

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



**JUVENILE JUSTICE DELIQUENCY PREVENTION  
COMMISSION**

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

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

**Meeting was called to order with roll Call of the JJRPC Members**

Present

Rich Adam  
Dominick Palera  
Donna Tanney  
Christy Morse

Absent

John Ledlie  
Gabriela Ferreira  
Billi Jo Starr  
Frank Iarossi  
Roland Kelly

**Approval of Minutes from April 13, 2017**

A quorum was not present so no vote was taken. Minutes will be resubmitted at August meeting.

**Public Comment**

None

**Juvenile Probation Department – Probation Manager Brian Swanson**

- The Whittier Fire had caused the Los Prietos Boys Camp (LPBC) to be evacuated as a safety precaution. All staff and boys were safely transported out of the area and the boys were housed at the Santa Maria Juvenile Hall. Only incident of concern was the escape of 6 boys who ran from the van when it was stopped in the Santa Barbara area. All 6 boys were caught within 45 minutes and returned to the Santa Maria Juvenile Hall. The fire never got close to camp and it was reopened after fire department deemed the area safe.
- The Lompoc Juvenile Field office was closed due to budget cuts. This resulted in two officers being reassigned to the Santa Maria office where they will start the day. The cases that are assigned to Lompoc will still be seen by appointment. The average case load for each officer is 35-40.
- The Board of Supervisors (BOS) restored two of the three Juvenile Officers that were cut with one time funds. This will result in the restoration of both the Santa Maria and Santa Barbara juvenile officers.
- The home supervision unit was reduced from 5 to 2 officers. The Juvenile officers will partner with other Probation officers on the checks. The goal is to make the unit more responsive on issues, use random checks and keep those assigned in the field.
- The Racial and Ethnic Disparity (RED) team continues to work with the Juvenile Hall on the matrix for admitting and keeping juveniles at the hall.
- The BOS will dedicate next week as Probation/Parole week honoring all officers who work in those fields.
- Probation continues to work with Social Services with the implementation of AB 403. There is a need for resource families and child care as juveniles return from group care. Social services are actively recruiting for these positions.

**By-Law Review**

- The proposed By-Law changes were presented for the public. A vote by the commission will take place at the August meeting.

**Web Site Update**

- Chair Palera had the commissioners review suggestions that had been proposed by Commissioner Kelly who was unable to attend the meeting at the last minute. Chair Palera will attempt to meet with Commissioner Kelly before next meeting to share input.

#### **Chair Comments – Dominick Palera**

- Chair Palera again requested that the Commission look at filling the vacant South Vice Chair position and the need to recruit new Commissioners. Commissioner Morse said she would be inclined to take the position but had not since she was new to the Commission. Chair Palera said he would nominate her to fill the position at the next meeting if she was so inclined. She agreed to accept the nomination at the next meeting.

#### **Commission Reports/Comments**

- Commissioner Morse informed the commission that she and Commissioner Ledlie sat in on Judge Garcia's court hearing one day and found it very enlightening. She was impressed how Judge Garcia was very kind and open with the kids. She also sat in on a mock trial for the kids at the Santa Barbara boys and girls club which she found was very informative for the kids that were present. Finally she informed the commission that there have been a number of juvenile suicides in Santa Barbara area. The Santa Barbara School district is working with the Mental Wellness and the Student Wellness Commission on a district wide plan to help students in need. She believes this is an area that the Commission should stay focused on.
- Commissioner Tanney reported that she is waiting for some information so she can complete reports on the Group Home inspections that were completed so far. She still needs to reschedule an inspection that had to be cancelled. She reminded commissioners that the statewide JJC workshop is in Sebastopol on November 4<sup>th</sup> and encouraged commissioners to attend.

#### **Close Session**

- None

The next meeting of the Commission is scheduled for August 10, 2017.