



**SAN JOAQUIN COUNTY
JUVENILE JUSTICE/DELINQUENCY PREVENTION
COMMISSION**

**Minutes
November 18, 2019**

Commissioners Present: Gary Gershon, Linda Silverman, Matthew Balzarini, Gretchen Newby, Gilbert Montes

Commissioners Absent: Keiland Henderson

Agencies Present: Judge Barrera (Court), Chief James, ACPO Jackson, ADCPO Gonzales, ADCPO Blevins (Probation), Doug Silva (SJCOE).

1. Meeting Called to Order at 3:00pm
2. Pledge of Allegiance
3. Roll Call
4. Approval and/or corrections to the agenda
 - a. Gershon motioned to approve the agenda, Newby seconded, all in favor; motion approved
5. Consent Items for Consideration
 - a. Newby motioned to accept the items, Gershon seconded, all in favor; motion approved
 - i. Approval of Regular Meeting Minutes: September 9, 2019
 - ii. Resignation of John Bayley
 - iii. Other Correspondence - None
6. Public Comment - None
7. Presentations:
 - a. Lindsey Clark, Family Engagement Specialist with SJCOE
 - i. Presented on The Parent Project
8. Administrative Report
9. Staff Coordinator Report - Gonzales
 - a. Commissioner Vacancies – 6 (3 BOS, 1 Commission, 2 youth)

10. Juvenile Justice Commission Reports

- a. Juvenile Court – Judge Barrera
 - i. Business as usual, less violent cases appear to be coming through lately
- b. Chief's Report – Chief James
 - i. RFP for Youth Reinvestment Grant was released last week. The grant's purpose is to deflect youth from the Juvenile Justice System.
 - ii. Chief is facilitating a panel to create the plan for how to deal with youth under the age of 12.
 - iii. CPOC is sponsor an Elevate Justice Act to extend the Juvenile justice age for youth up to age 20.
- c. Health & Human Services – Gonzales for Pride-Polk
 - i. There are currently 1702 youth in care. Of that number, 235 are AB 12 youth.
 - ii. We currently have 18 Social Worker Vacancies (this includes the 9 new positions that was added this Fiscal Year) and continue to work on hiring and recruitment.
 - iii. Mike Miller retired at Human Services Agency Director in August of 2019. Chris Woods has been appointed as the new HSA Director effective September of 2019.
 - iv. Pride-Polk is currently the Interim Deputy Director for Children's Services Bureau (along with continuing my duties as Child Welfare Division Chief). There is currently an open recruitment through Human Resources to fill the position permanently based on the applicants.
 - v. November is considered National Adoption Month. We are scheduled to host Adoption Saturday on November 23rd. 22 children will be adopted on this date.
 - vi. San Joaquin County and other counties throughout the state continue to struggle with group homes and STRTPs closing, which impacts our ability to place youth with high needs. As of today, there are 2 STRTPS and 2 Group Homes left in San Joaquin County for a total of 70 beds. Compare this to January 1, 2017 when CCR started when there were 8 Group Homes and over 150 beds. Statewide, the number of available Group Home/STRTP beds has decreased by 50%.
- d. Mary Graham Children's Shelter – Gonzales for McCoy
 - i. 2 residents booked into JJC; they stole the club car/golf cart and proceeded to vandalize it as well as crash it (multiple times) into one of our vans. The club car has over \$1,500 in damage and the van is \$5,800 in damage. One of the residents has placement and will be leaving JJC next week for Wyoming. I do not have placement information for the other youth.
 - ii. We are making job offers to 12 individuals today for part-time Shelter Counselor positions.
 - iii. We have 2 Shelter Social worker vacancies.
 - iv. We have 1 Shelter Supervisor I vacancy.

- v. Our current count is 8 youth. Our county is doing well keeping our numbers low. I participated in a conference call with the other counties in California who have shelters and the following are their statistics: Sonoma 22, Imperial 5, Orange 89 and San Diego 68. There was no one on the call to represent LA County.
- e. Juvenile Detention – Gonzales
 - i. Population Stats 11/14/19:
 - 1. Juvenile Hall population –76
 - a. Total Female Youth – 5
 - b. Pregnant Female Youth – 0
 - c. Youth pending Adult Court - 1
 - d. Youth pending Transfer Hearing – 14
 - e. Dual Status Youth w/CPS lead - 6
 - f. Escapes for October 2019 – 0
 - g. Booking from MGCS in October 2019 – 0
 - 2. Camp population –20
 - a. Escapes for October 2019 – 0
 - 3. Grievances – October 2019: 45
 - ii. Fall Festival – The Programming Unit and the TCF has a Fall Festival planned for 11/22/19 for our youth showing positive behavior of the last month. Flag football, Thanksgiving meal and other fun activities are planned in the Gym.
 - iii. BSCC inspection is scheduled for 12/3 – 12/5/19.
- f. Probation Department – Blevins
 - i. Monthly Workload Statistic Snapshot — October 2019:
 - 1. Wards: 522
 - 2. 654/DEJ: 158
 - 3. Court Reports filed: 50
 - ii. Assessments: New citations were down to 9 in August, and only 2 releases from Juvenile hall on a promise to appear.
 - iii. Community Accountability and Prevention Services (CAPS):
 - iv. Discovery Challenge Academy (DCA): There are 137 cadets and 242 Post Residential youth. Our social worker is facilitating one Girls Empowerment Group.
 - v. Community Accountability Boards (CABS): 4 CAB Panels are up and running (Creekside, Heritage, Hong Kingston, and Millswood). Fremont Middle School is still trying to get a facilitator identified. Morada Middle School has also requested a CAB Panel.
 - vi. Crossroads: There are 64 youth in the program with 26 youth on the waiting list; all but one of those are Lodi High youth, but the school lacks private meeting areas. Each social worker already averages 3 Lodi High youth, and take on a new youth as one completes.
 - vii. County Supervision: Project Navigate Constructive Change (PNCC) youth went to Mule Creek State Prison in October.

- viii. Investigations: In October we assigned 22 dispo reports, 23 DEJ reports, 2 241.1 WIC reports, and no transfer reports.
- ix. Placement: Youth in placement: 19 in-state, 10 out-of-state, 2 Resource Families, 12 AB 12, 1 Family Visions, 11 JJC pending placement (2 to be transported this week), 1 home, 1 warrants, 4 youth on DJJ caseload.
- x. AB403: 3 youth in RFA homes (one home is in Solano Co.). Staff operated a booth at Family Day at the Park, Pumpkin Faire, and Micke Grove's Hallowild; 15 individuals expressed interest in becoming a resource family. We completed the 5th Quarter RFA T/A evaluation report, and our new RFA white Chevy Traverse has been delivered.
- xi. Probation Officers on Campus (POOC): 6 canine searches in October.
- xii. Project 654: We have 800 youth enrolled in the program. POIII Samaniego is transitioned into the unit. The third Truancy Sweep was held on 11/07/19.
- xiii. Reconnect: 9 youth in the program,
- xiv. Title IV-E: Still awaiting notification from the State for an audit date.
- xv. ICan: no report
- g. San Joaquin County Office of Education – Souza
 - i. One.Cruikshank is fully staffed, there is currently at the Camp there is 1 teacher and 1 long term substitute due to population
 - ii. 3 graduates are enrolled in Delta online course and getting A's! We have plans to enroll more graduates over the next month. The youth will need 2 hours a day to complete online college courses. The goal is that all graduates start an online course, Adult Management, then they enroll in additional classes from there. SB 716 takes effect in January requiring opportunities for college courses for graduates.
 - iii. Transition Plans began last week for every youth exiting from school at JJC. We are building a system to work with all the school districts to transition youth back to their district.

11. Juvenile Justice Commission Action Items

- a. Annual Inspection Report
 - i. Report reviewed – discussion
 - ii. Newby motioned to accept the report, Silverman seconded, all in favor; motion approved
 - iii. Balzarini will sign the report and Gonzales will forward to BSCC

12. Juvenile Justice Commission Information and Discussion Items

- a. O.H. Close Juvenile Justice Facility – Newby
 - i. The question pending is if the JJDPC should or can, inspect state juvenile justice facilities in their counties. Newby has reached out to DJJ as we are only 1 of 3 counties where a DJJ is still open. At this time, DJJ Administration does not believe JJDPC has inspection authority but are willing to allow JJDPC to tour. Newby is arranging a tour of DJJ for the

commission. Henderson, Montes, Gershon and Newby plan to attend.
Date TBD.

- b. Replacement Vice Chairperson for John Bayley
 - i. One last meeting for the remainder of the year, Montes nominated and in agreed.

13. Delinquency Prevention Commission Action Items - None

14. Delinquency Prevention Commission Information and Discussion Items - None

15. Committee Reports

- a. Youth Commissioner Recruitment Committee – Montes (chair)
 - i. Presented at Delta to two classes, will schedule more
- b. Stockton USD Community Advisory Group - Gershon (representative)
 - i. Last meeting was cancelled. Gershon was optimistic initially, remains hopefully but is disappointed so far. Next meeting is this week. Group is supposed to meet 4 times a year. Gershon will continue to report out.

16. Nominating Committee for 2020 Chairperson – Balzarini

- a. Balzarini is leaving the commission, today is his last meeting
- b. Newby and Silverman will be subcommittee
 - i. Montes is nominated for vice-chair
 - ii. Gershon is nominated for chairperson

17. Commissioner/Chairperson Reports

- a. Commissioners Report
 - i. Gershon recognizes the work of Chief James
- b. Chairperson Report – Balzarini
 - i. Congratulations to Chief James on her retirement and the work of her legacy.
 - ii. Balzarini thanked the commission for their time and service.
 - iii. The commissioners all recognized Balzarini's work this year as chair and wished him well.

18. Calendar

- a. Scheduled Regular Meetings:
 - i. December 9, 2019

19. Adjournment of Regular Meeting at 4:16pm

- a. Newby motioned to adjourn, Silverman seconded, all in favor; motion passed