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**Nevada State Juvenile Justice Oversight Commission  
and the  
Advisory Committee of the Nevada Oversight Commission  
March 9, 2018**

**Meeting Minutes**

**Introductions.** Co-Chair Joey Hastings called the meeting to order at 1:00 PM.

**Roll Call:** Judge Walker – present, Joey Hastings – present, Brigit Duffy – present, Darin Imlay – present, Eve Hanan – not present, Frank Cervantes – present, Gianna Verness – not present, Jack Martin – not present, Jackie Pierrott – present, Jo Lee Wickes – present, John Lambros – not present, Katherine Hickman – present, Kelly Wooldridge – present, Kyra Bracken – present, Dr. Lisa Morris Hibbler – not present, Justice Nancy Saitta – not present, Myra Rodriguez Gallindo – present, Patrick Schreiber – not present, Paula Smith – present, Pauline Salla-Smith – not present, Rebecca Graham – present, Ricardo Villalobos – not present, Scott Shick – present, Captain Shawn Andersen – not present, Assemblyman James Ohrenschall – present, Assemblyman James Oscarson – present, Judge William Voy – present, Judge Thomas Stockard - present

**Public Comment and Discussion**

None.

**Updates from Committees**

- **Data Performance and Measurement Committee.** Brigit Duffy referred to the Data and Performance Measure Committee report located in the meeting packet. The last meeting was held on March 8, 2018. The definition was decided by the four members in attendance. We wanted to have a general or big ‘R’ definition and a little ‘R’ of how to look at that definition.

*The definition of recidivism proposed is ‘A child’s relapse into a justice system after intervention of the Juvenile Justice System’.*

*Recidivism data must be maintained and shared as appropriate and authorized, pursuant to statute, on every child who has contact with a juvenile justice agency.*

- *Data must be measured for every child three (3) years after initial citation, arrest, adjudication, commitment or placement into an out of home facility, or placement under probation or parole supervision.*
- *That data is to determine if, after contact with or an intervention by a juvenile justice agency, the child is again:*
  - *Arrested or referred;*
  - *Adjudicated;*
  - *Committed or placed out of home;*
  - *In violation of probation or parole supervision; or*
  - *Convicted by an adult court.*
- *The data collected should be analyzed, to the best of the agency's ability, based on information related to, or provided by:*
  - *The initial risk level of the child;*
  - *By each facility used as an out of home placement or commitment; including, but not limited to, licensed foster homes, residential treatment facilities, youth camps, correctional placements and family resources;*
  - *By each service provider;*
  - *Probation and parole services; and*
  - *Demographics including, but not limited to, race, age at time of condition, county and zip code.*

**MOTION:** Judge Egan Walker moved to adopt the definition of recidivism and its proposed small 'r' legislative language with an amendment at paragraph 3, to include the sex of the minor child.

**SECOND:** Rebecca Graham.

**DISCUSSION:** Questions from Assemblyman Ohrenschall and Darin Imlay were answered by Ms. Duffy. Scott Shick asked who participated from the counties in coming to the conclusion of this definition. There was lengthy discussion about who participated and the process of coming to the definition. Mr. Shick would like to see the definition vetted by the Nevada Association of Juvenile Justice Administrators prior to finalizing; however, there was a motion on the floor and a vote was taken.

Let the record reflect that Frank Cervantes, Dr. Joe Haas, and Judge Voy have joined the meeting.

The Chair requested a vote by role call.

**VOTE:** Judge Walker AYE  
 Joey Hastings AYE  
 Brigid Duffy AYE  
 Darin Imlay AYE

Frank Cervantes AYE  
Jackie Pierrot AYE  
Katherine Hickman AYE  
Kelly Wooldridge AYE  
Kyra Bracken AYE  
Myra Rodriguez Gallindo AYE  
Paula Smith AYE  
Scott Shick, AYE  
Rebecca Graham AYE

Co-Chair Hastings announced that with that vote, unanimously, the definition of recidivism, the big R and the little r has been approved by the Commission. She thanked Ms. Duffy and the members of the subcommittee for all their hard work, and thanks to everyone for their feedback during discussion this meeting.

- **Risk Assessment Committee.** Darin Imlay announced that the work this committee was required to do has been done to this point, so they have not had any meetings. Kelly Wooldridge gave an update on the contract with MHS. Unfortunately, there was some back and forth with our Attorney General's office and MHS' attorneys, so we are not going to make the April BOE with that contract. We will make the May BOE. Judge Walker asked if that will delay that component of the reporting to the Governor. Ms. Wooldridge does not think it will delay our ability to report to the Governor.
- **State Advisory Group Planning Committee.** Leslie Bittleston reported that this committee met yesterday, and they discussed the fact that the Formula Grant solicitation was finally released on the February 16, 2018. The Office of Juvenile Justice Delinquency Prevention originally stated the solicitation would be released by the end of December. Due to this late release, OJJDP has pushed back due dates for the compliance report and the grant application. The compliance report is due to the feds on April 2, 2018 and the solicitation is due to the feds on March 18, 2018. They discussed the process of the subcommittee reviewing the grants and the Formula Grant application. It will be done prior to the submittal. They are on track to meet the deadline currently.

There was a brief break to handle technical issues.

Joe-Lee Wickes joined the meeting in Carson City. Everyone on the phone identified themselves: Pauline Salla-Smith, Eric Smith with the 3<sup>rd</sup> Judicial District, Heather Plager with the 4<sup>th</sup> Judicial District.

- **Youth Committee.** John Munoz reported that there are four youth members that are present and dedicated. This past week the Governor's office appointed Emanuel Torres with the Youth Committee as our fifth youth representative. We have Morillia Villareal as our sixth youth representative. Once this happens the committee will be fully staffed. This morning they had a tour of the Carson City Detention Center. There are youth at this meeting to give their perspectives of their experiences.

**Youth Speakers – Correctional Experience with State Juvenile Corrections.** The youth introduced themselves, what facility they were at (including Caliente Youth Center, Nevada Youth Training Center, Summit View Youth Center), and told about their experiences including what they liked and disliked. Four youth reported in Carson City and three reported in Clark County.

Things the youth liked included the schooling, online classes, sports, job development, the ability to understand themselves better and make changes, staff, counseling,

They did not like some of the harsh treatment, not enough staff at night at Caliente to keep youth protected from running away, the PT program, short and infrequent phone calls to family at Caliente, a lot of sitting around time, sometimes it took a long time to talk to a mental health counselor, it took a long time for some grievances to be addressed, the ladies at Caliente were not given enough time to shower.

The youth were mostly positive about their experiences with the judges, social workers, counselors, attorneys, probation officers, and parole officers.

The youth were thanked for attending and Judge Walker gave a call-out to DCFS and its staff. He heard the children say that a lot of things are going right. He thanked Mr. Munoz and Ms. Bittleston for coordinating the youth getting here.

### **Youth Committee’s CaseloadPro Review from Today’s Demonstration at Murphy Bernadini Facility**

Mr. Munoz reported that they had a tour of the Carson City Detention Center this morning. The youth commented that they enjoyed the tour and felt that CaseloadPro looked like a good, well-organized system.

There was a question about CaseloadPro being implemented in Washoe County. Ms. Wooldridge said she would follow-up on that. Judge Voy said Clark County is about two or three weeks out of implementation.

Mr. Munoz said they also talked about comparing apples to apples with the counties, to address the same fields throughout the state. We are excited that we will all be on the same system.

Judge Walker asked Mr. Shick, Mr. Cervantes, and Mr. Martin and others through NAJJA to vet exactly what Mr. Munoz is talking about, sort of a de-facto committee to make sure everyone is comparing apples to apples. Mr. Cervantes said this was brought up at their last meeting. Judge Voy said there are some initial conversations about exploring this with the Nevada Department of Prisons.

### **Potential CaseloadPro Expansion – Director Dzurenda, NDOC**

Steven Swelbeck, Chief of IT in the Nevada Department of Corrections (DOC) and Dwayne Diehl, Offender Management Administrator in the Nevada Department of Corrections gave the update on the Director’s behalf.

The Director expressed his interest in looking at the options of something that would be compatible with DOC to bring online. They have the Nevada Offender Tracking Systems (NOTS) which is their base software they do all their modules in. They have another system they use for all their calculations. It is a two-part system that must communicate.

They partner with P&P and exchange data to them. Their OTIS system is the probation tracking. They would like a system that does ‘cradle to grave’, the whole case tracking. They also track recidivism. Programming is also important. They can partner with P&P and juvenile, the whole community, and get the information they need and prevent mistakes from being made, they are open to talk to all groups.

Judge Walker noted that he, Judge Voy, and Ms. Duffy have wanted a ‘cradle to grave’ system for a long time. They want to be able to track the youth into the DOC system to figure out what is missing and what we did not do. He recommended DOC reaching out to Ms. Bannister as a resource to see the capabilities of CaseloadPro.

Ms. Wooldridge said DCFS is happy to help with any programming for DOC’s juvenile offenders.

Is there any talk of opening a youth offender prison? Mr. Diehl is not aware of any talk going on about this.

Co-Chair Hastings asked that this agenda item be on the next agenda.

#### **Update on Evidence Based Resource Center – Leslie Bittleston**

National Center of Juvenile Justice (NCJJ) has been awarded the contract. There is a workplan in the meeting packet provided by NCJJ which is their plan to have the resource center open by July 9, 2018. They are also going to do a communication plan and a survey.

- **Ongoing Funding**

In AB472 there were start-up funds for this resource center. There were not funds after June 30, 2018. They have looked for sustainable funding and found a grant called the State Justice Statistics Program for Statistical Analysis Centers. Every state has one and ours is at UNLV. We are going to apply for this grant in partnership with two other agencies. The purpose of the grant will be to support work around recidivism.

#### **Review Draft Work Plans – DCFS Staff**

Ms. Bittleston reported Alexis Tucey who was responsible for project management has moved onto another state agency. Those duties will be taken over by Katie Brubaker. She was introduced to the committee and will be updating the work plans. Ms. Wooldridge asked Sarah Bellows to give everyone Ms. Brubaker’s email address and phone number.

There was not a quorum at this point.

#### **Strategic Plan Committee and Strategic Plan Facilitators Update**

Co-Chair Hastings noted the importance of responding to OnStrategy particularly the doodle poll about setting up a half-day session.

- **Erica Olsen, Lorna Shepard, and Kimberly Vincent from OnStrategy**

Lorna Shepard described the meetings they will schedule. She reviewed the JJOC Strategic Plan Outline that was in the meeting packet. She reported what they will focus on.

Judge Voy invited Scott Shick to join the Strategic Plan Committee and the half-day session to help move the process of the Strategic Plan along.

Ms. Shepard said they are trying to get a strategic plan outline to the chairs of the committees next week. They will closely follow DCFS' definition of the evidence-based practices.

### **New Business**

Ms. Hastings announced that the bylaws of the Commission have been drafted and they will be brought back to the next meeting.

### **Next Steps – Co-Chairs**

- **Review timeline for Completion of Specific Task**
- **Set Date and Time for Next Meeting.** The next meeting will be held April 13, 2018 at 1:00 PM.

### **Public Comment and Discussion**

Holly Welborne, Policy Director for the ACLU of Nevada let this Commission know that they are studying more in depth the issue of youth housed at Lovelock. They are collecting data on youth being housed at adult facilities. If any of her data would be helpful, she is happy to share it. Judge Walker requested that he and Judge Voy be placed on her email list for her reports on her visit to Lovelock. Judge Stockard as well.

**Adjourn.** Co-Chair Hastings adjourned the meeting at approximately 3:30 PM after motion and second to adjourn were made.