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**Nevada State Juvenile Justice Oversight Commission
and Advisory Committee Meeting 11/30/17**

Meeting Minutes DRAFT

Call to Order: Co-Chair Judge Walker called the meeting to order at 1:03pm.

Roll Call:

In Person: Judge Egan Walker, Joey Orduna Hastings, Frank Cervantes, Jaqueline Pierrott, Jo Lee Wickes, Katherine Hickman, Kelly Wooldridge, Pauline Salla-Smith, Assemblyman James Ohrenschall

Via Video/Phone: Brigid Duffy, Darin Imlay, Eve Hanan, John Lambrose, Justice Nancy Saitta, Dr. Lisa Morris-Hibbler, Rebekah Graham, Scott Shick, Judge Thomas Stockard, Gianna Verness, Jack Martin, Judge William Voy, Paula Smith

Absent: Allen Penaluna, Christian Paz, Elba Gonzalez, Haydyn Williams-Thom, Assemblyman James Oscarson, Captain Shawn Andersen, Senator Julia Ratti, Senator Becky Harris, Patrick Schreiber

Guests Present: Nina Salomon and Shanelle Johnson from CSG Justice Center

Staff Present: Leslie Bittleston, Ross Armstrong, Kayla Landes, Sarah Bellows

Public Comment: None

Review of 11/07 Full Commission Meeting Minutes

Commissioner Salla-Smith has addressed a necessary amendment of the minutes- the MAYSI assessment is actually the MAYSI/MAYSI 2. This amendment has been made. Commissioner Salla-Smith also suggested page numbers for each set of minutes. This amendment has been made and will continue for all future Meeting Minutes. Minutes are approved as amended by Commissioner Salla-Smith, seconded by Justice Nancy Saitta and approved by the full commission.

Updates from Committees

The *Strategic Planning Committee* met on November 17, 2017. The co-chairs of this committee, Frank Cervantes, Judge William Voy, and Dr. Lisa Morris Hibbler, had some questions for the Full Commission regarding definitions and the ability to expand their outlook. For example, this committee would like to explore the topic of regionalization, however, it is not addressed in Assembly Bill (AB) 472. Judge Voy shared six topics the committee discussed, to possibly include in the Strategic Plan: regionalization, DMC, state funding for regional facilities like China Springs and Aurora Pines, funding for early intervention programming, dealing with sexually exploited youth, and reaching out to the Data and Performance Measurement Committee for definitions of recidivism at a statewide level.

Judge Walker acknowledges the need for all topics to be expanded upon and discussed. He mentioned example topics such as how to deal with restraints, which was addressed in Nevada's Administrative Code. He advised the committee to stick with the statutory outline, while thinking about other areas that are necessary to focus on for possible future legislation or discussion.

The Commission reviewed and discussed the Models for Change – Guidebook for Implementation handout prepared by CSG (Council of State Governments). This handout includes a comprehensive Risk Assessment and evidence-based programming in the state and concludes that Nevada does not currently track recidivism rates. The second finding showed that greater proportions of Nevada's youth are receiving formal supervision, placed in Residential Treatment or a state correctional facility. The final finding in question is how much the state spends and what is the output for that spending. This committee will be tasked with defining recidivism, coming up with a data collection system and way for data to be read, and how will that be put in statute or Administrative Code. The bottom line: where and how does the state spend its money?

Commissioner Salla-Smith informed the Full Commission that a definition of recidivism was completed in April 2014 by the Supreme Court Commission via the Data Dictionary. She would like to ensure minimal confusion due to multiple definitions of the same word.

Judge Walker reflected that the committee groups should focus on the statutory mandates first, then come back around to the areas and topics the Strategic Planning Committee would like to bring forward, such as regionalization. Section 6 of the AB 472 states “the Commission shall develop a 5-year strategic plan that establishes policies and procedures for the Division of Child and Family Services and each department of juvenile services relating to the use of evidence-based practices in providing services to children subject to the jurisdiction of the juvenile court. This plan must include uniform standards of evidence-based practice and/or programming, strategies including measurable goals, timelines and responsible parties, a requirement of collection and reporting data to the Commission, and adopting protocols for improvement and corrective action.” Judge Walker believes the Strategic Plan Committee should focus on these guidelines prior to

expanding their focus onto other topics they believe need to be covered.

The DCFS staff are currently working on Draft Work Plans for each committee. These work plans will help committee members with decision making and guidelines on what needs to be prioritized within AB 472.

Judge Voy shared that this committee would appreciate a facilitator, to provide insight and knowledge on the creation of the Strategic Plan. Commissioner Wooldridge has reached out to Judge Walker in response, sharing the name of a potential facilitator and the budgetary needs of hiring such a person. Ms. Wooldridge will continue to work with the Strategic Plan Committee with further information.

Judge Walker asked that all committees fill out a Committee Report after every committee meeting. These reports will be completed and submitted by the co-chairs of said committees to ensure everyone is receiving the most up-to-date information of the progress of the committees.

The *Data and Performance Measurement Committee* met on Wednesday, November 29, 2017 and will meet again on Monday, December 11, 2017. The co-chairs of this Committee are Brigid Duffy, Gianna Verness, and Judge Thomas Stockard. Co-chair Duffy stated that no action items have been completed, but are pending. The statutory deadline is July 1, 2018 for defining recidivism, creating tracking measures that will work for state's data collection, establish performance measures from referral through case closure to determine effectiveness of state's juvenile system, including referrals, dispositions, and other services as provided, and to revise NRS, NAC 62H. Some of this is captured in the 5-year Strategic Plan.

The Data and Performance Measurement Committee believe it would be beneficial to reach out to available resources, such as Dr. Leone at UNR, to consult about which data to track and how to do so most effectively. Commissioner Wickes will reach out to Dr. Leone to attend future meetings. This group would also like to find a way to collect data that shows the impact of services on youth, families, and the community.

Commissioner Wooldridge reminded the group that we have Nina Salomon, Shanelle Johnson, and Josh Weber from the CSG, to share input and guidance as needed. They can share information such as performance measures being tracked in different states.

The *Risk Assessment Committee* met on Thursday, November 30, 2017, and has their next committee meeting set for Wednesday, December 6, 2017. The co-chairs of this committee are Jo Lee Wickes, Jack Martin, and Darin Imlay. Co-chair Wickes stated that there was 100%-member participation and one action item was reached. The Risk Assessment committee made the decision

to use the MAYSI (2) as the statewide, uniform Mental Health Screening tool. This instrument is currently being used by more than a handful of counties throughout the state, so the transition should be easier for the state. The committee has a goal of selecting a standardized Risk Assessment instrument prior to the next Full Commission meeting on December 15, 2017. After discussion as a group, the Risk Assessment tools have been narrowed down to the Ohio Youth Assessment System (OYAS) and Youth Level of Service (YLS) systems. The Risk Assessment committee will do their own research prior to its next meeting on December 6, 2017. This meeting will include developers from OYAS and YLS to provide information and to answer questions.

Commissioner Cervantes will reach out to Dr. Haas to prepare information for the commission, that provides a more in-depth description/comparison of the two tools selected for further review.

The *Youth Committee* will be meet tomorrow. Further information will be shared with the Full Commission at the meeting on Friday, December 15, 2017.

Review of Committee Assignments:

Judge Walker identified staff support as a need for this commission. The DCFS support staff will be helping to create work plans, take meeting minutes, and prepare all Agendas and materials for upcoming meetings.

New Business:

The DCFS Staff have created a new website specifically for the Juvenile Justice Oversight Commission. All meeting agendas, materials, approved minutes, and any other useful information will be posted to this website as it is received.

Justice Saitta shared that there are multiple other commissions such as the Children’s Commission and the Supreme Court Commission, that are currently doing Juvenile Justice work as well. This Juvenile Justice Oversight Commission will come up with plans to share information with other commissions as needed, in efforts to minimize confusion and ensure members throughout the state are receiving the most up-to-date information.

Mr. Armstrong shared that Governor Sandoval’s office has finalized an Executive Order that designates this Commission as the Juvenile Justice Delinquency Prevention Act Commission. It is a statutory requirement that the appointments are made by the Governor. This Commission should consider how to most effectively execute the requirements.

Judge Walker asked that Commissioner Salla-Smith and Chief Bittleston work together to remind the Commission on what the statutory requirements are.

Judge Voy inquired about the establishment of an Evidence Based Resource Center that is required

in Section 13 of AB472. Commissioner Wooldridge advised that an RFP has been sent out and a vendor has been selected. This announcement is confidential and will take place after it is signed by the budget office.

Next Steps:

Next Full Commission Meeting:

Friday, December 15, 2017 at 9am- in person meeting (Carson City) and video/teleconference as needed.

Friday, December 29, 2017 at 1pm- phone and video conference (**tentative** depending on the outcome of Friday, December 15 meeting)

Public Comment: None

Adjourned: at 2:29pm by Co-chair Judge Walker, moved and approved by all commission members.