



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

JUVENILE JUSTICE DELINQUENCY PREVENTION COMMISSION

**Commission Meeting
Friday, December 13, 2018
9:30 a.m. – 11:30 a.m.**

Location: City of Buellton Planning Department
331 Park St.
Buellton, CA 93427

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

Meeting was called to order with roll call of the JJDPC Members at 9:30 am

Present

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

Absent

Frank Iarossi
Donna Tanney

Approval of Minutes from September 19, 2018

A motion was made by Commissioner Ledlie, seconded by Commissioner Kelly and approved by those present to accept the September 19, 2018, meeting minutes as submitted.

Public Comment

None

Juvenile Probation Department

- Deputy Chief Probation Officer (DCPO) Shawn Small advised that the institution division is working toward National Commission on Correction Health Care (NCCHC) accreditation. The plan is to start the compliance process January 1st as it is required to be under the NCCHC standards for a year to receive accreditation. The facilities are currently accredited by the Instituted for Medical Quality (IMQ) which is a state accreditation. The NCCHC will raise the medical and mental health standards for the youth in custody.
- Beginning January 1st there are many changes/updates to be implemented to meet Title 15 regulations. One of the largest changes is the requirement of one hour of programming each day per youth. The facility administration is working on securing appropriate services into the facilities to meet this requirement. Policies and procedures will be updated to reflect the Title 15 changes.
- The second tier barrier project is underway at Santa Maria Juvenile Hall (SMJH). The Commissioners expressed concerns regarding the installation/fabrication of the second tier barriers as they were very obvious errors in the construction/installation. DCPO Small stated that the manufacture went bankrupt and by the time the issues were noted, including incorrect measurements, the company was unable to fix them. The pieces that are installed are correct and those panels that are wrong are being fixed. There is also a design issue which is being addressed. General Services manages the construction projects for County Departments and is including the Probation Department. The Commission would like to know when the barriers are completely installed in one unit so they can return to SMJH and review the completed project.
- The Los Prietos Boys Camp (LPBC) dorm latrine is currently undergoing a remodel. There is a 10 week delay in the completion of the project as special fixtures are required and were not ordered at the onset of the project. Completion is estimated for February 2019.
- Juvenile will be adopting a new risk needs instrument in May 2019.

- Chair Palera stated at the last Juvenile Justice Coordinating Council (JJCC) meeting it was shared that all youth entering into SMJH and LPBC are now given their own underwear which is quite an under taking. This is positive change but this does have an impact on staff time.
- Chair Palera stated there was a Commercial Sexually Exploited Children (CSEC) presentation provided at the December JJCC meeting and thought it would be a good presentation for a future JJDPC meeting.
- The population at SMJH and LPBC is low, which is due to changes as previously presented to the JJDPC. The goal is to provide services for youth in their community and ensure maximum security detention is only being used for those youth that are a danger to the community.
- Commissioner Starr stated unfortunately there was a youth that was previously at LPBC that was shot and killed last Saturday. DCPO Small advised that there is a protocol for providing the LPBC youth information in a controlled way and to provide counseling to those youth that request.
- Commissioner Ledlie stated during SMJH inspection the youth have expressed that the building is cold at night and the blankets are not sufficient. DCPO Small assured the group the youth are provided with adequate and appropriate clothing and bedding and they can ask for more as needed. Commissioner Starr and Freedom for Youth raised funds and have purchased 60 blankets for the facility. Commissioner Starr advised that she reviewed with Behavioral Wellness that the blankets are safe for the youth. The plan is to provide this blanket in addition to the current blanket as a donation to the facility. The University of California, Santa Barbara (UCSB) provided funding to purchase the blankets. This has not been reviewed with Probation yet and DCPO Small will bring the information up to the Probation executives.

Commissioner Reports

- On November 1st Commissioners Starr, Ledlie, and Morse inspected the SMJH. The inspection report will be provided to the Chair by the end of 2018.
- The LPBC inspection was completed by Commissioners Larossi, Starr and Ferreira. The team spent a lot of time speaking with the school personnel. Commissioner Ferreira completed her portion of the report and the remaining Commissioners notes still need to be included. There does seem to be more fights and AWOLs at LPBC recently, the staff are addressing. Commissioner Starr reported in speaking with Supervising Probation Officer (SPO) Talaugon the plan is to get back to squad counseling this next year which should help..
- Chair Palera stated that there have been staffing changes at LPBC and there will likely be more stability with programs and staff over the course of the next year.
- It was stated that a team of three Commissioners for the inspections seemed like a good number and that the Camp inspection is more of an all-day event, two hours is not sufficient.
- Commissioner Starr advised that the reduction in the room confinement status (RCS) at SMJH has been reduced over the last inspection period, which is a positive achievement.
- The group home inspections were completed with the exception of Serenity. Probation Manager Swanson and Judge Garcia were notified that the JJDPC was unable to inspect the house. There are not Santa Barbara County youth placed in this facility, only out of county youth.

Election of 2019 Commissioner Officers

- Chair Palera advised that his four year term is up next year and he intends to step down at that time.
- Commissioner Larossi is stepping down from the JJDPC resulting in the need for a new Treasurer.
- A motion was made by Commissioner Ledlie and seconded Commissioner Ferreira for Dominick Palera to remain as the Chair, Roland Kelly to remain as Vice Chair (north), and Christy Morse to remain as Vice Chair (south) for 2019. A vote was taken by those present and approved. It was noted that it is not necessary for the Commission to have a Treasurer at this time; it is something that can be revisited once new members are added.

2019 meeting date and location to be discussed

- Chair Palera advised that the JJDPC is required to meet at minimum six times per year.
- The group discussed options for the 2019 meetings.
- The next JJDPC meetings will be held on Thursday, February 7th and Thursday, March 21st at the City of Buellton Planning Department.
- Chair Palera asked DCPO Small to follow up about having the CSEC presentation provided at the February 7th JJDPC meeting.
- Commissioner Ledlie thanked Chair Palera for the work he has done as the Chair of the JJDPC. It can be a tedious and challenging job but he does it seamlessly and the Commissioners appreciate that always ends the meetings timely.