about the spreadsheet she presented and whether it will work.

Public Comment.

None.

Adjourn. Co-Chair Munoz adjourned the meeting at approximately 1:45 PM.