

**Santa Barbara County Superior Court
County of Santa Barbara**

**JUVENILE JUSTICE DELIQUENCY PREVENTION
COMMISSION**



Meeting Minutes

Thursday, January 12, 2017

9:30 a.m. – 11:30 am

Buellton Sheriff's Station

Commissioners in Attendance:

Tom Parker, outgoing Chair
Dominick Palera, Chair
Roland Kelly' Vice Chair (north)
John Ledlie, Commissioner
Christy Morse, Commissioner
Donna Tanney. Commissioner

Commissioners Absent:

Rich Adam, Commissioner
Andrew Brown, Commissioner
Gabriela Ferreira. Commissioner
Frank Iarossi, Commissioner
Billi Jo Starr, Commissioner

- Meeting was called to order by Outgoing Chair Tom Parker.
- No visitors or public were present
- Chair Parker installed Dominick Palera as Chair and Rolland Kelly as Vice Chair-North for 2017.
- Tom Parker thanked the Commissioners for their support during his time on the Commission and tenure as Chair. Dominick thanked Tom for meeting with him to before the meeting to help in the transition and offering support in the future. Tom stepped down from the Commission as his term expired.
- Deputy Probation Chief Steve Delira briefed the Commission on the following;

Proposition 64

- Discussion regarding the new law, how the law changed misdemeanor and felony offenses to infractions and the penalties associated with these infractions. DCPO DeLira to provide the Criminal Penalties for Proposition 64 to the JJDPC Chair.
- Juvenile had 33 Prop64 cases. Of the 33, nine (27%) are Prop64 cases only and twenty-four (73%) have a Prop64 and other offense(s). We have provided a list of the potentially impacted youth to the DA's office and the Public Defender's Office. When charges are adjudicated, the client will be given a class and community service work at ARRC. There is no consequence if the youth does not follow through with attending class or community service work and Probation cannot charge the youth for attending class.

Racial and Ethnic Disparity (R.E.D.)

- Year two came to a successful conclusion. UCSB completed follow up work and submitted reports on Lompoc Unified School District and Santa Maria Joint Union High School. In addition UCSB completed their assessment on Behavior Wellness.
- Santa Barbara County Probation applied for and received 3rd year funding for the R.E.D. grant. Phase 3 is designed for community engagement. The purpose of this phase is to engage stakeholders (e.g., community, families, youth, law enforcement, judges, district attorneys, public defenders, youth/community serving agencies, commissions and juvenile justice councils) in the development of a comprehensive, county-specific, long-term R.E.D. reduction plan. Probation will contract with the W. Haywood Burns Institute to meet the community engagement piece and UCSB to assess the Department of Social Services and

complete follow up work with Behavior Wellness in terms of the recommendations submitted by UCSB.

Female Specific Programming Board of Supervisor presentation

- In October, Probation met with community stakeholders and community base organizations to discuss options for our girls and recommendation in terms of a girl's camp. There was no recommendation for a girl's camp and the group provided local options and services for our female youth.
- There were a total of 67 individuals that were placed into non-relative foster care during the last five fiscal years. A majority of female youth were between 14 and 17 years old at the time of disposition and 70% identified as Hispanic. The major DSM Diagnoses: Drugs & Alcohol most common diagnosis for boys and girls and the most serious charge has shifted over time with a decline in Property Offenses and an increase in Narcotic & Drug offenses.
- A continuum of services for girls which include in the community with terms and conditions of probation, a 7 day a week female specific program in the Juvenile Hall, a 90-day Juvenile Hall commitment program and a Girls Camp will be presented to the Board of Supervisors. At this point, there is no recommendation by probation however the numbers do not support a Girls Camp.

Continuum of Care Reform

- There is new legislation that requires Probation and the Department of Social Services to reduce the use of group homes and develop foster homes in our community. It is anticipated that in the years to come, group homes will not exist. There will be a challenge with recruiting foster parents and Probation will use local resources to aid in the rehabilitation of our youth.
- A call was made by Chair for nominations of Vice Chair –South and Secretary/Treasurer. No nominations were received and the matter was tabled for the meeting on February 9, 2017.
- Chair Palera presented the meeting date schedule for 2017 as February 9, March 9, April 13, May 11, June 8, July 13, August 10, September 14, October 12, November 9, December 14. The meeting location for all meeting would be held in the central cities area and a location would be provided before the next meeting. He also informed the Commission he would meet with Judge Garcia and Chief Probation Officer Rabago and report back to Commission of any direction or information. Commissioner Morse indicated she would be interested in attending the monthly county school meeting. Chair Palera was going to get her those dates. Commissioner Ledlie proposed that the Commission focus on 2-3 issues as goals for 2017. The idea was agreed to by Commissioners present and further discussion was recommended.
- The next meeting date set for February 9, 2017. Commissioner Tanney indicated she would be out of the country and would not be able to attend the next meeting.
- Meeting was adjourned.