

ALAMEDA COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS' PUBLIC PROTECTION COMMITTEE

Thursday, March 13, 2014
1:00 p.m.

Supervisor Richard Valle, Chair
Supervisor Scott Haggerty

Location: Board of Supervisors' Chambers – Room 512 – 5th Fl

County Administration Building
1221 Oak Street, Oakland, CA 94612

Summary/Action Minutes

I. Probation Department: Juvenile Facilities Overview - *Continued from February 13, 2014*

Esa Ehmen-Krause, Deputy Chief Probation Officer, Alameda County Probation Department presented a PowerPoint presentation on the Overview of the Counties' Juvenile Facilities.

The Probation Department is responsible for the care, custody and supervision of juveniles at the Alameda County Juvenile Hall and Camp Sweeney.

The Probation Department partners with Behavioral Health and Children's Hospital of Oakland to provide mental health and medical services, including optometry, dental and prenatal services to youth in their care.

The Probation Department also has partnerships with the Alameda County Office of Education and the County Library to provide a daily academic curriculum for youth in juvenile hall and Camp Sweeney.

Prior to leaving Camp Sweeney and or Juvenile Hall youths, together with a probation officer complete a transition plan to help youths transform back into the community. The plan addresses education, residence, substance abuse, vocation and family.

Purpose:

- Report progress
- Advocacy or Education
- Request Public Protection Committee Recommendation or Position
- Other:

This item was informational only and required no Committee action.

II. Community Advisory Board Guidelines – *Action item*

Brendon Woods, Public Defender, Alameda County Public Defender's Office, presented a PowerPoint presentation on the Community Advisory Board (CAB) Guidelines.

On February 13, 2013, the Public Protection Committee directed the Community Corrections Partnership to make certain revisions to the Community Advisory Board Guidelines. The revisions are as follows:

- CAB application - criminal history. The question on the application regarding criminal history has been simplified.
- Location of monthly CAB meetings will rotate throughout the five (5) supervisorial districts
- Maximum term of board members changed to three (3) years

- Letters of resignation from the CAB will be submitted in writing to the Clerk of the Board's Office
- Each member of the Board of Supervisors can submit three (3) candidates for each vacancy in their respective district.

Speaker

Manuel La Fontaine requested that language be added to the CAB to encourage formerly incarcerated persons to apply.

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Recommendation from Public Protection Committee: Approve. Move to the full Board of Supervisors pending approval of the CAB guidelines by the Community Correctional Partnership Executive Committee (CCP EC).

III. Restorative Community Conferencing

Jonathan Bradley, Agreements Manager, and Denise Curtis, Program Manager, Restorative Community Conferencing, presented a PowerPoint presentation to explain the Restorative Community Conferencing program.

The Restorative Community Conferencing (RCC) Program uses restorative justice principles to divert juveniles from the prosecution through the RCC process. A meeting is convened with the youth, the person harmed and other community stake holders and others affected by the crime the youth committed. The RCC holds the youth accountable for his or her actions and together with family and community input, develop a plan to address the harm done to the victim.

Results from RCC have included positive outcomes in schools and communities, victim satisfaction, true accountability and reduced incarceration and recidivism.

Speaker

Manuel La Fontaine stated his supports the Restorative Community Conferencing program however, he noted that it does not address holding society accountable for putting youth in precarious situations.

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PUBLIC COMMENT

Yolanda Huang, speaking for the Alan Blueford coalition expressed that she has received information about deplorable and unacceptable conditions, such as cells littered with debris and rotting food, at Santa Rita Jail. Ms. Huang submitted a copy of a complaint about said conditions to the Public Protection Committee and asked the Committee to look into the conditions at Santa Rita Jail.

In addition Ms. Huang expressed that she has been trying to obtain documentation to understand the booking fees in the Sheriff's Office and requested the Public Protection Committee to request documentation to explain the booking fees.

George Galvis stated that he worked on the creation of the Community Advisory Board Guidelines and in order for the CAB to be successful it must be staffed and fully funded however there is no funding mechanism reflected in the current CAB guidelines.