

Nevada Juvenile Justice Oversight Commission
Committee Report
January 11, 2018

Committee: Strategic Plan Committee

Committee Co-chairs: Judge William Voy, Frank Cervantes, Dr. Lisa Morris Hibbler

Committee Members: Eve Hanan, James Ohrenschall

Staff Present: Leslie Bittleston, Sarah Bellows

Guest: Shanell Johnson, CSG

Date of meetings held since last Commission Meeting: January 11, 2018, 10:00 am

Date of next meeting: Doodle Poll to determine

Action Items Completed:

The Committee agreed on the following criteria for the use of evidence based programs and services in counties.

- Evidence Based Programs and Services utilized by the counties and funded by any federal grant or pass through money from the State, such as the Community Corrections Partnership Block Grant, must follow the guidelines as presented in Assembly Bill 472.
 - (a) In Fiscal Year 2019-2020, 25 percent.
 - (b) In Fiscal Year 2020-2021, 50 percent.
 - (c) In Fiscal Year 2021-2022, 75 percent.
 - (d) In Fiscal Year 2022-2023 and each subsequent fiscal year, 100 percent.
- Counties have the leeway of using their own general funds on non-evidence based programs and services needed such as parent groups, juvenile sex offender treatment, and other community based services which may not be specifically aimed for juveniles.
 - Just because a program isn't evidenced based does mean it isn't valuable and necessary – especially when no other programs are available.
- The group looked at criteria from other states on how to assess whether programs are evidence based and will pursue additional information from Florida and Washington.

Action Items In-progress/Pending:

Statutory Deadline is July 1, 2018

- Shanell from CSG will provide a contact/representative in both Florida and Washington to Frank Cervantes. Mr. Cervantes will gather information about their state's criteria such as if it is adult and/or juvenile based and how it works. This information will be provided at the next Committee meeting.
- The Strategic Plan shall be an outline of Assembly Bill 472, with goals and objectives imbedded within.
 - Case Planning will consist of standards of case planning – some things that need to be in the Plan, but the group will not select a template or model.

Announcements:

- None

Recommendations for the Commission:

- Clarify to counties what programs and services must be evidence based, based on AB 472 – the criteria being any federal grant money or pass through money from the state.

Questions for the Commission:

- Discuss the following language in AB 472 Section 15: “Before the disposition of a case involving a child who is adjudicated delinquent...shall conduct a validated risk assessment and validated mental health screening on the child”.
 - Is this only formal adjudication hearings. What about informal or diversion tactics that go before the court?
 - Questions for discussion: Does every youth need the mental health screening? The YLS may or may not trigger that screening? Do only detention youth need the mental health screening.