



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

Minutes of the November 9, 2015 Meeting

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

Commissioners Present: John Bayley, Daniel Castillo, Gary Gershon, Gretchen Newby, Alejandra Roque, Linda Silverman, Douglas Srulowitz, Paul Wagner, Roslyn Watkins

Commissioners Absent: Antonio Amador, John Harris*, (*Concedita*)

County Department Representatives Present: Judge Michael Coughlin (Superior Court), Chief Stephanie L. James (Probation), Duane Blevins (Juvenile Detention), Mark Elliott (Juvenile Probation), Akkia Pride-Polk (Human Services Agency)

- I. Meeting called to order at 3:05 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 - None
- III. Swearing in on New Commissioner - None
- IV. Administrative Matters
 - A. Approval of Public Meeting Minutes for 10/19/15 – Unanimous, without changes.
 - B. Treasurer's Report – Chairperson Bayley reported a balance of \$675.49
 - C. Staff Coordinator: Duane Blevins reported the following:
 1. 3 Commissioner vacancies, all nominated by Superior Court: Candidate Harris awaiting appointment and 2 youth positions
 3. Paperwork Required: Commissioner Candidate Harris - Oath, Appointment Letter, & Personnel Packet
 - D. Correspondence
 1. United Way correspondence received
- V. Department Reports, Presentations, and Discussion
 - A. Juvenile Court – Judge Coughlin reported the CITA mental health court for juveniles is working well. Commissioner Srulowitz asked if there were any changes to restitution statutes regarding Deferred Entry of Judgement, and Judge Coughlin indicated no changes at this time.
 - B. Chief's Report – Chief James had no report. The PYJI report will be given later in the meeting.
 - C. Human Services Agency – Akkia Pride-Polk reported for the month of October 2015, there were 1863 children in care. Of those open cases, 576 were long-term foster care programs and 187 were AB12 extended foster care youth. In preparation for AB403, group homes are restructuring rates. More home-based placements are being encouraged. The County plan is due by 12/01/15. It is expected that finding group homes for children with behavioral

problems will become increasingly difficult. There was a lengthy discussion on group home levels and rates.

- D. Mary Graham Children's Shelter – None.
- E. Juvenile Detention – Duane Blevins reported that on November 9, 2015, there were 100 youth in Juvenile Hall and 21 youth in Camp Peterson. Of the 100 youth in Juvenile Hall, 10 were girls – none of which were pregnant. 32 detained youth were direct files, and of those 18 had a prior juvenile hall booking and 3 had previously been committed to Camp Peterson. For the month of October 2015, there were 0 escapes from Juvenile Hall or Camp Peterson.
- F. Probation Department – Chief James, reporting for Mark Elliott, provided the following:
 - From October 13, 2015 thru November 5, 2015, our Juvenile Probation Admin screening committee has recommended the following on 14 total cases: Camp-2 cases, JJC long term commitments- 6 cases, Pre-wrap 2 cases, CITA 3 cases, Placement- 1 cases, and DJJ- 0 youth.
 - CITA court update:
The CITA court staff continue to process multiple referrals. 8 youth have been court ordered to the CITA court program. Probation staff has completed CITA court presentations for both the District Attorney's and the Public Defender's staff. CITA court will be in session beginning in mid-November 2015.
 - CAPS- Community Accountability and Prevention Services:
CABs: Community Accountability Based School Program: We currently have 5- CAB panels up and running. Creekside, Beckman, and Millswood in Lodi Unified. Hong-Kingston in Stockton Unified and Lathrop Elementary in Manteca Unified. Taylor and Fremont elementary schools in Stockton Unified will start their panels in January 2016.
Crossroads: Each social worker has about 20 youth on their case load. We currently have one pending candidate in background for our fourth social worker position. Our Social Workers are putting together a program to offer a parent support group beginning in January 2016.
 - TRU HOPE YOUTH SUMMIT-presented by the United Way of SJCO: On Monday October 26, 2015, there was a youth summit at the Stockton Arena from 9am to 2pm presented by the United Way of San Joaquin County. The goal of the Summit is to revive the hope in our youth focusing on practical and motivational strategies to stay safe and focused as they navigate their ever-changing environments on their journey to greatness. Probation was able to send youth from our Juvenile Reconnect program, Juvenile Camp, and our PYJI program. Our youth and staff reviews were positive.

VI. Old Business

- A. Positive Youth Justice Initiative Executive Steering Committee Report – Chief James reported Sierra Health Foundation and their technical assistance provider site visit on 10/22/15 went well. We are awaiting notification if we have been awarded funding for next year. The next Executive Steering Committee meeting will be held tomorrow at 3:30 PM. The juvenile hall library, the Book Nook, will have a grand opening in December.
- B. Ad Hoc Committee Reports
 - 1. Inspection: (Commissioner Castillo) The Major Concerns and Recommendations from the Juvenile Hall and Camp Peterson inspection were passed around to the Commission. The food quality was of particular concern. Chief James will provide a written response within 60 days of receipt of the report. All local law enforcement lock-up

inspections are completed, and the reports are pending. Commissioner Castillo shared the local lock-up inspection for the UOP Police as a template.

2. Community Outreach: (Commissioner Silverman) No report.
3. Education: (Commissioner Wagner) Chairperson Bayley spoke about a Council of Juvenile Correctional Administrators Tool Kit to Reduce the Use of Isolation he received from BSCC, and he requested Probation report out at the next meeting on how they are reducing isolation of youth in detention.
4. Delinquency Prevention: (Commissioner Newby) Mary Magdalene has started the program "My Brother's Keeper" at UOP. The program was discussed and along with the possibility of the JJDPCC co-sponsoring a community event for families on keeping youth safe. Commissioner Newby will take the lead on this project.
5. Mental Health Provisions at Juvenile Hall: The Commission is in the process of learning what services are available to youth in detention, and Chief James shared safety room usage data.
6. By-Laws Updates: Revisions to authorize the Commission to inspect group homes were submitted to the Commissioners for review and modification. Chairperson Bayley will continue to review, and Commissioners Gershon and Watkins volunteered to assist.

VII. New Business

- A. Appointment of Nominating Committee – Commissioners Gershon, Silverman and Wagner volunteered to assist.
 - B. Chairperson Bayley will be on vacation in January.
- VI. Recess to Closed Session - N/A
- VIII. Adjournment - Meeting adjourned at 4:29 PM.

The next monthly meeting of the Commission is scheduled for Monday, 12/14/15 at 3:00 PM in the San Joaquin County Juvenile Justice Center Detention Conference Room, 535 W. Mathews Road, French Camp, CA.

Respectfully submitted,
Duane M. Blevins, Assistant Deputy Chief Probation Officer

December 14, 2015

Approved by,



Juvenile Justice Delinquency Prevention Commission Chairperson

Date: 12-14-2015