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**Nevada State Juvenile Justice Oversight Commission  
Strategic Plan Committee Meeting ~~11/17/17~~ 11/17/17**

**Meeting Minutes ~~DRAFT~~**

**Call to Order:** Co-Chair, Judge William Voy called the meeting to order at 10:09am.

**Roll Call:**

~~Via Phone: Co Chair Judge William Voy, Leslie Bittleston, Eve Hanan, Frank Cervantes, Senator Julia Ratti, Dr. Lisa Morris Hibbler, Linda Lawlor with Carson City Juvenile Probation sitting in for Ali Banister, Captain Shawn Andersen, Patrick Murch with Clark County School District, Office of the General Counsel sitting in for Carlos McDade, Dr. Haas and Matt Vanovich from Washoe County.~~ **Members Present Via Phone:** Co-Chair Judge William Voy, Eve Hanan, Frank Cervantes, Senator Julia Ratti, Dr. Lisa Morris Hibbler, Captain Shawn Andersen.

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**Members Excused:** Assemblyman James Ohrenschall, Carlos McDade

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**Staff Present Via Phone:** Leslie Bittleston, Sarah Bellows

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**Guests Present Via Phone:** Patrick Murch with Clark County School District, Office of the General Counsel- sitting in for Carlos McDade, Dr. Haas and Matt Vanovich from Washoe County, and Linda Lawlor with Carson City Juvenile Probation- sitting in for Ali Banister,

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**Public Comment:** noneNone

**Overview of Strategic Plan Requirements**

~~Specialist Chief~~ Bittleston explained that Assembly Bill 472 (AB 472) was passed into law this past legislation. The passing of this Bill dissolved the former Juvenile Justice Commission, and created the new Governor's Juvenile Justice Oversight Commission. This Strategic Plan Subcommittee was put together ~~with Commission Members~~ with members of the Oversight

~~Commission in order~~ - to help with the creation and implementation of a 5-Year Strategic Plan, required ~~as a statute by the passing of~~ AB 472. The plan must be written, completed, and submitted by July 1, 2018. The plan must establish evidence-based program standards and ~~must include~~ measurable goals, timelines and responsible parties to enhance the capacity of DCFS and each department of juvenile services. It must also establish a standard of data collection and reporting of data regarding programs offered and services rendered, timeline included, to the Commission by DCFS and each department of juvenile services. Finally, the plan must provide protocols for improvement or corrective action for DCFS and each department of juvenile services that are not in compliance with evidence based programming requirements. Upon completion of the Strategic Plan, this committee will assist DCFS in drafting legislation to include this plan into regulation.

The Community Corrections Partnership Block Grant (CCP) (~~\$2.3 million block split among Nevada's 17 counties) provided in the Governor's budget annually and awarded funded with state general funds is \$2.3 million annually to the state for evidence based programs and services, a component of AB 472.~~ Through this Bill, the percentages of money that must be used on evidence based programs and services are as follows: Fiscal year 2019-2020 must use 25% of monies allocated, fiscal year 2020-2021 must use 50% of monies allocated, fiscal year 2021-2022 must use 75% of monies allocated, and fiscal year 2022-2023 (and each year thereafter) will use 100% of monies allocated. This body will be tasked with defining how County Probation departments are using the funds.

#### **Strategic Plan Work Plan**

Co-Chair, Judge William Voy explained that the work for this Strategic Plan Subcommittee will overlap other committees, as there is a need for established data collection protocols or procedures. The committee will work on a skeleton or simple outline until they get all pieces of information from other committees. Judge Voy acknowledges the need for a uniform data collection system, as established through the passing of this Bill.

Mr. Cervantes shared that the Evidence Based Resource Center will be created to establish evidence based programming and resources.

~~Specialist Chief~~ Bittleston agreed that a simple outline would be sufficient until we receive information from the rest of the subcommittees.

Judge Voy would like the Strategic Plan to address issues for measurement such as: recidivism, disproportionate minority contact (DMC), regionalization of State Correctional facilities. In addition to the aforementioned, the Strategic Plan Committee seeks guidance from the full Commission on the following topics as possible goals or objectives: state funding to support to the Regional facilities (Summit View, China Springs, Aurora Pines), state funding for early

intervention and prevention programming, sexually exploited youth including all aspects of the issues the system is confronted with in this population. This committee also asks that the Data Subcommittee be tasked with considering a definition of recidivism.

[Specialist Chief Bittleston](#) suggested that this committee focus on creating Vision and Mission statements, then reach out to the other committees for necessary information, such as the Data Subcommittee.

DMC data is currently being collected for federal regulations. The Relative Rate Index (RRI), [a federal platform](#), provides statistical reports based off data collected throughout multiple points of contact throughout the juvenile justice system. The RRI shows disparities by using this given data.

This subcommittee would like one of the focuses to be on how youth get into the system, how youth are treated once they are in the system, steps that could have been taken to prevent or delay the youth's entrance into the system, and reducing DMC numbers. There are facilities such as Safe Harbor in Las Vegas that are currently used as diversion programs, in efforts to reduce the number of youth that become involved in the system. This subcommittee will look at points of contact, as well as facilities, services and mentoring that may help reduce this number. Diversion to community based programs is one goal to minimize the number of youth that enter the juvenile justice system.

Dr. Lisa Morris Hibbler shared suggestions about Implicit Bias Training, and some things that came out of Clark County's school and justice partnership. She would like this subcommittee to work on a partnership with local communities, as well as prevention of youth entering the system.

Judge Voy and Mr. Cervantes had previous conversation about best practices, specifically regionalization. In Judge Voy's opinion, Nevada Youth Training Center (NYTC) in Elko does not meet regionalization guidelines, because of its location and proximity to other counties such as Clark and Washoe.

Judge Voy would like to see the budgets for each of the three state institutions, as well as the three county camps. He would like to see how much it is costing the taxpayers of Nevada to maintain the institutions. He asked Specialist Bittleston to provide him with that information in the near future. Judge Voy would like to see the State divert money to local evidence based programming to prevent and lower the number of youth going to State level custody. Front-end, prevention programming is mostly funded by big counties, where smaller counties are using Grant funding to enable their programming.

[Justice Saitta](#)[Senator Ratti](#) encouraged the subcommittee to create a Strategic Plan that tells a story for people of the state that may not be as aware of the Juvenile Justice System and laws within our State. She would like the subcommittee to synthesize the good work done in other areas, as well as a meaningful narrative about work done and work upcoming.

Judge Voy will create a very basic framework/outline to be presented at the Full Commission on 11/30. This will be an Agenda item for action.

Judge Voy suggests inviting members of other Committees, such as CSEC and Supreme Court Subcommittee, to provide their knowledge and opinion. Bringing in people from other areas of expertise that relate to and correspond with needs of the youth involved in the Juvenile Justice System would be beneficial to this group.

#### **Next Steps**

A facilitator may be introduced to this subcommittee in efforts to provide direction and support to create a framework for the Strategic Plan. If the commission agrees with this, there will need to be clarification on the budget and who would pay for said facilitator. [Specialist Chief Bittleston](#) will further research the options to potentially include a facilitator. A meeting date and time for the next Strategic Plan Subcommittee will be announced in the near future. [Chief Bittleston](#)[Leslie](#) will prepare information on facilitators and costs prior to this meeting.

**Public Comment:** ~~none~~[None](#)

**Adjourned:** by Co-Chair Judge William Voy at 11:06am, moved by Senator Julia Ratti, seconded by Frank Cervantes