

**ALAMEDA COUNTY  
JUVENILE JUSTICE DELINQUENCY PREVENTION COMMISSION  
December 11, 2019  
MEETING MINUTES**

**Commissioners Present:**

Arnold Perkins	George Galvis	Pamela Mchombo	Zachary Norris
Eddy Zheng	Jessica Selvin	Spencer Hooper	
Elana Metz	Kamal Nair	Vamsey Palagummi	
Erica Hooper-Arana	Louise Anderson	Xochtil Larios	

**Excused:**

Kacy Hatcher-Robinson  
Lois Brubeck

**Collaborative Partners Present:**

Eileen McAndrew, District Attorney  
Esa Ehmen-Krause, Probation Department  
Faith Battles, Social Services  
Hattie Tate, OUSD  
Honorable Ursula Jones Dickson, Presiding Juvenile Court Judge  
Ian Long, Probation Department  
James Rivers, Probation Department  
Jessica Fort, Probation Department  
Kimberle Konover, Guidance Clinic  
Kimberly Blakiston, Public Health  
Sean Moffatt, ACOE  
Shauna Conner, Probation Department  
Jazmine Mickey, Probation Department, (Recorder)

**Additional Guests Present:**

Alysse Castro, Guest  
Christine Aganon, Medical Unit, UCSF  
Ken Porter, Greater New Beginnings  
Len Turner, Greater New Beginnings

AGENDA	DISCUSSION	ACTION NEEDED
Chair's Welcome	Meeting was called to order at 12:06 p.m.	
Introductions	Everyone introduced themselves.	
Approval of minutes	On a motion made by Commissioner Louise Anderson and seconded by Commissioner George Galvis:  "To approve the November 13, 2019 JJDPC meeting minutes."  MOTION CARRIED	
Guest Speaker	Commissioner Jessica Selvin introduced OUSD Administrator Hattie Tate, Dr. Gregory Walton and UC Berkeley Professor Jason Okonofua who provided a presentation on a Stanford University research project regarding Social Belonging. ( <i>Presentation link- <a href="https://www.dropbox.com/s/25ppuasseq4jaol/JJDPC.pdf?dl=0">https://www.dropbox.com/s/25ppuasseq4jaol/JJDPC.pdf?dl=0</a></i> )	

### QUESTIONS & RESPONSES

**Were there youth, who already had a relationship with the school and teachers, found in the sample?**

*No. These youth had been back in their schools for several days. They may have been at a new school or may have gone back to a school they had been at before. They were asked to choose someone who they didn't yet but could imagine having a supportive relationship with.*

**Are there thoughts to extend beyond a caring adult on school grounds?**

The thought was that school is the institution that is created and legally obligate youth to go to until they are 18 which is why the focus was kept narrow.

**It is suggested that youth have access to credible messengers, who are formerly incarcerated individuals, relatable, come from some of the same lived experiences, and have been successful in overcoming the same challenges as the youth as they can assist guiding them with making life decisions.**

*They will be looking at how life coaches can benefit from using an intervention of this type to build more credibility in a relationship in the future.*

**What is your definition of recidivism?**

*Returning to JJC within the term of release or subsequent term.*

**What is the level of need or risk?**

Oakland Unite no longer focuses all their services only on detained students. They provide preventative services and intervention services after detention as well.

**Are there samples that other studies are looking at district-wide and is there a way to look at this as a form of prevention?**

AGENDA

DISCUSSION

ACTION NEEDED

*Other work completed has been in other school districts. They hope to bring prevention into the future of this work. This work is primarily with teachers and empowering them to feel empathetic in the extent to which they can connect with students.*

Facilities (Juvenile Hall & Camp)

**REPORT-OUT and responses on the Elevate Justice Act of 2020 by Assistant Chief Probation Officer Esa Ehmen-Krause (handout provided)**

- The Chief Probation Officers of California crafted the Elevate Justice Act of 2020.
- Alameda County will be co-sponsoring this legislation which will raise the age of Juvenile Jurisdiction to under 20-years-old.
- This will allow youth up to the age of 20 to be served in Juvenile Court rather than Adult Court, provide the benefit of record sealing for a higher age limit, and will allow for youth to be served where they are best treated here in Juvenile Services vs. County Jail.
- Chief Still has had many conversations with legislators around the State in hopes to garner more support for an age limit higher than 20.

**QUESTIONS / STATEMENTS & RESPONSES**

**Is the intention that 18-19-year-olds will be sentenced as youth and not as adults?**

*Yes, that is the intention.*

**Is this for all 18-19-year-olds or are there going to be carve-outs?**

*She is not aware of any carve-outs being mentioned yet.*

**Is there a budget request?**

*She has not been made aware of one. Chief Still and the other Chief's may have had those conversations. If the 18-19-year-olds are served as juveniles the other juvenile state entitlements will apply to them as well.*

**Will there be separation amongst the 18-19-year-olds and younger youth.**

*They would be considered juveniles so they do not have federal sight and sound separation that would apply as they do with their TAY unit youth. From a classification standpoint they will be able to house them and program them separately.*

**If the Commission would like to provide a letter to request the age limit be increased to 25, who would be the best entity to provide the letter to?**

*She will find out and get back to them.*

*Esa Ehmen-Krause will find out the entity to provide the letter to and advise the Commission.*

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DISCUSSION

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**Is there language that is currently being developed? When can they expect to see specific language they can respond to?**

*She's not sure when the language will be ready for response. Chief Still and the Juvenile Services sub-committee of CPOC are drafting the language.*

**When working on the legislative piece there will need to be corresponding changes to the California ED Code to look at how educational services are provided.**

**How will the TAY unit be affected by this legislation?**

*Effective January 1, 2020 the TAY program will be able to serve youth up to the age of 25, so the TAY program would still be applicable for those youth up to age 25.*

- *Honorable Ursula Jones Dickson* added she believes this legislation will pass. She expects that there will be carve-outs and they may need two additional judges to assist with that population.
- *Public Defender Laurel Arroyo* stated she supports this decision and believes the commission should support no carve-outs.

**REPORT-OUT on Title 15 Revisions by Superintendent James Rivers**

- Over 50 policies have almost completed negotiations;
- Suicide Awareness & Prevention policy is being worked-on and training for staff has begun.

**REPORT-OUT on Demographics by Deputy Chief Probation Officer Ian Long**

- Number of Units Open – 7 (Two dedicated to TAY)
- Total population – 73 (62 boys and 8 girls)
- Number of youth in the TAY Unit – 3
- Number of youth in custody 100 days or more – 4
- Number of youth 14-years-old and under – 6
- Number of youth 12-years-old and under – 0
- Number of youth assigned to GPS – 38 (27 boys and 11 girls)
- Number of youth assigned to Home Supervision -43 (34 boys and 9 girls)

QUESTIONS

*Commissioner Louise Anderson* asked when renovations for Unit 10 will be complete. *Ian Long* responded it will be completed asap, there is no completion date yet as they have multiple projects. *James Rivers* added additional changes/projects include painting, adding chalk boards to the units, video and audio cameras, and furniture enhancements. *Esa Ehmen-Krause* added

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**DISCUSSION**

**ACTION NEEDED**

they are also looking to have murals painted in the hallway in collaboration with the Alameda County Arts Commission.

**REPORT-OUT on TAY by Director *Shauna Conner***

- Total of 8 TAY youth, 3 in JJC and 4 in the community.
- They received their first female participant. She is on hybrid programming which means she comes in during the day 4 times a week and is living at home.
- They made connections with Operation Hope to assist with financial literacy.
- The FLY program will be coming on board to do case management.
- They began their multi-disciplinary process where they include the youth's attorney, DA, and CBOs to assist with any challenges they may be experiencing with TAY participants.

***No REPORT-OUT provided by ACOE***

**REPORT-OUT on Medical/Guidance by *Christine Aganon***

- Medical and the Guidance Clinic are working together to complete a health questionnaire.

Numbers for the month of November are as follows:

- Number of dental screenings – 34
- Number of dental visits – 40
- Number of dental treatments – 6
- Number of health history reviews – 25
- Number of history & physicals – 31
- Number of active cases – 101

**REPORT- OUT on Library by *Commissioner Louise Anderson***

- Books are available on book carts in the Court hallway.

**QUESTIONS**

*Commissioner George Galvis* asked if the Chief would support him arranging a screening for the “Just Mercy” film at JJC. *Esa Ehmen-Krause* responded the Chief has approved screenings in the past. She requested George route the request in writing through Ian Long and include dates and equipment they need to bring in.

Transition Center

**NO REPORT-OUT for Transition Center**

**NO REPORT-OUT for Public Health**

**NO REPORT- OUT for Education**

<b>AGENDA</b>	<b>DISCUSSION</b>	<b>ACTION NEEDED</b>
Field Services	<p><b>REPORT- OUT on Placement by Deputy Chief Probation Officer Ian Long</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Total number of youth in group homes – 37</li> <li>-Number of youth in the State, outside Alameda County – 31</li> <li>-Number of youth in Alameda County – 3</li> <li>-Number of youth out of State – 3</li> <li>-Total number of youth with Resource Families – 23</li> </ul>	
Courts	<p><b>REPORT-OUT provided by District Attorney Eileen McAndrew</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• School resource officers and the Hayward Police Dept. provided a training on adolescent brain development that was well attended and well received.</li> </ul> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>QUESTIONS</b></p> <p><i>Commissioner George Galvis</i> asked for the number of pending adult transfer hearings. <i>Eileen McAndrew</i> responded they are in the middle of one and sent two for January.</p> <p><i>Commissioner George Galvis</i> asked who facilitated the training on adolescent brain development? <i>Eileen McAndrew</i> believes it was through POST.</p> <p><b>REPORT- OUT by Presiding Juvenile Court Judge Ursula Jones Dickson</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• They need to begin having conversations around what the Elevate Justice Act will look like for the Courts.</li> <li>• The Courts continue to have concerns regarding STRTPs.</li> </ul> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>No REPORT- OUT by Public Defender</b></p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>No REPORT-OUT by CAAP Director, Andrea Zambrana</b></p>	
Commission	<p><b>REPORT OUT by Commissioner Erica Hooper-Arana</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Introduced new Commissioner Zachary Norris.</li> <li>• Advised there is an opening for a youth commissioner and flyers have been provided.</li> </ul>	
Public Comment	<i>No Public Comments</i>	
Adjournment	1:51pm	
Next Meeting	Wednesday, January 8, 2020 at 12:00 p.m., at the Juvenile Justice Center, 2500 Fairmont Drive, C-1002, San Leandro, CA	