

**ALAMEDA COUNTY
JUVENILE JUSTICE DELINQUENCY PREVENTION COMMISSION
MEETING MINUTES**

April 14, 2021

Microsoft Teams Teleconference

12:03 p.m. – 2:08 p.m.

Commissioners Present:

Palagummi, Vamsey (Chair)	Hooper-Arana, Erica	Mchombo, Pamela	Peralta, Gina
Anderson, Louise	Larios, Xochtil	Norris, Zachary	
Hooper, Spencer	Metz, Elana	Nunley, Patricia	

Collaborative Partners Present:

Barton, Crystal, <i>Unit Supervisor, Probation Department</i>	Mitchell, Alicia, <i>Director, Probation Department</i>
Brooks, Rodney, <i>PD</i>	Moffatt, Sean, <i>ACOE</i>
Brown, Jane, <i>PD</i>	Oh, K. Joon, <i>County Counsel</i>
Buckner-Preston, Mia, <i>Social Services</i>	Pappas, Carissa, <i>Probation Specialist, Probation</i>
Chambers, Adrienne, <i>Deputy Chief Probation Officer</i>	Riley, Walter, <i>Attorney</i>
Clinton, Robert, <i>Oakland Thrives</i>	Rivers, James, <i>Superintendent, Probation Department</i>
Ford, Brian, <i>Assistant Chief Probation Officer</i>	Running, Lynn, <i>Volunteer at JH</i>
Fort, Jessica, <i>Superintendent, Probation Department</i>	Sirois, Catherine, <i>Student</i>
Jones Dickson, Ursula, <i>Judge, Superior Court</i>	Still, Wendy, <i>Chief Probation Officer</i>
Lacy, Shahidah, <i>BOS, D5</i>	Taizan, Juan, <i>Behavioral Health Director</i>
Lee, Sherron, <i>Division Director, Probation Department</i>	Tate, Hattie, <i>OUSD</i>
Low, Megan, <i>Social Worker, Conflicts</i>	Thomas, Shane, <i>Unit Supervisor, Probation Department</i>
McAndrew, Eileen, <i>DA</i>	Vaughan, Monica, <i>ACOE Chief of Schools</i>
McGuire, Tammy, <i>Project Coordinator, Probation</i>	Kane, Anna, <i>Secretary, Probation Department (Recorder)</i>
Middleton, Natasha, <i>Probation Specialist, Probation</i>	

Approval of minutes On a motion made by *Commissioner Louise Anderson* and seconded by *Commissioner Vamsey Palagummi*:

“To approve the March 10, 2021 JJDPC meeting minutes.”

MOTION CARRIED

JJDPC Commission:

- Two new commissioners were welcomed and introduced: Gina Peralta and Patricia Nunley

Public Comment:

- None

Probation Update:

- Chief Still announced her retirement
- Probation committed to provide administrative support to JJDPC
- Ombudsman positions for Juvenile and Adult planned
- Telephone fees board letter going before the BOS on 4/27
- Would like to see Family Council created

SB 823 Update:

- SB 823 Phase A/ Interim plan going to Board for approval 4/27/21
- SB 92 Legislation is in progress
- Unions have been noticed regarding SB 823

AGENDA	DISCUSSION	ACTION NEEDED
Staffing Update:	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Behavioral Health has hired clinicians for SB 823 programChildren's Hospital committed to provide services to youth regardless of age while they are in-custodyHighland Hospital will provide services to adults in the community	
Demographics:	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Count is at 57 (3 females)6 youth 14 and underProjects in progress:<ul style="list-style-type: none">CamerasTyler SupervisionWorking on guidelines to open Facilities to the publicBSCC pre-inspection complete/Official inspection week of May 10	
Programming:	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Google Tech started last weekFuture Sound started this weekBeta Gov establishing evaluation process for Rhythmic MindsWorking on safety protocols to resume in-person visiting	

QUESTIONS & RESPONSES

How many in-custody youth have COVID?

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Provide an update on the camera system implementation.

Audio has not been turned on yet. Testing in progress to assure privacy is maintained in confidential areas. White noise machines may be used when necessary. Privacy will be provided in areas such as showers.

Provide an update regarding privacy issues at the library.

There will be a meeting with the Library and ACOE; County Counsel will be consulted. Signs will be posted indicating where audio will be recorded.

There has been insufficient staff to get youth down to SEEP.

In the process of hiring additional JIOs. Anticipating vacancies will be filled by September. Overtime has been authorized.

Provide more information regarding the new inspection routine.

Due dates/timelines are different. Performance Improvement plan is due 30 days after report; the work to be completed 30 days after plan is issued. Language changes required on some forms and policies.

Present the completed privacy plan to the community for the new camera/audio system.

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Comment was made regarding in-custody youth dealing with intergenerational and complex trauma; mental health issues.

Yes, this will be emphasized as well as race inequities. New clinician has experience working with TAY and in Santa Rita.

Camp Sweeney

- 7 youth on campus
- Preparing for PREA and BSCC audits
- Youth had intersession;
 - 25 mi. hike
 - Hip-hop for change program
 - Movie night
- Drum Circle being finalized for summer
- Creative Journaling workshop being planned

Transition Center:

- Released 52 youth in March
- \$4,000 of Concrete Services provided
- Mr. Potts (Positive Communication) working on re-entry of youth in DJJ
- Truancy Mediation has been eliminated from Probation as a result of AB 901

Question from Public:

What is learned regarding the increase in younger people and the recent increase in crimes? Are there special rehab ideas being considered?

We are working with OPD, DVP and our justice partners to gain an understanding of why there has been increase in crime with the younger youth. We are looking at data and developing strategies to combat this problem, with the goal of serving youth in the community. Clearly COVID has had an impact on the level of community-based programs and engagement, but we are eager to help shift to returning things to normal operations so that youth have community-based programs and services available to them.

It was announced that Youth Commissioner Xochtil Larios received a fellowship to bring resources for the SEEP program to JH.

ACOE Update:

Are teachers excited to start? Will it be a full schedule?

*Classroom instruction is starting on Monday.
Yes, teachers are looking forward to starting.
Staff will be teaching until noon on Monday, Tuesday, Thursday and Friday with asynchronous instruction in the afternoon.
Special Ed students will be supported in-person.*

What type of testing protocols are in place in regards to COVID? Is there a plan in case a teacher tests positive?

All teachers have been tested for COVID. Probation test all incoming youth. COVID positive youth stay in isolation until they

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are cleared by medical. Looking into getting vaccines to youth shortly.

What is the plan in case a teacher tests positive?

Contingency plans are in progress. Classrooms marked for social distancing; there is a mask protocol; PPE is provided to staff.

Social Services Update:

- Data for Assessment Center provided as requested
- 158 kids last quarter
 - AA and Hispanic 59%
 - Increasing number of females 60%
 - Ages 13-17 61%
 - Reason coming in: No parent or guardian/neglect
 - Most youth placed with Foster Family 50+%; working on recruiting more families
 - Training foster families to work with teens; hired a consultant to assist with effort
 - Placement with relatives: majority of babies/young kids and Hispanic youth are placed with relatives
 - STRTP: 4.5% youth go to these facilities; mostly AA males
 - Average length of stay at Assessment Center has increased to 58 hours
 - Rates of placement stability and permanency is decreasing; teen females has highest rates of instability; also highest risk of CSEC involvement
 - CSEC Program currently Monday-Friday; Submitting proposal to state for additional funding to expand services to the evenings and weekends and add staff/providers

Is there opportunity to provide housing referrals?

No emergency placements in Alameda County.

Can CSEC youth that are AWOL connect to Assessment Center for services/assistance without worry that they will be arrested or taken to JH?

Suggested that PD connect with Gloria Carrol.

The Assessment Center is a safe place youth can come to stay, eat, shower. But Sheriff may bring a youth in if requested by Probation.

There are youth that are 300 and 600. They have different needs.

How can barriers be removed for families who want to take a youth into their home, but someone in the home is formerly incarcerated?

Exceptions can be made by a manager.

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Court Update:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Working on SB 823 Lots of cases Physically opening up more for 600 cases; waiting for vaccination rates to increase; focus on keeping youth safe 	
Public Defender Update:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> SB 395 youth calls (advice and counsel calls for youth 16 and over); local police recorded attorney client conversations; issue is being addressed by DA's office Working on what can be done to support truant youth 	
District Attorney Update:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Many very young offenders committing serious crimes; under 12 cannot be held; For example, one 11-year-old has been released at least a dozen times Seeing a lot of ghost guns which are not traceable 	<p><i>PD to provide more information regarding the recorded phone calls to JJPC</i></p>
	<p>What are the next steps to provide services to the very young offender?</p>	
	<p><i>The 11year old does not get referred to DA because of his age. OPD doesn't know what to do; Parents pick him up. Referrals to OK program have been made.</i></p>	
	<p><i>Probation has been working with OPD; Concerned that the young kids are being "criminally trafficked". Probation and OPD are investing in the OK program; Probation has no jurisdiction over 11-year-olds.</i></p>	
	<p><i>There is a gap in services; multiple strategies are needed. Young children and their families need to be referred to services, but no way to make them engage in those services. What is the role of dependency court? What can social services do?</i></p>	<p><i>Brian to facilitate discussion and involve all partners.</i></p>
Medical/Behavioral Health Update:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Dr. Ross on maternity leave; Dr. Laird is filling in Kimberle Konover is leaving on maternity leave; others will provide coverage Linda Bui transitioned out; interviews ongoing 	
Public Comment:	<p>Provide an update on the Youth Leadership Council .</p>	
	<p><i>In the middle of RFP process; RFP community capacity fund to request \$3M for youth services; YAP program is being extended.</i></p>	
Next Meeting Date:	<p>Wednesday, May 12, 2021 at 12:00 p.m.</p>	
Location:	<p>Microsoft Teams Teleconference</p>	