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**Nevada State Juvenile Justice Oversight Commission
Youth Committee Meeting 12/1/17**

Meeting Minutes

Call to Order: Co-Chair John Munoz called the meeting to order at 9:03am.

Roll Call:

Via Phone: John Munoz, Jaqueline Pierrott

Absent: Justice Nancy Saitta, Senator Becky Harris, John Lambrose, Allen Penaluna, Elba Gonzales, Christian Paz, Haydyn Williams-Thom, Katherine Hickman

Staff Present: Sarah Bellows, Leslie Bittleston

There was not a quorum for this meeting so no action was taken.

Public Comment: none

Update from Committee Co-Chairs

Co-Chair Munoz began this first meeting by outlining the purpose of this committee, which is to give feedback on policies and procedures regarding AB 472, from the youth's viewpoint.

Currently, this committee is struggling to get youth members engaged and using their voices to alter the direction of the juvenile justice system. Co-Chair Munoz has had multiple discussions with other members about how to engage youth and to keep them interested in shaping the juvenile justice system of the future.

Chief Bittleston shared that all committee members must be appointed by the Governor. There were six youth appointed to the Commission, but only two have attending meetings. There are two members that are resigning due to unforeseen circumstances: Haydyn Williams-Thom and Christian Paz. Sarah Bellows helped prepare their letters of resignation, and once the letters are signed, they will be mailed to the Governor's office, making the resignation official and opening the door for other youth to fulfill the opportunity.

Ms. Pierrott provided a couple of suggestions for new youth members and will reach out to the Governor's Office with these suggestions.

Co-Chair Munoz reached out to the Youth Parole Chief to inquire about potential parolees joining the committee. Chief Kingera expressed his concern with the overlap of duties for parolees and the potential pressure the youth currently on parole may face. Co-Chair Munoz suggested reaching out to potential interested youth via criminal justice specific courses.

New Business

Co-Chair Munoz would like to set up facility tours for youth to educate them on the ins and outs of the juvenile justice system. This context will help youth understand and visualize the system when it is spoken about in a larger group setting. This group will work together to obtain a list of facilities, along with contact names and numbers, in efforts to get tours set up as soon as possible.

Next Steps: The next meeting will be held via teleconference in early January, with a date and time TBD

Public Comment: none

Adjourned: 9:33am