



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

JUVENILE JUSTICE DELINQUENCY PREVENTION COMMISSION

**Commission Meeting
Friday, July 27, 2018
9:30 a.m. – 11:30 a.m.**

Location: City of Buellton Planning Department
331 Park St
Buellton, CA 93427
Phone # (805) 641-4100

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

Meeting was called to order with roll call of the JJDPC Members

Present

Rich Adam
Christy Morse
Roland Kelly
John Ledlie
Dominick Palera
Billi Jo Starr

Absent

Donna Tanney
Frank Iarossi
Gabriela Ferreira

Approval of Minutes from June 8, 2018

A motion was made by Roland Kelly, seconded by John Ledlie and approved by those present to accept the June 8, 2018, meeting minutes as submitted.

Public Comment

None

Juvenile Probation Department

- Chief Probation Officer Tanja Heitman introduced the new Deputy Chief Probation Officer (DCPO) Holly Benton who will be overseeing the Juvenile Division. DCPO Benton is a lateral transfer from San Bernardino County Probation Department and brings with her a wealth of experience and is recognized throughout the state for her expertise in implementation of Continuum of Care Reform (CCR).
- The Probation Executive Team is now fully staffed with DCPO Shawn Small assigned to the Institutions Division; DCPO Kim Shean is assigned to the Adult Division, and Administrative Deputy Director Damon Fletcher oversees Administrative support. Staffing assignments and movement within divisions are currently taking place, it is anticipated transitions will take place by August 2018. A request was made by Chair Palera for the Department's organizational chart.
- On July 10th Kim Shean and Karyn Milligan presented an overview of Juvenile Justice Data to the Board of Supervisors. Documentation of Juvenile Justice Data provides a foundation to changes being made by the Probation Department relative to group home placements and juvenile detention facilities. Lower level juvenile offenders are now being transitioned to programs in the community. Removing juveniles from their families is a last resort.
- Annie E. Casey is a national nonprofit foundation who conducts research on the juvenile justice system. In collaboration with data collected from probation departments, changes can be made to the juvenile justice system. The foundation funds and pilots numerous programs and provides a wealth of information to show what would be effective.

- Karyn Milligan is the leading the Results First Initiative for our Department which has been launched in the Adult Division. Results First provides a cost benefit analysis of a program based on recidivism. Karyn is working on a draft program inventory for adult and a project is underway to replicate the inventory for juvenile programs. The JJDC requested a presentation on Results First at a future meeting.
- Chief Heitman invited the JJDC members to attend the grand re-opening of Los Prietos Business Center scheduled for Tuesday, September 11th at 3:30 – 5:30 pm in the basement of the Santa Barbara County Administrative building. The Los Prietos Boys Camp culinary program will be preparing refreshments for the event.
- The youth at Santa Maria Juvenile Hall (SMJH) created a handmade quilt that will be raffled off on August 21st. Tickets are \$1.00 each with all proceeds benefitting the SMJH Discretionary Fund.
- Chief Heitman had advised that Senate Bill (SB) 190 eliminated the ability to impose fees for services provided to youth in the juvenile justice system as well as those being addressed through diversion programs. Teen Court referrals are being impacted by this legislation as the program currently charges the youth and their family for some of the services. This is an ongoing area of concern that is being explored by Council on Alcoholism and Drug Abuse (CADA) as well as Probation.
- The Chief advised that the juvenile institutions medical provider is now California Forensic Medical Group (CFMG) and the employees from the former provider were hired by CFMG. Included in the CFMG contract was an increase in the accreditation to a higher standard which will include preventative dental care.
- John Ledlie discussed the Noah's Anchorage inspection. The Chief advised that the Probation Department renewed the fiscal year 2018-19 contract for two beds at Noah's Anchorage and we continue to collaborate with law enforcement for utilization of the two contracted beds.
- DCPO Benton discussed the Juvenile Justice Program inventory. Surveys are conducted of Probation Officers and resource partners to determine what resources were lacking for youth in the community. The new contracts for youth programs are in place as of July 1, 2018.
- Probation is selecting a new juvenile assessment tool as the Santa Barbara Asset and Risk Assessment (SBARA) is becoming outdated as other tools incorporate more current research and it does not address specific needs to assist in targeting interventions for youth. The final selection of the juvenile assessment tool should be completed by fall 2018.
- Christy Morse stated Family Service Agency (FSA) and the CADA collaborate with the Santa Barbara School Districts to be able to fund mental health therapists within the K-12 schools.

Freedom for Youth Presentation

- Commissioner Billi Jo Starr made a presentation on Freedom for Youth which included data and stories from previous LPBC youth.
- The Freedom for Youth program is a nonprofit organization formed in 2011, and recently held their yearly leadership conference at LPBC.
- Freedom for Youth provides leadership programs to help youth with public speaking, self-esteem, career education programs and building youth's confidence. Programs provide independent living tools once the youth is released back into the community.
- Community partnership with the Probation Department has allowed the Freedom for Youth program to gather information needed to help the youth. Freedom for Youth would like to grow programs within Northern Santa Barbara County, and would like to collaborate with Allan Hancock College.
- John Ledlie commended Billi Jo Starr for her terrific achievement and the collaboration with the Santa Barbara County community on programs for youth.

Commission Inspections Dates and Teams

- Chair Palera discussed upcoming inspections scheduled for October and November.
- JJDC will inform the Probation Department of facility inspection dates. The new inspection forms will be sent out to the sites prior to the scheduled inspections.
- Complete inspection reports will be presented at the December 2018 JJDC meeting.

Future Dates for Meeting

- Chair Parela advised that there are current vacancies on the Commission.
- Chair Palera stated there will be no meeting held in August 2018 and will talk to Darrel Parker to finalize a date in September to include a tour of the new Santa Barbara Juvenile Court location.

Respectfully submitted by Ruth A. Narez, Administrative Office Professional, Senior