

**ALAMEDA COUNTY
JUVENILE JUSTICE/DELINQUENCY PREVENTION COMMISSION
JUVENILE JUSTICE CENTER
ROOM C-1002**

January 9, 2013

PRESENT:

Sokhom Mao, Vice Chair
Mary Gilder, Commissioner
Kamal Nair, Commissioner
Arnold Perkins, Commissioner
Lois Brubeck, Commissioner

Marion Sims, Commissioner
Bob Goetsch, Commissioner
Rogelio Ham-Chang, Commissioner

ABSENT:

Mary Glenn, Commissioner
Bill Thomasson, Commissioner
Alona J. Clifton, Commissioner

GUESTS: Rhonda Burgess, Presiding Judge of the Juvenile Court
LaDonna Harris, Chief Probation Officer
Esa Ehmen-Krause, Deputy Chief, Juvenile Facilities
Nicole Garay, Social Services Agency
Christian Munoz, Superintendent of Juvenile Hall
Lisa Hill, Superintendent, Camp Sweeney
Brian Hopson, Assistant Superintendent of Juvenile Hall
Hattie Tate, Oakland Unified School District
Ian Long, Transition Center, Probation
Dr. Jessica Selvin
Linda Ericksen, Probation (recorder)

AGENDA	DISCUSSION	ACTION
Welcome Back	Chairman Pro Tempore Mao welcomed everyone to the meeting. He congratulated Chief Harris on her appointment as Chief Probation Officer and thanked the Probation Department for their leadership and commitment to the JJDPC.	
Agenda for the Meeting	The agenda was reviewed and approved with no changes.	
Minutes from the previous meeting	The minutes from the December 12, 2012, meeting were reviewed and approved with no changes.	
Nominating Committee	Commissioner Nair announced that Lois Brubeck was appointed by the Nominating Committee as the Interim Chair for the next 5 months. Moved by Gilder, seconded by Perkins, passed. In June a Chair will be selected for the next term.	

Presiding Juvenile Court
Judge, Honorable Rhonda
Burgess

Judge Burgess congratulated Commissioner Brubeck on her appointment, and thanked Vice Chair Mao for his work in serving as Chairman Pro Tempore. She stated that Rosemary Darden has submitted her letter of resignation.

She is looking forward to a Pilot Program for using Restorative Justice at Camp Wilmont Sweeney. It involves a victim/offender education curriculum that has been adapted for youth. There are plans for a second component--circles of support-- that will follow the youth when they reenter the community and involve the family and community. Funding for the project is currently being put together.

Over the holidays, a group called All of Us or None, which provides services to the families of incarcerated people, had extra bicycles that they offered to Social Services and Probation clients.

Judge Burgess is looking for better results in the area of truancy. It's a difficult population with a plethora of problems that manifest in the child not going to school. One idea is a reward system for kids who are doing better. Judge Burgess invited the Commissioners to come to Truancy Court every other Friday.

Deputy Chief of Juvenile
Facilities

Deputy Chief Esa Ehmen-Krause thanked the Commission for everything they did over the holidays

On January 17th, Chief Harris and Deputy Chief Ehmen-Krause will be meeting with the State board to address points of non-compliance with the JH inspection. Non-compliance was mostly related to policy language in the areas of reading mail, orientation, grievance procedures, large muscle exercise, use of force, use of the safety room, pregnant minors, institutional assessments and plans, religious programming (need to document if kids choose to stay in the room), disciplinary process (due process language needs updating), and safety checks. The Chief will be putting out some interim policies. All the policies will be going through the meet & confer process. Commissioner Mao asked Chief Harris to forward the interim policies to the Commission. Agreed.

Another new Juvenile Institutional Officer is starting next week. Institutional Supervisor I and II vacancies will be filled in the coming weeks.

Deputy Chief of Juvenile Facilities (cont'd.)	A grant that will provide funds for the PREA implementation, mandates for keeping youth and staff safe in the facilities, is in the works. Planning grant up to \$100,000.00
Superintendent of Camp Sweeney	<p>Superintendent Lisa Hill reported that the recent inspection at Camp was successful.</p> <p>The camp kids enjoyed meeting with the Commissioners and being heard by them.</p> <p>Golf Program--As part of the ACOE curriculum, about 10 camp kids are attending golf workshops at two local golf courses. Some will be offered paid internships when they complete the program. Two were invited to participate in an extended internship. It's been a positive experience for the participants.</p> <p>Write to Read Program—There have been good outcomes in improving reading comprehension scores. This year, the average increase was 7 to 8 grade levels. Many of the kids are resistant at first, but by the graduation are excited to read their poems. Several students have gone on to college courses.</p>
Superintendent of Juvenile Hall	<p>Superintendent Munoz thanked the Commissioners for their generosity throughout the holidays.</p> <p>Juvenile Hall numbers are down—160 minors in custody and only 8 units open.</p> <p>The Santa Clara County Superintendent is coming for a visit next week and is interested in our Guard 1 system.</p> <p>There was special visiting Christmas Day and a Christmas party.</p> <p>Federally funded tutoring being sought--\$40,000, some of which will be dedicated to kids who have graduated.</p>
Assistant Superintendent of Juvenile Hall	<p>Mr. Hopson reported that the evening program is being restructured to be more streamlined and balanced. CBOs have been contacted regarding schedule changes. 6:30 – 8:30 is being blocked off for CBOs to come in. This will allow time for mandated activities, such as large muscle exercise.</p> <p>Orientation with new staff is going well and involves two weeks of training. Kudos to IS I Bedford for the training.</p> <p>12 JIOs are in CORE training, which is a month-long peace office training held at Las Vistas.</p>

Assistant Superintendent
of Juvenile Hall (cont'd.)

In 2012 there were 15 high school graduates, 17 obtained their GED.

Mr. Hopson thanked the Commissioners for the gifts, and read some of the letters of appreciation written by the minors.

Chief Probation Officer's
Report

Chief Harris thanked the Commissioners for their on-going support and attendance at functions and for their holiday giving, and their anticipated support of policy implementation. She stated that if a youngster is able to improve several grade levels while in custody for a short period of time, they should be able to do it in the public schools also. She encouraged the Commissioners to make their voices heard regarding keeping kids in school.

Questions:

Commissioner Mao asked about the food service contract. Deputy Chief Ehmen-Krause stated that all bids for a new contract have been received and scoring of the bids will be scheduled in the next few weeks. Still looking at a July 1 start date. The quotes are for a quick chill preparation and a family style preparation.

The Commissioners asked if they could receive a monthly data report—length of stay, current JH population, number of releases, and recidivism/reason for return. Deputy Chief Ehmen-Krause indicated that those numbers are tracked in PRISM except for recidivism.

Social Services Agency
Report

Nicole Garay, Manager, reported on behalf of Faith Battles.

More foster parents are being recruited. There are currently 265 licensed foster parents.

The Bay Area Heart Gallery will be including reunified families.

The assessment center last year served less than 100 children, which means fewer children experienced placement disruptions.

Partnering with the MISSSY program--two new advocates starting in February.

There is a Youth Acceptance Collaboration for the LGBT population.

AB 12 implementation—195 young adults who have the status of non-minor dependency are in the following types of placements: 58 in Supervised Independent Living Placements

Social Services Agency
Report (continued)

(SILP), 29 with relatives, 20 with fictive kin, 40 with foster family agency foster parents, 15 in transitional housing program, 3 in county licensed foster homes, 4 in Kin-gap, 13 with legal guardians, and 13 in group home residential care.

Questions:

Commissioner Mao stated that the Commission would like to schedule a closed session to discuss issues regarding an incident.

Commissioner Brubeck asked how many youth are placed out of county and whether they are getting the same services and education.

Commissioner Gilder asked for the current caseload average. Family Unification Program—25 cases. Family maintenance Program has higher caseloads. Ms. Garay said she would provide more data.

Judge Burgess suggested that the Commissioners put all their questions into an email so that parties can bring the data with them to the next meeting.

Inspection Reports

Commissioner Sims will forward the list of facilities that everyone has signed up for to all the Commissioners. The holding facilities inspections will be first, then the group home inspections. Newer Commissioners will be partnered with a seasoned veteran. He would like an inspection form that they can type onto.

Commissioner Perkins suggested an orientation for all of the Commissioners. He also inquired about what to do regarding issues that have been raised in the inspection reports. Judge Burgess suggested a special meeting to talk about findings and formulate questions for the agencies involved. Commissioner Nair has prepared an Analysis of Inspection form, which will also be addressed in a closed session.

Delinquency Prevention

Dr. Selvin, who is coming on board as a Commissioner, was introduced. Judge Burgess stated that she hopes to have Dr. Selvin and Mr. Robinson sworn in next month.

Truancy and School
District Engagement

Ian Long gave an overview of the Transition Center. He stated that Probation acts as bridge to answer all questions in real time.

Hattie Tate reported that Oakland Unite (Measure Y) successfully ended their 2nd quarter. 219 clients were referred. Data evaluation results will be presented at meeting on January 16. Chair Nair will attend.

Truancy and School
District Engagement
(cont'd.)

There was a Career night hosted by Beyond Emancipation.

The Welcome Circle process is being linked to Camp Sweeney.

Ms. Tate will provide Kevin Grant's contact information to
Commissioner Mao.

**NEXT MEETING: 12 NOON, WEDNESDAY FEBRUARY 13, 2013
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