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Roll Call:

(Members)

Elizabeth Florez - Chair
Jennifer Fraser
Sharon Anderson
Perla Vega
Marla McDade Williams

Absent:

Brigid Duffy
Dylan K. Tedford

Staff Members:

Jessica Villalobos
Cindy Casselman

Public:

Matt Clapham
Michael Watson
Brooke Maylath
Dominique Carter
Jay Cafferata

TRANSCRIPT

Agenda Item 1. Welcome, Call to Order and Roll Call

Elizabeth Florez: Alright. With that, we'll go ahead, and I'll call the meeting to order. This is Liz Florez for the record. It's July 25th, 1:04 p.m. With that, I'll ask Ms. Villalobos to take roll.

[Roll Call. We Have Quorum]

Elizabeth Florez: Okay. For clarification, Jessica, Mike Whelihan and Pauline Salla, I do not believe, are voting members of this committee. However, they are regular guests. They are of the Committee, Commissioner Salla doesn't sit on this Committee, but she often participates, I just wanted that clarified. Mr. Whelihan from Clark County often participates but is not a voting member. Perhaps for the next meeting, we can have perhaps a roster of that would just help with role and clarification on exactly what a quorum is. Thank you for that.

Jessica Villalobos: Okay.

Elizabeth Florez: We also we also have Brooke Maylath. Hello.

Brooke Maylath: Hello.

Elizabeth Florez: Hi. Yes.

Brooke Maylath: Just watching.

Elizabeth Florez: Oh, okay. Just a member from the public. I just wanted to get for our records. Thank you very much. Okay. Thank you for taking roll. We have a quorum. We will move on to public comment and discussion. Actions may not be taken on any matter brought up under this agenda item until scheduled on an agenda for later meeting. To provide public comment telephonically, dial 1-775-321-6111. When prompted to provide the conference ID, enter 913-428-042#. If providing public comment during this meeting, unmute your microphone prior to speaking. Persons making comments will be asked to begin by stating their name for the record and to spell their last name. Do we have any public comment at this time? Okay. Let the record reflect there was no public comment. Moving on to Item #4, for possible action, review and approval of the June 27th, 2024, Meeting Minutes. The Minutes have been posted in time for everyone to review. At this time, are there any comments related to the Minutes or any corrections to be noted? Okay. Seeing none. I'll seek a motion for approval of the minutes.

Sharon Anderson: This is Sharon Anderson. I move to approve the minutes.

Elizabeth Florez: Thank you.

Jennifer Fraser: This is Jennifer Fraser. I'll move to second it.

Elizabeth Florez: Wonderful. Thank you. All those in favor of approving the minutes, say aye.

Sharon Anderson: Aye.

Elizabeth Florez: Aye.

Matthew Clapham: Aye.

Elizabeth Florez: Are there any opposed? Are there any abstentions? Okay. Seeing none. The motion carries. Thank you. Agenda Item #5 is, review and discuss Strategic Plan working ideas, attachment #5 and attachment #6. I will give everybody a moment time to pull up Item #5, which is the Strategic Planning working ideas document. I wanted to express thanks to Ms. Villalobos for helping me edit this form to make it more digestible and legible. The previous version had columns on different pages, and she was able to organize that for me. So, thank you. I'll start this discussion by reminding the group that our previous Juvenile Justice Program's Office Representative, Leslie Bittleston had created this document to give a very quick snapshot as to where we were with the Strategic Plan that was created by the JJOC for 2019 through 2023. Now we're in charge with updating the Strategic Plan going forward, and I feel like we're getting closer. There really have been some significant delays as a result of the JJOC not meeting regularly and COVID had an impact on that. Related to Goal #1 option, this is what Ms. Bittleston had put together, as it's optional, it doesn't exist currently in the Strategic Plan. But these were ideas that she had brought forward for potential review and discussion. I had an opportunity to look at these more closely to hopefully spark conversation and to provide updates to the group. Related to the first box on the left, NRS 62H.170, effective record sealing, identification of when sealed records should be included in data sharing and for research purposes. In reviewing that statute, and I know we had over the course of time in this group, we've had conversations related to the statute and some of the challenges associated with aligning the legal change associated with sealing and expungement of records along with the State's hope to collate data from all of the Counties in a meaningful way to really understand the trajectory of a child through our system from beginning to end. We have and because some Counties are still facing various challenges in working with their courts to seal records, to expunge records, and our systems don't talk to each other very well sometimes, there has just been some challenges associated with this. I did want to say sorry; I'm looking at my notes here. In my review of that statute, which I'm going to pull up here; bear with me; what it states is that for purposes of sealing a record, there's all sorts of requirements associated with record sealing. What it says in the statute is that only the Juvenile Court, and please, people correct me if I'm wrong, I'm going by what the plain languages of 62H.170 what it states is that the Juvenile Court may open up sealed records for inspection under certain circumstances, one of which is to perform bonafide outcome and recidivism studies, bonafide research to improve the delivery of Juvenile Justice Services, and there's other criteria, but the way I interpret this statute is that only the court has the authority to open sealed records. This is separate from expungement. I'll talk about that in just a moment. But I don't know if we've ever had full conversation about, from a State Administrative level, having, coordinating a communication with the District Courts to arrive at an agreement of some sort related to achieving this goal as contemplated in the statute. As a County, one thing I can do within my County is potentially seek an administrative order from my Judicial Leadership to say, with your administrative order, if these conditions are met, can we establish a system by which we can make a request that you, that the court unseal the record for purposes of us complying with 62H.170. That's one avenue that I can think of. That's a County working directly with their court administrators. This is important. This is a goal. This is something that we've been talking about for a long time. As part of the Strategic Planning Group, what I would like is for us to come up with some recommendation to the larger body to move forward, whatever

is the best effort to achieve this. I know Ms. Fraser weighed in on this before. I'm opening this piece of the conversation for opinion or guidance from this group, if anybody has an opinion. Because what I intend to do would be to incorporate some ideas into my report to the larger body and the larger body the goal would be that they could then, all our experts on the larger body would then provide support or ideas on how to accomplish this piece of work. If there's no objection to that, I'm going to plan to put this in my report. Okay. I'm not hearing anything.

The next item on, underneath that box is 62B.215, 623.215, Conditions and Limitations of Room Confinement. I'm also, at the same time, going to speak about two boxes down, which is Use of Force, Use of Restraints. As an update to this group, those both are areas that are being reviewed by the State Advisory Group, the SAG, Subcommittee of the Juvenile Justice Oversight Commission. That group is working in conjunction with the Nevada Association of Juvenile Justice Administrators, with the actual reporters of this Data. I'm part of those groups, and we are updating the templates. We had a recent meeting where we want to coordinate more directly with Ms. Casselman in her new role. We used to work with Ms. Bittleston on these, but we would like to bring in Ms. Casselman, so that we can coordinate the effort with the State. My point of this is with my report to the JJOC, I intend to report all the work that's being done across multiple groups related to the Use of Force and the conditions of confinement. That work is being done in other areas, and I will report that to the JJOC. If anybody has anything they would like to add on these or incorporation, you can let me know. Okay. What we're attempting to do across all these groups, now that we're meeting more regularly in the JJOC, is to understand which groups are doing what works so that we're avoiding duplication. Ms. Fraser, I see your hand is raised.

Jennifer Fraser: I just was looking up NRS 63.215, and I don't think that's the accurate statute number. I'm trying to find. Is this like the Room Confinement for State Facilities statute?

Elizabeth Florez: Perhaps, yes. I went from what had previously been reported by Leslie. If that's incorrect, we'll have to change it.

Jennifer Fraser: Yeah.

Jennifer Fraser: Oh, you know what? I think it's 63.505.

Elizabeth Florez: Okay. Ms. Villalobos, can you make note of that, please? Thank you very much, Ms. Fraser.

Jennifer Fraser: Yeah, of course.

Elizabeth Florez: For checking that. I appreciate it. Okay. If there's nothing further on that, I'll move down to the next box, which is to add Community Corrections Partnership Block Grant, Disbursement Calculation Data requirements and uses of funds. This one was interesting. For update for those who were not around at the time. The Community Corrections Partnership Block Grant are what are considered State funds that are provided to the Counties. The purpose or the qualification for counties to receive this grant is to provide Evidence-Based resources to deliver Evidence-Based resources to youths in our various Jurisdictions, and it's a prevention grant. It's for hopes of reducing the number of youths who are placed into State Correctional Facilities. With having said, a lot of work had been done in 2020, 2021. I think it started in 2019, where there were multiple public hearings associated with codifying the NRS requirements that took place in 2017, codifying them into NAC to provide very specific directions to all the Counties on how to report appropriately a lot of information. What

had happened was there were multiple public hearings, and ultimately, what I just recently, we never heard back about whether they were adopted after all these public hearings, and if they were we know that they were not codified in the NAC, so there's no reference. If it were adopted, there's no reference to it in the NAC. These are the very measures that we're supposed to be reporting to the State. I had worked with, I went through lots of old notes that we had, and because there has been some turnover at the State, the people who have historical memory and participation in these public hearings, a lot of them are gone and inaccessible. I worked with our Washoe County Community, our Government Affairs Liaison, who is very familiar with the Legislature, and she practically lives there. She was able to find for me all the Minutes from the meetings that took place. What she discovered is that all the NAC proposals, after all the public hearings related to the Community Corrections Partnership Block Grant, and all the reporting requirements associated with it were adopted by the legislature. However, they were never codified, and there was no follow up to the Counties related to if they were going to implement these changes to our reporting requirements. What I am going to seek a little bit of guidance from perhaps Ms. Anderson or somebody else from the State related to it. We need clarification on the latest reporting requirements that were adopted in those hearings back in 20 - I believe it was 2022. I can share the information I have with whomever you direct me to and what the statuses of the codification of those NACs, because if it's true what I learned, Counties are reporting on incorrect Data Elements. Ms. Anderson, perhaps you can help me with how we should proceed with this. Oh, I think you're muted.

Sharon Anderson: Apologies. What I would say is, send a request to me, and then I will elicit the support of our DAGs at the minimum and see where that takes me, and I can get back to you the answers to your questions. Send it to me, and then I will report out at our next meeting or maybe before. Well, no, it would have to be at the next meeting.

Elizabeth Florez: Yeah. Thank you very much for that. That was a discovery for me. I appreciate that, because in previous meetings, it had been reported by the Juvenile Justice Program's Office that we were still waiting to hear from the LCB about, when they were going to, what the next steps were. What I hadn't heard was that they had officially been adopted by the legislature and approved. That was a new piece of information for me. I appreciate you looking into that for us.

Sharon Anderson: Absolutely.

Elizabeth Florez: Thank you. Then in that Goal #1 column, the very last box says, add death in custody into NRS. In chapter 432, which is the child dependency, child welfare chapter of NRS, there is language about reporting of death in custody, but to Ms. Bittleston point in this report, there's not similar language in Chapter 62. However, in other meetings, and because we run a Juvenile Detention Center here in Washoe County, we do report that. It's a report that goes to the Department of Public Safety through the Department of Public Safety to the department, the Federal Department of Justice. Every Detention Center is required by federal law and the State follows up with it to report these numbers. I am personally, if anybody has any opinion on this recommendation to put this into statute, I would certainly be willing to hear it. Our efforts are really to ensure that we're not duplicating a lot of work and that we're investing our efforts and things that are meaningful, especially if we're requesting bill drafts for changes. LCB also asks this information. We do report that. I'm opening this up for discussion if anybody has any comment on that. Okay. We'll move on to goal #2, proven programs.

This is related to the Community Corrections Partnership Block Grant, which we discussed in the previous slide. This whole column talks about the Evidence-Based Resource Center that was established under Chapter 62. It is established under; finding my notes here; 62B.635. And under 62B.635, It is listed what the purpose is of an Evidence-Based Resource Center. It's supposed to be a clearinghouse of information. And the State, after 2017, entered into an agreement with the NCJFCJ, which is the National Council of Juvenile Family Court Judges, to operate this website, and it's called the Juvenile Justice Innovation Center. However, what has been reported routinely from the State Program's Office is that the funding that has been allocated is not enough for the Innovation Center to really comply or comport with all the elements required under the law. At the last meeting, Ms. McDade Williams recommended that we bring this matter forward to the JJOC. The recommendation was that I make a formal request to the State to put together or to coordinate with NCJFCJ to provide an updated report to the JJOC related to what they're currently providing, what they are unable to provide and get a status update that way. When the NCJFCJ provided us a presentation to the JJOC back in October of 2023, they had indicated that in early 2024, they would be rolling out a new quality assurance tool. It would also be imperative to get an update on how that tool is being utilized for quality assurance. I at this point, I changed tactics along the way. What I intend to do is include this in my report to the JJOC, the larger body. I'll also make a request of the State to coordinate that appearance before the larger body. This is something that has long been a conversation. And because, again, the JJOC had not been meeting regularly, we're finally getting this to the top of the list. Are there any comments on this one? Okay.

We'll move on to Goal #3, system collaboration, data sharing. It's been identified that recidivism continues to there's not a lot of agreement on what recidivism is. However, there has been work done and, I think, the previous Data Committee that is now up and running again and there's a Data Dictionary where a lot of work had taken place as well. The work related to. If, at this point, I could ask Ms. Fraser to give us an update. I know at the last meeting we talked about this as well, but I don't know if since that last meeting, there has been another Data Subcommittee meeting that referenced any of these items.

Jennifer Fraser: I believe it was canceled.

Elizabeth Florez: Okay.

Jennifer Fraser: Yeah. I don't remember any. Yeah, I think it was canceled.

Elizabeth Florez: Okay. In my report to the JJOC, I'll just indicate that this is an area that likely we would recommend continue the next Strategic Plan. Data will always be something that's critical to the work we do. I don't think too many people would disagree that we need to continue to make data sharing a goal. There is work that is happening with the Office of Analytics with DCFS, who now has an analyst that is providing support to Juvenile Justice. For the first time in a very long time, I feel progress, that we're making progress in at least the data sharing piece of it. The piece about what are we sharing and what data should we be collecting, there's further work in that area. Are there any comments on this goal? Okay.

We'll move on to Goal #4, stakeholder education. This one says that we need to ensure that all stakeholders within the system are educated on confidentiality, information sharing restrictions, shareable data, understanding effective working relationships between stakeholders, and it includes courts and juvenile services. The next box talks about jails, prisons, detention facilities and education on the Juvenile Justice Delinquency Prevention Act. The second box I'll focus on first. This is one that I know the Program's Office has

shared that they've had continued, because some of it is related to resources, because there are so many adult jails and facilities across the State, and there is such turnover in these areas that maintaining a level of as soon as one facility perhaps has good understanding of what the rules are, new people come in and it really puts the onus on the Program's Office to continue to ensure that all the right people are aware of all the rules associated with the housing of youth in adult facilities. I know Ms. Casselman has done a lot of work in this area. What I don't know though is the State ultimately the State Program's Office is the arm that is the enforcer of the OJJDP regulations. I have some ideas about what we can do to move this item forward, but really, I would need to understand what the State's Office would need for us to support them in achieving this goal. Is this something that you would like to see in a Strategic Plan going forward or is it something that lives elsewhere based on the overarching State Advisory Group or OJJDP commitment that the State of Nevada has made to the Feds.

Sharon Anderson: This is Sharon Anderson for the record. What I would say is, my understanding is that there has been work already done in the education piece that there have been informational sheets and cards and whatnot, when they're doing what is it. It's not checkup, but when they go and review the facilities, that they are bringing this information with them to the facilities to educate them. I believe that has been addressed for the facilities. Right?

Elizabeth Florez: Okay. Well, that's great news.

Sharon Anderson: Yeah.

Elizabeth Florez: Okay.

Sharon Anderson: I think Cindy Casselman is trying to say something, but I don't know if she has a good connection.

Elizabeth Florez: Okay.

Cindy Casselman: Can you hear me better now?

Sharon Anderson: Yes.

Elizabeth Florez: Yes, much better. Thank you.

Cindy Casselman: Okay. Sorry. I apologize. I'm out of town, and I'm working with limited reception at the moment. Yes, the Program's Office does provide education when we go do our compliance visits to all the adult jails and lockups and prisons, we provide them with literature. My plan is for our office to develop a more comprehensive educational program for the compliance portion of it to help facilities better understand, and then also the other stakeholders involved as well. We try to include the Juvenile Probation Departments when we go do those compliance visits in their area so that they are aware as well too. We're working on developing a more comprehensive education program for those individuals.

Elizabeth Florez: Thank you so much. This is Liz Florez for the record. Thank you so much, Ms. Casselman, for that report. For the larger body, my question would be, do we feel like this needs to stay as on our Strategic Plan going forward? The State is required, and Ms. Anderson or Ms. Casselman can correct me if I'm wrong.

The State is required to do this. I mean, it's if there's a level of noncompliance, my understanding is that we would be out of compliance with the federal regulations and there would be consequences, financial consequences associated with that. I'm not sure if it fits in a JJOC Strategic Plan, but I could be completely off base here, so I'm looking for any guidance. Ms. Fraser.

Jennifer Fraser: Hi, Jennifer, for the record. I agree, like, I think, I don't want it to fall off the radar of the JJOC. I think it's an important issue. Maybe if we could find a home for it and I'm trying to think if it is something we discuss in SAG, it's kind of all blending.

Elizabeth Florez: Yeah.

Jennifer Fraser: But I don't know, however, I agree like I'm not necessarily certain that like ensuring compliance with federal law, which we should be doing anyway, should be a name plan. Right? Yeah, I agree, I just want to make sure we're not completely deleting it from our interest.

Elizabeth Florez: Thank you for that comment.

Matthew Clapham: This is Matt Clapham for the record. I kind of agree with Ms. Fraser as well. Is it something that, I mean, it's confidentiality and all of that is, a) it's professional, b) it's required. Is that something that it doesn't need to be on the Strategic Plan, but it's something that, Cindy can always bring back to us and say, "Yes, this is what we're doing that way." Kind of like what Ms. Fraser was saying is, it's not falling off, but it's not something that we have to like to pursue. We all know it's professional to do that. It's the right thing. There are consequences. Every department is preaching it. I kind of agree. I don't think it necessarily needs to be something that is on the Strategic Plan, personally.

Elizabeth Florez: This is Liz for the record. Thank you very much for that feedback as well. Because it is a requirement under the OJJDP and that's what the State Advisory Group monitors. I think that would be the best place for it, then they would push up their information to the larger JJOC. I will make that recommendation as well. I'm happy to hear any other opinions related to that. Wonderful. I do want to go back. I missed something on Goal #3 related to system collaboration and data sharing. I'm trying to read my notes here. It's back to Goal #2, proven programs. I had failed to note, that's where I talked about the Evidence-Based Resource Center and the NCJFCJ, and we're going to be seeking more information from them. What I failed to comment under that goal is about the last box, it says, review and identify a different quality assurance assessment tool to meet the requirements of NRS 62B.620. The CPC is proprietary and requires funding to maintain a pool of trained assessors. Again, just for a reminder that under the statute, a quality assurance tool had to be adopted by the Juvenile Justice Oversight Commission for review of State facilities, as well as the two camps which are Spring Mountain Youth Camp in Clark County and China Spring Youth Camp in Douglas County. It did not apply under the Law to Detention Centers. The tool that the JJOC adopted years ago was called the CPC and I cannot remember what it stands for, but it is a proprietary tool. Ms. Bittleston in the past talked about the challenges associated with it. I'm going to include in my report that I would like another ask of the State is to give us just an update on the functioning of that tool for the State facilities as well as for the camps soliciting feedback from the camps. I know in a separate conversation that was something that we had talked about before and Ms. Anderson, I see you've raised your hand.

Sharon Anderson: Yeah, this is Sharon Anderson for the record. I did want to share that the State is working on a strategy to be able to maintain that CPC tool and continue to have those audits completed. The CPC is a Correctional Program Checklist for those who don't know. We are working on a strategy to be able to maintain that, because we do have folks who have been trained in it and have the ability to. We're working on a strategy to be able to maintain that.

Elizabeth Florez: Thank you for that. Just because our Juvenile Justice Group Communicates frequently in various types of meetings, the information I've received from both camps, from administrators from both camps is that they would like an opportunity to discuss how that tool is functioning for them, both Spring Mountain and China Spring. I understand in the past, Ms. Anderson has said that there could perhaps be greater education associated to support the camp in the utilization of this tool. I also think that because it's been so many years and because the JJOC is now meeting more regularly and bolstering its membership, that it would be appropriate to also get a report that reflects not only what the results are of CPC for these various placements, but also what is the opinion of what has their experience been with the tool. I will be putting that in my report as well. I can make a formal ask of that separately. Again, that was one that I'll do separately to Ms. Anderson and Ms. McDade Williams. I apologize that I had not mentioned that earlier. Are there comments on that before I move to Goal #5? Okay.

System gaps. This is one that Ms. Bittleston had indicated where she had attempted to capture were in Juvenile Justice, we're experiencing system gaps. She indicated Status Offender Data, which is out of State runaways, lacking runaway or adolescent shelters, abuse neglect shelters are being inappropriate, specialized foster care, Juvenile Sex Offender treatment programs. Then she lists competency, which is a whole other which that deserves like a whole workshop day associated with competency and all the challenges we're facing related to that across the State. This is where I'm really leaning upon members of this group to weigh in on this goal. I used to be of the belief that a lot of us, in the profession of human helping, need to stay in our lanes, because our resources are such that when we have creep outside of our lanes, it can become overwhelming and we're not subject matter experts. When I talk about that, I talk about Social Services, Human Services Agencies, Child Dependency. Juvenile Justice has a lane. Mental Health has a lane. But increasingly, I found that through my work, we find ourselves collaborating to a greater extent, because we're in an effort just to bridge where we need to bridge and lean upon each other to ultimately help the youth that we're sharing in many cases. However, I also am not sure what to do with this proposal. I know in Washoe County what we're doing to address some of the resource issues that we're facing in our County, and we work with the State on those issues. We're working with our county partners on these issues. From a JJOC standpoint, I'm just not sure what to do with this goal. I don't know what effect JJOC can have on this. I guess I'm just seeking any input or opinion on this one. I'll make one more statement before I open it up. In the State of Nevada, for any of us who've been here a while, we know that we almost have like three Nevada's. We've got Clark County. We've got Washoe County, it's mid-sized, and then we have the rural, which even amongst the rural, they have such distinctions with their resources and their judiciary and things like that, that even they all don't share a common experience. When I see something that's broad like this, I get stuck, but that's probably because of the work I'm in. I'm hoping to see if anybody has an opinion about 1) whether this should be a goal or - and 2) if it should be what would we be seeking here.

Matthew Clapham: Matt Clapham for the record. I also feel the same. I'm going to try to just speak kind of my quick thoughts, I guess. I do feel the same that Juvenile Justice, I like the idea of us staying in our lane. I believe this is just as an example, but sometimes, we go out of our lane and then we're like, "Well, let's let the mental

health care professionals make the decision”, and or, the Foster Care like this one says that stuff. I like the idea. I don't mind putting it in there. I just don't know. Based on kind of what you're saying, I don't know how we put it in there, but I like the idea of us really specializing in what we do because that's what we're good at and that's what we know. Then if we do need to bridge it, then at some point we can reach out to that. But I do struggle kind of, I guess, what I'm seeing is trying to like to bring in specialized Foster Care issues or Social Service issues when this is a Juvenile Justice, a Committee, I guess, you could say. I like kind of how you said, just, I guess, to summarize it, let's try to stay in our lane, and it's okay to bridge the gap, but how much do we bring them into the Juvenile Justice Oversight. That would be, I guess, my recommendation or just my immediate thought as I was listening to you talk. I don't know if that's clear at all.

Elizabeth Florez: Well, no, I appreciate the comment. Thank you. I see that Ms. Maylath has her hand up.

Brooke Maylath: Thank you. I understand what you're saying, Mr. Clapham, but I suggest your lane needs to be wider. Then we look at the representation of LGBTQ kids that are caught in the Juvenile Justice System, especially LGBTQ kids of color that are wrapped up in the Juvenile Justice System, they are often sent there because of an awful lot of implicit bias from those in the system, whether it's the schools or police, or the other law enforcement agencies, courts, etcetera. Since the 2017 session when AB99 was passed, there has been a mandate for Juvenile Justice to be able to embrace, you know, cultural competency training by staff. This is seven years ago, and it has yet to be done in a meaningful way.

Elizabeth Florez: Okay.

Brooke Maylath: You are not going to be successful on your other points if you are not able to understand what it is in those behaviors of being marginalized, of not being heard, not being listened to in a way that is meaningful within the systems. I'm going to say primarily the schools. How does that affect how they're being judged and tossed into the Juvenile Justice System? Then once they're there, what are you trying to be able to make them obey to and comply with in order for them to graduate from the program and come out and have a meaningful life? These are the types of things that we need to be able to build awareness on. If we just stay within the justice narrowness without looking at what everyone's internal biases are in dealing with people that are different than us and different than the heteronormative manner, different than the gender diverse manner, different than color barriers, we're not going to be successful in Juvenile Justice. I suggest that this is a point that needs to be much deeper explored and brought forth into this Strategic Plan. Otherwise, you're compromising your success in all the other points, and I'll let it go with that.

Elizabeth Florez: Thank you very much. This is Liz Florez for the record. I very much appreciate that feedback. I will, just for clarification, purposes, indicate that the cultural competency training was adopted in the NAC and the State was given nine months from that period of time to adopt the regulation and provide that training. That has happened. Many Juvenile Justice providers are enrolled - have either already become compliant with that or in the process of becoming compliant with taking a course that was established by the University of Nevada, Reno's CASAT program. It's an Evidence-Based program that was formulated by the University across multiple disciplines. That is happening, and I'm happy to report that we are and it's a robust, excellent program. That part I just wanted to clarify that. Your points are well taken related to Juvenile Justice's obligation, responsibility, moral obligation to ensure that all youth that we serve are provided excellent service regardless of the challenges or however it is that's presented to us, all kids should be equal in our eyes and provided the best service we have tailored to their unique needs, and that goes across all groups. I absolutely

endorse that. My overarching question is related to and because that is a statute, because that is a regulation, that will be monitored by the State. That specific one instance that you brought up, there is a regulation that if departments and Juvenile Justice professionals are not in compliance with that statute, there's accountability through the State related to that. That my overarching question is seeking, and we can continue to work on this and bring it to the larger JJOC. How is it that we capture that in a Strategic Plan in a broad sense? I appreciate those points and those will be considered and entered my report. Does anybody else have anything? Oh, Ms. Fraser, I see your hand is up.

Jennifer Fraser: Yeah, Jennifer for the record. I guess I need to think about, like you said, how we can present it to the JJOC or have it more broadly to apply to all the different Jurisdictions within our State. I understand the comments about like staying in our lane or focusing more on the probation or our delinquency system. But also like I see when I'm looking at like the Status Offender, specialized Foster Care, and competency, like just those three in our County and Clark County, that's all like, all three of those issues are gaps and problems and those are keeping kids in detention that shouldn't otherwise be in detention. We have more kids in detention now than ever because of the runaway issue. The specialized Foster Care is a huge issue with kids staying in forever, waiting for a placement that just isn't there, and with incompetent kids sometimes waiting in detention for placements, because we don't know what to do with those kids. I don't think it's something that we should not discuss. I know like our County might not have the same issues. I don't know how to phrase that or how to word that to make it, I don't know, even though, like specialized foster care might not be a delinquency issue, it still is affecting, because we don't have it. It's absolutely affecting us. That's my concern.

Elizabeth Florez: Absolutely. Thank you for that. All these points are well taken. Absolutely. Liz Florez for the record. What I will attempt to do in my report is capture all these sentiments and lean upon the larger body perhaps to assist us in this conversation. Another thing is that I know that there are so many other groups that are doing work. I know that there are Governor appointed groups. I know that there are Legislative groups. Perhaps an exercise is to see, where some of this work is already being done. Like I said, in Washoe County, we overlap on all of these. On all these areas, we overlap with our community partners and with County agencies in our community, we're doing this. An example of this is, in Washoe County, we have limited resources for Mental Health. We then went to the County, and we now have a clinical unit within our Juvenile Justice System. I'm not in any way stating that we do stay in our lane. I'm saying that, I mean, we haven't, we have a project, one docket where we have one court where for our children who are on the dependency side and on the delinquency side, we all go to court together and we go before one judge. When I say, perhaps I use the wrong term, staying in our lane, we do collaborate in Washoe County. What I couldn't speak to is what's happening across the State and how to incorporate that very broad goal. I very much am hearing all these comments and appreciate it. I will work on this. I'll put it in the report. We may need more minds to come together to guide us on this goal. I echo Ms. Fraser's sentiment about the gaps. My Detention Center has children who are here, unfortunately, for delay, because there is not the group home, the group home doesn't exist for them. We must look at other options and things of that nature, so. Are there any other comments on Goal #5? Great discussion. Ms. Anderson.

Sharon Anderson: Yeah. This is Sharon Anderson for the record. This looks like it is really referencing, being able to collect data to be able to develop what the picture really looks like and the connections that Ms. Fraser mentioned, it would be the data in all those elements would help to paint the picture of what's really going on. That might have been what the purpose was, is what it looks like, because these look like Data Elements to me,

even though a couple of them don't say that, looks like that might be a good place to start, is to figure out what the data points would look like for those areas.

Elizabeth Florez: Ms. Anderson, that's a great point, because to identify the need, we need to do exactly what you're suggesting. I believe in some of this. We do report on Status Offenders. That's a state report that's required for all reporting Jurisdictions. I believe in some of the reports, we do report youths who are involved in the Child Welfare System. Same with we have sexual behavior report. Again, the challenge goes back to our first goal associated with all these things and with Goal #3 about what is the data we're to be collecting and how do we share it and how can it be reviewed, what can we do to ensure that it's being reviewed and analyzed and then reported back on. You're right, it does cross over into those others. Thank you for that feedback. Okay. Goal option #6, obtaining data from courts and jails. This is one that also crosses over to the OJJDP requirements. I had spoken previously about the State dedicating resources to expand Office of Analytics work to Juvenile Justice. I have shared that we're already seeing the fruits of that relationship and that expansion. My hope is that through further collaboration and expansion of that effort, we can work towards these goals. I think they're important. When we talk about recidivism and when we talk about following a youth from beginning to end of the system, it's been a tremendous barrier to find out what happens as they age out of our system. There are regulations associated with the sharing of that information and there's not. I know in other States, they've been able to successfully bridge the youths and adult systems. My hope is that in our continued conversations with the State's resources, that we might be able to continue this conversation and work towards this goal. I see this as remaining as a critical piece of our plan, but I'm opening this up to any feedback. Okay. That was a lot. Gosh, we've been in here an hour, and we just got through the sixth option here. I'm one person as the Chair of this Committee, but it's important that I hear from other experts across the State, from our community, related to these things, so that our next Strategic Plan is really reflective of, is really a meaningful plan that guides Juvenile Justice professionals and advocates across the State going forward. This has been very helpful to me in developing a report that I can bring to the larger body with recommendations about where we should be focusing our efforts going forward into the next plan. That next plan, again, by statute or by code, I can't remember, which, must be approved by the Legislature. That's the goal of this conversation. Mr. Clapham, did you have your hand up?

Matthew Clapham: I did. Matt Clapham for the record. I didn't know where to bring this up. It was probably under Goal #3, and I apologize. As I came onto the JJOC, one of the things that I have kind of struggled with over the years of being a Probation Officer and in the system is when we look at the data, like, how accurate is it? I like #3, it says, under the third box down, it says, creating a protocol to ensure uniform data collection across the State, but also ensuring like that it's accurate. I guess the reason I say that is because I know in our department, I'm in Lyon County, rural County, but a lot of the information that I'll collect, a lot of even the people don't want to even answer those questions, and I can't force them to do it. I often wonder like when we come to the larger meeting and we get certain data, I wonder, how accurate is it? Because I know probably half the people that I deal with don't want to answer either half the questions I'm asking, or they'll pick and choose some of this stuff. I don't know where we would put it, but I just wanted to make sure as we move forward, is there a way that we could get accurate data? Because I can't force somebody to tell me their financial status. They don't want to tell me their financial status or their gender or even their family composition, like it may be embarrassing that I live with an adoptive parent or something. I'm just wondering, I just want to see, how do we do that? Is that something that we're doing? Is everybody having that issue or is that just something that as a County, we need to like to say, "No, you need to do this?" I mean, am I way off base there or is that standard across all Counties?

Elizabeth Florez: This is Liz Florez for the record. That's an excellent point. I'll go back to why I'm enthusiastic about our recent work with the Office of Analytics and with the analyst that has been assigned to DCFS, because these folks are experts in Data Collection and Analysis, which as Juvenile Justice professionals, I don't bring that to the table, and I don't have a lot of resources within my agency to bring that to the table, and that not to speak on behalf of a lot of the other chiefs and deputies, they tend to report the same as me. What's important is that when we're developing the questions that we hope to make consistent across the State, that there are options to reflect when somebody has elected not to answer a question. That when the Data is reported, it states that 40% of the respondents who elected to ask, answer this question stated this. That it's very clear when somebody is interpreting the data, what we're looking at. It's almost like surveys. I can't remember the latest research on surveys, but you're lucky if you can get 40% of the people to respond to a survey. But when they give the survey results, they must tell you that of the respondents who answered, which was only 40% of those who were given the option to participate, this is what the responses were. You're right. Especially with the population that we deal with, who are vulnerable, who are scared, who are not working with us, because they want to work with us necessarily. We must be very sensitive.

Matthew Clapham: They don't trust us, you know.

Elizabeth Florez: Right.

Matthew Clapham: They don't want to give us information.

Elizabeth Florez: Right. Alongside that question is our obligation to develop trust with all our clients. That's something that we take, you know, very, very seriously. But you're right. That all just needs to be reflected appropriately. I agree with you 100%. That's why I've learned a lot in working with the State analyst on this, because when I pose these questions to her, she reflects to me, well, this is how your account for that.

Matthew Clapham: Okay.

Elizabeth Florez: My hope is that this will be the continued work that we do to get to accurate reporting.

Matthew Clapham: Thank you.

Elizabeth Florez: Is there anything further on that? I appreciate those comments. Okay. I'll move on to Attachment #6. This was really included so that everybody could have reference. It's called the JJOC Strategic Plan Review Document. Am I looking at the right one? This was another document that had been provided by Ms. Bittleston in the past just to give an update on the various goals within the Strategic Plan. It was from this document that she created the previous document that we went over. This is just included for your reference. I don't intend to go through this whole document. It's what really helped me focus on the elements that I brought forward to you earlier. But if anybody has any questions or wanted to discuss this document specifically, I'll open it up at this time for that. Okay. With that, I'll close Item #5. Moving on to confirming our next meeting, date, and time, if I could ask Ms. Villalobos to send another doodle poll, that would be very helpful. Thank you. I think I had said last time that we would try to have a standing meeting, but we'll work on it next time.

Jessica Villalobos: Yes, I will.

Elizabeth Florez: Thank you very much. Moving on, we will move on to Public Comment and discussion. Action may not be taken on any matter brought up under this agenda item until scheduled on an agenda for a later meeting. The same rules apply related to providing public comment telephonically, dial 775-321-6111. When prompted to provide the conference ID, enter this number. If providing public comment during this meeting, unmute your microphone prior to speaking. Persons making comments will be asked to begin by stating their name for the record and to spell their last name. With that, do we have any public comment currently? Thank you, Brooke, for that comment. We appreciate that very much. I'm not seeing anything here. Okay. Any further public comment or discussion. With that, we will adjourn the meeting. I express my greatest thanks to all of you for participating today. We'll see you on the next one. Take care.

Meeting Adjourned at 2:08 pm.