

JUVENILE JUSTICE DELINQUENCY PREVENTION COMMISSION

Minutes of Commission Meeting Thursday, October 27, 2022 Location: Meeting held via Zoom

ATTENDANCE

Present

John Celichowski
Gabriela Ferreira
John Forhan
Barbara Kate Repa
Donna Tanney

Absent

Lynn Houston

Also present: Kim Shean, Deputy Chief Probation Officer
Melinda Barrera, Deputy Chief of Juvenile Services

The meeting was called to order at 10:02 a.m.

Probation Office Report

Request was conveyed to Probation to provide monthly statistical reports to commissioners in advance to make more efficient use of the time during meetings with the JJDPC. Would also need to post written documents in advance in keeping with Brown Act requirements.

Shean provided an update on the treatment development program at Juvenile Justice Center in preparation for the Boys Camp closure. She reiterated that three working groups were established, currently still open and meeting monthly:

- Educational & Vocational Services
- Therapeutic Services (holistic wellness), and
- Evidence-Based Practices (data-driven interventions for high-risk youth).

The plan is to reconvene in December to hear the work groups' preliminary proposals and attempt to put together a more complete plan to be offered at JJC.

Capital project updates

Work is proceeding in developing Unit 3's yard to a green space, funded by an earlier BSCC grant. Hope is to break ground in December for a half-field soccer space, pickleball court, individual workout stations and outdoor visiting area. Contracts are in place.

There is a large camera project—replacing cameras inside and outside the facility to access current blindspots and help ease viewing of videos.

Unit 1 through 3 (older part of building, currently not in use) remodel project is also proceeding, in its beginning stages. Probation met with architect and County General Services to redesign and prepare the space for the anticipated “aging” population.

Probation is moving to an electronic monitoring system for the mandatory 15-minute checks, away from current paper and pencil procedure.

Staffing change

Shean announced she will be retiring on December 9.

Restorative Justice

Barrera mentioned that funding from the three-year Youth Reinvestment Grant will be running out at the end of February; alternative funding sources are being sought. Recently launched the Restorative Justice Diversion Program through students with the Santa Barbara College of Law; the first few cases have been sent as part of a pilot program.

Questions and Comments

—Celichowski reinforced his support for the restorative justice program, as he found it to be effective in past work, especially with younger, nonviolent offenders.

Next JJCC Meeting

December 2, 9-11 a.m. [LINK: <https://www.countyofsb.org/1740/Juvenile-Justice- Coordinating-Council-JJ>]

Upcoming JJDPC Meetings

(Usual meeting dates needed to be changed due to conflicts with holidays.)

November 17, 2022: Full meeting

December 15, 2022: Brief meeting to approve future Zoom meeting

January 12, 2023: Brief meeting to approve future Zoom meeting

January 26, 2023: Full meeting

Speakers and attendees at future JJDPC meetings: As a start, a representative from Child Welfare Services to provide specifics on the numbers in their system. Other possibilities—representatives from groups such as CALM, and Freedom for Youth, limited to current services provided.

Will repeat request to Probation to provide list of nonprofits and other groups currently utilized.

--Forhan summarized statistical data from Justice Department correlating youth violence and abuse & neglect.

Inspection Reports

--Barbara Kate is preparing the first draft of the reports on both the Camp and Boys Hall, to incorporate other commissioners' comments and observations

--Gabriela needs to sign and file the final report for the 4 Kids to Kids STRTP that was inspected in August

Public Comments

There were no public comments.

Consideration of September Minutes

Celichowski moved to accept the minutes from the September JJDPC meeting as presented. Forhan seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

The meeting continued in closed session.

Adjournment

Celichowski moved to adjourn the meeting; Tanney seconded.

The commissioners unanimously approved the motion. The meeting was adjourned at 11:13 a.m.

The next JJDPC meeting will be on November 17, 2022, beginning at 10 am., to be held by Zoom.

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