

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



**JUVENILE JUSTICE DELINQUENCY PREVENTION
COMMISSION**

**Commission Meeting
Thursday, April 13, 2017
9:30 a.m. – 11:30 a.m.**

Chair Dominick Palera convened the Juvenile Justice Delinquency Prevention Commission (JJJPC) meeting.

Roll Call of the JJJPC Members

Present

Frank Iarossi
Roland Kelly
John Ledlie
Christy Morse
Dominick Palera
Donna Tanney

Absent

Rich Adam
Gabriela Ferreira
Billi Jo Starr

Approval of Minutes from March 9, 2017

A motion was made by Roland Kelly, seconded by John Ledlie and approved by those present to accept the March 9, 2017, meeting minutes as submitted.

Juvenile Truancy Presentation

- Deputy District Attorney (DA) Adam Howland provided a handout on the DA's juvenile truancy program and provided a review to the group.

Public Comment

- Steve DeLira thanked the JJJPC for their letter of support for the Racial and Ethnic Disparity (R.E.D.) Committee. Steve and Pete Flores are co-chairs of the R.E.D. Committee requesting an action from the JJJPC when the item was not on the agenda, met with Chief Taylor to discuss the use of Juvenile Justice Crime Prevention Act (JJCPA) funding. She was not in support of the request for funding. The Chief did outreach to County Counsel and they advise that the R.E.D. Committee could not state they had support from the JJJPC since the item was not on the agenda. As such the letter was not provided to the Juvenile Justice Coordinating Council (JJCC) workgroup; however Steve was able to advise that the Chair and members supported the request. Steve absolutely supports the Chief. The Probation Department is currently down two Deputy Chiefs and a Manager and has a variety of other Grants and obligations on their plate. Steve and Pete will continue to move forward with the work of the R.E.D. Committee even if the county doesn't apply for the grant in the fourth year. They have a plan to get a collaborative of community based organizations. Dominick indicated that he erred as the item requesting the JJJPC support of the funding request to the JJCC was not agendaized so it could not be voted on based on the Brown Act rules so it was a learning lesson.

Juvenile Probation Department – Probation Manager Wendy Stanley

- Since the last JJJPC meeting Deputy Chief Lee Bethel, Probation Manager Laurie Holbrook, and Supervising Probation Officer (SPO) James Steels have retired.
- Probation Manager Kristina Brumbaugh is now the director of the Santa Maria Juvenile Hall (SMJH) and Wendy is the Manager at Los Prietos Boys Camp (LPBC).
- The Budget Workshops will start on Monday, April 17th and the Probation Department will present on that day.
- The County Executive Office did fund four Juvenile Institutions Officers (JIOs) due to the enhanced supervision required by the Prison Rape Elimination Act (PREA).
- The Department is in the final planning stages to transition the Home Supervision program from the Institutions Division to the Juvenile Division.
- The Department budget reductions included the elimination of one SPO and with the retirement of Mr. Steels the Lompoc Unit has been absorbed by the Supervision SPOs in Santa Maria.

- Probation Manager Brian Swanson will be attending the May/June JJDC meeting and can provide more detailed information regarding the consolidation of the Lompoc Juvenile Unit and the Home Supervision program.
- LPBC received a grant to purchase new kitchen equipment which replaced 15 years old previously used equipment.
- On April 1st the Institutions Division transitioned medical services from Corizon to California Forensic Medical Group (CFMG). The medical staff transitioned over to CFMG so there has been a continuity of care with those providing medical services to the youth.
- Steve encouraged the JJDC when they do their inspection of the institutions to ask staff if they believe they have sufficient staffing for the facility. Prior to retiring he continued to request additional staffing but it was not supported by Chief Rabago or Chief Taylor.
- An enhancement to our case management system now captures violations of probation. This is now being utilized to gather data on youth regarding the nature of the violation and efforts made to address violations prior to being placed in custody.
- Staff are reviewing and editing the incentive and sanctions matrix to be utilized for youth on probation.
- We've finalized the stated purpose of detention and booking criteria that will be presented to the juvenile court judges and then to law enforcement to ensure everyone is on the same page as to those youth that are eligible for maximum detention.
- The juvenile hall assessment tool is under review for modifications to be aligned with proven evidence based assessment tools. Also, ensuring that it is in line with our updated purpose of detention and booking criteria.
- The Board of State and Community Corrections (BSCC) will be conducting a site audit on May 18th to review the R.E.D. fiscal and programmatic grant review.
- A question was asked if the males at the SMJH ever received hair conditioner. Wendy indicated she did not know and would need to follow up.
- The JJDC asked for a copy of the report that BSCC provides from the site visit.
- A question was asked regarding Laura's Law and if it had an effect on the mentally ill youth in the SMJH. Wendy did not have any specific knowledge regarding Laura's Law.

Chair Comments – Dominick Palera

- Chair Palera asked everyone to look at their calendars to select a date to attend a Juvenile court hearing in Santa Maria. Tuesday, May 2nd at 8AM was selected and the Chair will advise Judge Garcia to ensure it works with his schedule. It was requested to also set up a date to attend court in Santa Barbara and Chair Palera will look into it.
- Reviewed changes to the JJDC By-Laws. This item will be placed on the next meeting agenda for a vote.
- Working on getting the JJDC website back up and running. Commissioner Kelly proposed having the same format that was utilized in 2013 and to include the Commissioner names, By-Laws, Commission application, meeting dates, agenda, and approved meeting minutes. It was determined that items would be approved by the JJDC and forwarded to the web master for posting on the website.

Commission Reports/Comments

- Serenity House inspection is scheduled for May 18th waiting for confirmation. Changing Facing and Agape inspections will be done May 23rd, 24th, and 25th. Noah's Anchorage inspection is scheduled on June 13th at 9:30 am.

Closed Session

- No further information to report regarding the status of the Chief Probation Officer.

The May meeting will be canceled as several Commissioners will not be available. The next JJDC meeting will be held on June 8th.