Minutes of the Monday September 14, 2015 Meeting

Detention Administration
535 W. Mathews Road
French Camp, California 95231

Commissioners Present: Antonio Amador, John Bayley, Gary Gershon, Gretchen Newby, Linda Silverman, Paul Wagner, Daniel Castillo, Douglas Srwowitz and Alejandra Roque

County Department Representatives Present: Probation Chief Stephanie James, Susan Guzman (Juvenile Detention), Mark Elliott (Juvenile Probation), Freda Soria (Mary Graham Children’s Shelter), Akkia Pride-Polk (Human Services Agency), and Pam Nap (Counselor from Linden High School)

I. Meeting called to order at 3:07 PM by Chairperson Bayley.

A. Welcome to Members of the Community/Announcements

B. Roll Call

C. Pledge of Allegiance

D. Approval of Order of Agenda – Approved unanimously with no changes.

E. Introductions

II. Public Comments

III. Presentation on Evidence Based Practices.

Chief James conducted a power point presentation on Implementing Evidence-Based Policies and Practices in Community Corrections.

IV. Administrative Matters

A. Approval of Public Minutes – Minutes from 8/10/15 and special meeting minutes on 8/13/15 approved.

B. Treasurer’s Report – Chairperson Bayley reported the bank account balance remains at $675.49.

C. Staff-Coordinator – Susan Guzman reported there are 4 Commission vacancies, 4 nominated by the Superior Court, including 2 youth positions; Commissioner Candidate Harris is awaiting appointment and requires the oath, appointment letter, and personnel packet. Harris has asked the commission for a medical leave of absence. The Commission may grant members of the Commission a leave of absence for a specific period of time with a majority vote, however, Candidate Harris
is not yet a Commission member. New Commission applicant Roslyn Watkins cleared the background process and her application has been submitted to the Juvenile Court Judge.

II. Department Reports, Presentation, and Discussion:

A. Juvenile Court – Judge Coughlin not present.

B. Chief’s Report – Chief James reported that San Joaquin County Probation Department 1st Annual Report will be distributed this month. The report provides a lot of information and highlights the operations and successes the department has accomplished. A special thanks to the departments new Research and Evaluations Unit for doing such a great job on the report Chief James is very proud of them. Chief James also indicated that if the commission has any suggestions, comments or constructive criticism to please let her know. Chief James also reported that The Probation Department has been selected as one of five County Departments that will be participating in the Google Government Innovation Lab Program, applying its inventive thinking to the public sector. It is an opportunity for the department to “think outside of the box,” “start with a clean canvas,” and have “moonshot thinking.”

C. Human Services Agency – Akkia Pride-Polk reported there were 1823 children in care - including legal guardianship. Of those open cases, 577 were in Permanent Placement/Treatment/Group Homes and 192 were AB12 extended foster care youth. HSA is in the process of expanding 4 divisions. Toshia Dunham was hired as a new Division Chief. They will be hiring 2 new supervisors, 1 for the AB 12 Unit and another for the TDM (Team Decision Meetings). HSA currently has 13 Social Worker vacancies. HSA is also participating in the Google Government Innovation Lab Program.

D. Mary Graham Children’s Shelter – Freda Soria reported that the current Mary Graham Children’s Shelter population is 27 and another 9 youth that are runaways.

E. Juvenile Detention – Susan Guzman reported that on September 14, 2015, there were 96 youth in Juvenile Hall and 22 youth in Camp Peterson. Of the 96 youth in Juvenile Hall, 17 were girls – none of which were pregnant, and 30 were direct files. Of the direct file youth, 13 had been previously detained in juvenile hall and 3 of those had a prior Camp commitment. For the month of August 2015, there were 0 escapes from Juvenile Hall or Camp Peterson.

F. Probation Department – Mark Elliott provided the following report:

- From August 4, 2015 thru August 31, 2015, our Juvenile Probation Admin screening committee has recommended the following on 12 total cases: Camp- 3 cases, JJC long term commitments- 3 cases, Pre-wrap 2 cases, CITA- 1 case Placement- 3 cases and DJJ- 0 youth to return.

- CITA court update - The CITA court, (Court for Individualized Treatment of Adolescents) continues to process referrals. 12 referrals have been sent to Victor Services for review. 5 cases are pending a court date to possibly be accepted into the CITA Program.
• CAPS-Community Accountability and Prevention Services - We are in the process of starting up the CAB panels again. PUS Watt will be having a meeting in mid-September with SUSD to begin setting up the new panels at Fremont and Taylor schools.

• Crossroads Program – Since school is back in session social workers are getting much busier. Each social worker has about 15 on their caseloads. More schools are making referrals to the program.

III. Old Business

A. Positive Youth Justice Initiative Executive Steering Committee Report – Chief James indicated the department is working on the grant application for future funding. The DA’s office has indicated that they would like to partner with probation to hire a Navigator. A Navigator would work closely with diversion kids. Our Detention Library will also be opening soon we are just waiting for a camera to be installed. David Mohamid trained our staff on our new rewards sanctions matrix and we are working on implementing it very soon.

B. Ad Hoc Committee's Reports

1. Inspection: (Commissioner Castillo) He has a draft of the inspection, please review and provide feedback if necessary. Please e-mail Commissioner Castillo with any comments or concerns.

2. Community Outreach: (Commissioner Silverman) No report.

3. Education: (Commissioner Wagner) The field representative from BSCC will be at Detention on September 28th to train the Commissioners.

4. Delinquency Prevention: (Commissioner Newby) the commissioner discussed Sierra Health Foundation and the work they are doing regarding Adolescent Brain development and Trauma Informed Care and what happens to a youth’s brain development when exposed to trauma. Chief James indicated that she had some information on this topic and will e-mail it to the commission.

5. Group Home Inquires/Inspections: County Counsel Response - Commissioner Bayley discussed County Counsels response to the commission’s request to inspect Group Homes. He indicated that the county’s concern was the liability if the commission only did a few inspections of group homes and not all and the bylaws do not address inspections of group homes. He said that the bylaws need to be amended and approved for the commission to start inspecting group homes. Gil Gutierrez also stated that once the bylaws are changed the commission would need to develop a process to inspect group homes.

Research - Commissioner Bayley indicated that other commissions have instituted oversight of group homes within their jurisdiction. We have about 68 group homes in the county. Probation only uses Stockton Children’s home and HSA only uses about 10 group homes in the county.

How to Proceed- Commissioner Bayley suggested a two pronged approach to change the bylaws and to come up with a reasonable and fair inspection process. Commissioner Amador made a motion to form a committee to modify the bylaws and Commissioner Wagner seconded it. All of the commissioners
were in favor of forming a committee to change the bylaws. Commissioner Bayley indicated he would chair the committee and Commissioner Wagner indicated he would assist.

IV. New Business:
A. Research Projects from Special Meeting

1. Website Research - Commissioner Bayley stated that the commission has a web page on the county department web site. He indicated the page is outdated and ISD would be responsible to update it but there will be a cost. When the cost is leave it as is.

2. Budget - Commissioner Bayley indicated there is no budget for the commission.

3. Commissioner training by BSCC - Scheduled for September 28th

4. Annual Report – Commissioner Bayley indicated that he has reviewed past reports and will be presenting a draft format of what he thinks the report should look like.

5. Community Information Forum – This had to do with increasing community awareness of what the commission does.

6. Mental Health Provision – The commission will be discussing this at a later date.

V. Commission Members’ Suggestion and Comments - None.

VI. Recess to Closed Session - N/A

VIII. Adjournment - Meeting adjourned at 4:15 pm

The next monthly meeting of the Commission is scheduled for Monday, October 19th at 3:00 PM in the San Joaquin County Juvenile Justice Center Detention Conference Room, 535 W. Mathews Road, French Camp, CA.

Respectfully submitted,

Susan Guzman, Assistant Deputy Chief Probation Officer

October 15, 2015

Approved by,

[Signature]
Juvenile Justice Delinquency Prevention Commission Chairperson

Date: 10/19/2015