

# JUVENILE JUSTICE DELINQUENCY PREVENTION COMMISSION

## Minutes of Commission Meeting

Thursday, May 25, 2023

Location: Santa Barbara Board of Supervisors—Conference Room  
105 East Anapamu Street, 4<sup>th</sup> Floor; Santa Barbara, CA 93101

### ATTENDANCE

#### Present

John Forhan  
Lynn Houston  
Barbara Kate Repa  
Donna Tanney

#### Absent

Gabriela Ferreira

**Also present:** Sam Leach, Deputy Chief Probation Officer-Facilities  
Rose Zamora, Juvenile Supervisor-Probation  
Andrew McGowan, Program Manager at CALM (Child Abuse Listening  
Mediation)  
Steve DeLira, Prospective Commission Member

The meeting was called to order at 10:03 a.m.

### Probation Office Report

Leach reported there were 33 individuals at the JJC—31 male, 2 female.

Zamora addressed concerns raised during last month's meeting about what happens with youth who are especially difficult to place or go into the system multiple times.

She explained the process: An initial investigation is performed to determine what level of probation is appropriate.

Major points:

- Family members are asked if there are any other family members available for support or respite—or perhaps a coach, neighbor or teacher who may be helpful.
- If a youth is on probation, a Child & Family Team (CFT) meeting is held to develop safety plans for the youth should there be issues in the home. The youth is allowed to select who to invite to CFT meetings. CFTS also occur during times of crisis and for all those with longterm commitments; youth who receive wrap-around services get weekly CFTs to monitor their process and progress.
- Another standard practice: a “family-finding” social worker who uses a database to find relatives. Child Welfare Services, Noah's Anchorage and STRTPs (especially for high-

risk, violent individuals) can be tapped if no resource family home is available. A challenge: There are 237 STRTPs in California; waitlist times are often several months.

{A dramatic pause as alarms rang, and the building was evacuated.}

Zamora gave contact for Gustavo Prado, with the Department of Social Services, who works to recruit members to become resource parents. ([g.prado@sbsocialserv.org](mailto:g.prado@sbsocialserv.org) and 805-450-5590)

Leach reported that a fire inspector recently required that the puzzles assembled by youth in Juvenile Hall and mounted on its walls had to be removed.

Houston said she had worked with a muralist who would be ideal to come in and help. Leach said there was red tape in getting him payment; Houston said she would help secure funding if needed.

[Probation representatives left the meeting.]

## **Report About CALM**

Program Manager Andrew McGowan outlined that CALM, a 50-year-old organization, began as a helpline and now operates in Lompoc, Santa Maria and Santa Barbara—serving about 2,500 clients yearly. Services include individual therapy, home visitation, parenting classes, postpartum support, group therapy and support, and mental health consultation in early education settings.

Three program components to CALM include:

- Prevention—the Great Beginnings Program (children 0-9; work primarily with parents on building attachment and appropriate discipline)
- Healing children & families—mild to moderate trauma
- Intensive family services—highest level of care—children who have legal problems, have been subjected to violence

McGowan gave an example of working with an individual who had very graphic homicidal ideation, now severely reduced, after services with a therapist and school representatives.

CALM also partners with Probation officers and is very active in CFT meetings and in working with parents if possible.

Aim is to match youth with same therapists if they have repeated probation experiences.

Forhan asked what services are available for older children (14 years+).

McGowan gave the example of working with younger individuals who seem interested in gangs; CALM therapists meet with them up to 3X/week.

CALM also operates a trauma-informed parenting group that offers 6-week modules focused on teaching parenting skills.

No data available on CALM's success rate, but approximately 60% move to a lower level of care or meet their treatment goals. There is currently no follow-up on longterm outcomes, but they are "headed in that direction."

[McGowan left the meeting.]

### **Presentation by Steve DeLira**

He outlined his experience working with youth and local programs and expressed his interest in becoming a JJDPC commissioner.

[DeLira left the meeting.]

### **Consideration of JJC/JJDPC Youth Advocacy Letter**

Taney, who has been appointed as the liaison to this group, which originated in Sonoma County, asked permission to add JJDPC to the initial letter it intends to disseminate to local county representatives, alerting them that there are problems in the treatment of juveniles. One caveat is that portions of the letter can be deleted, but nothing can be added. Commissioners asked to see the actual letter first.

### **Closed Session**

There was no closed session at this meeting.

### **Consideration of Minutes**

Minutes from the April 21, 2023 meeting were approved unanimously.

### **Solicitation of Additional Committee Members**

The search for more members is ongoing. Repa disseminated letters sent to two UCSB faculty, two Santa Barbara Community College faculty and listed the recruitment plea on the website VolunteerMatch.org.

### **Adjournment**

The meeting was adjourned at 11:30 a.m.

**The next JJDPC meeting will be on June 22, 2023, beginning at 10 am at the Board of Supervisors Conference Room, Santa Barbara**

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