

Nevada Juvenile Justice Oversight Commission
Committee Report
01/08/2018

Committee: Youth Subcommittee

Committee Co-chairs: Justice Nancy Saitta and John Munoz, Deputy Administrator for Juvenile Services

Present: Mayra Rodriguez, Keirra Bracken, Katie Hickman, Jackie Pierrott, Joey Orduna Hastings, Judge Egan Walker

Guests Present:

Staff Present: Leslie Bittleston, Sarah Bellows

Date of meetings held since last Commission Meeting: 8 January 2018, 1:00 pm

Date of next meeting: *Doodle poll will be sent out*

Action Items Completed: None

Action Items In-progress/Pending: None

Announcements:

- Youth Membership: There are currently four youth members who are present and dedicated. The JJOC and the youth committee need two additional members, preferably with system involvement. Active recruitment is underway.
- Youth Stipend: Discussed how to interaction with youth and keep them involved. Judge Walker stated that the only reimbursement that JJOC members can receive is for travel, so there cannot be compensation for their time. There was an idea to provide gas cards to youth as that relates to travel.
- Youth Committee Meet and Greet: Youth engagement is difficult, so the group discussed ways for the youth to get to know each other, the JJOC co-chairs, other members of the JJOC, and DCFS through an informal get together. This could be a lunch or a dinner. There were several ideas presented for this. The four current youth members are up north, so the first interaction of this type will be in the north.
- Youth and JJ System Interaction: Mr. Munoz presented a list of various types of entities to include youth detention facilities, youth correctional facilities, youth probation staff, and youth parole staff that the youth committee can visit. This will allow the youth to become aware of the system. The biggest issue is funds for traveling.

- DCFS staff provided an overview of funds available to the JJOC. The funds available will not be enough to cover youth travel. Need to look at other funding mechanisms.

Recommendations for the Commission:

- This committee would like to recommend that Youth members be involved in other committees as well. Ideally, this will be beneficial in not only informing the other Youth members about discussions in other committees, but will also help the group develop further understanding to the steps being taken throughout each committee, each month. The Youth's opinion and knowledge of topics behind the scenes could bring forth positive change and/or spark conversation within the youth committee itself, to begin enacting and implementing change.

Questions for the Commission:

- Need to inquire about money for travel.

Other Notes: None