

ALAMEDA COUNTY
JUVENILE JUSTICE DELINQUENCY PREVENTION COMMISSION
January 9, 2019
MEETING MINUTES

Commissioners Present:

Louise Anderson	Xochtil Larios	Kamal Nair
Kacy Hatcher-Robinson	Pamela Mchombo	Arnold Perkins
Spencer Hooper	Elana Metz	Jessica Selvin

Excused:

Lois Brubeck
Sheri Costa
George Galvis
Erica Hooper-Arana
Vamsey Palagummi
Eddy Zheng

Guests:

Wendy Still, MAS, Probation Department
Esa Ehmen-Krause, Probation Department
Brian Ford, Probation Department
James Rivers, Probation Department
Jessica Fort, Probation Department
Shauna Conner, Probation Department
Fina Perez, Probation Department
Juan Taizan, Guidance Clinic, BHCS
Andrea Zambrana, CAAP
Aisha Canfield, Ceres Policy Research
Angela Irvine, Ceres Policy Research
Megan Lau, CAAP
Hayden Beaulieu, Guest
Ebony Sinnamon-Johnson, ACBA
Porsche Brownridge, Guest
Sean Moffatt, ACOE
Honorable Charles Smiley, Presiding Juvenile Court Judge
Gil Rothschild, UCB
Trevor Arceneaux, FLY
Gary Thompson, Public Health
Kimberly Blakiston, Public Health
Eve Delfin', OUSD/Oakland Unite
Hattie Tate, OUSD/Oakland Unite
John Plaine, Public Defender
Laurel Arroyo, Public Defender
Jazmine Frost, Probation Department, (Recorder)

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Chair's Welcome	Meeting was called to order at 12:10 p.m.	
Introductions	Everyone introduced themselves.	
Approval of minutes	Minutes were approved.	
Guest Speaker	<p><i>Commissioner Jessica Selvin</i> introduced guest speaker <i>Dr. Angela Irvine</i> from Ceres Policy Research who provided a presentation regarding Placements in Alameda County. <i>(Please see presentation & supporting documents attached)</i></p> <p><i>Commissioner Arnold Perkins</i> asked Angela if she could elaborate on the term aligned with policy vs. not aligned with policy. <i>Angela Irvine</i> responded that when the study was done the Director's goal was to only put youth who had committed violent crimes and youth that were high and moderate risk in Placement. She uses the term "aligned with policy" because it was in line with the goals of the Probation Department at that time.</p> <p><i>Commissioner Elana Metz</i> asked if anyone is tracking this information post 2018. <i>Angela Irvine</i> responded that she wasn't the researcher on the study, but they have the probation numbers for the youth that were in both groups and if there was funding they could follow up.</p> <p><i>Guest</i> asked if the youth received restorative interventions in lieu of more punitive interventions or both. <i>Angela Irvine</i> responded it was in lieu of punitive interventions that youth were identified by the Alameda DA for restorative justice circles. There may have been some bias as to who got directed into the circles vs. who didn't, but it was not based on the severity of the crime.</p> <p><i>Guest</i> asked how many people in the control group were ineligible for restorative justice programs and what are those standards. <i>Angela Irvine</i> responded that there were very few eligibility criteria. Traditionally restorative justice program criteria include youth who are first-time offenders, a non-violent crime, status offense, or misdemeanor which does not apply for this program.</p> <p><i>Commissioner Arnold Perkins</i> asked who determines the recommendation for restorative justice. <i>Angela Irvine</i> responded that it's the DA's decision. Youth who commit violent crimes benefit the most.</p>	

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Chief Probation Officer Wendy Still mentioned she would be interested in funding and doing a follow-up study and broadening the criteria.

Guest asked if the data includes juveniles that are charged as adults. *Angela Irvine* responded no, by definition a youth charged as an adult would be ineligible as they are all 707(b) offenses.

Commissioner Jessica Selvin asked if they can they look back to determine the number of robbery cases in the unclear category. *Angela Irvine* responded if a youth that committed robbery was low risk they would be in the unclear category. Robbery is categorized as a current person's crime.

Presiding Juvenile Court Judge, Honorable Charles Smiley mentioned he would like to see a study of robberies committed by juveniles. Juveniles who snatch a phone are different from those who rob people with a weapon. *Angela Irvine*, responded that the 707(b) code is not clear on which robberies can be categorized as 707(b) assaults. She would like clarification on this. *Public Defender Laurel Arroyo*, responded that she would like to see the phrase "use of a firearm" added to the 707(b) category of Robbery. If that phrase was added, plain robberies would not be 707(b) eligible offenses, and youth could not be sent to DJJ or adult court unless they used a gun in the course of the robbery. The result would be that if a youth snatched a phone without using a gun, the offense would be sealable and would not be a strike offense. She asked if they are part of a policy group that does legislative advocacy. *Angela Irvine*, responded that the California Alliance for Youth and Community Justice (CAYCJ) is meeting on Friday to discuss legislative agenda. One of the items they will discuss will be regarding ways the California Penal Code could be revised. *Commissioner Elana Metz* responded that an arresting officer has discretion to determine where they will send the youth. She asked how the police can be involved in understanding this information since the process is not uniform. *Angela Irvine* responded she believes the County could benefit from an arrest task force. Or maybe a decision tree that officers can be trained on to help individual street officers be more consistent.

OUSD/Oakland Unite

Oakland Unified School District Administrator, Hattie Tate was asked by the National Law Center to help find

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interested partners for youth re-investment grant proposals, one for the City of Oakland and one for Alameda County. This will need to be done in partnership with individuals who provide direct services to youth. The diversion program's three components will include drug rehabilitation, social emotional learning, along with an academic and vocational (component) piece. She has started a draft proposal and will keep everyone updated. She will attend the Board meeting tonight to find out more about the 24 school closures. From July 1, 2018-December 31, 2018 she has assisted with 332 school placements, which include youth from the Safety Net weekly meetings, referred 120 youth for life coaching, and has done many more multi-disciplinary team meetings than in the prior year.. There have been a total of 75 students assessed for special education placement. OUSD is looking to partner more closely with ACOE to improve services for students with special needs.

Commissioner Arnold Perkins asked if she is referring to special needs assessed youth. *Hattie Tate* responded yes their numbers are determined by OUSD protocol. To make an appropriate school placement each time a youth is detained, the IEP and the detention has to be reviewed. They often have to revisit the IEP because that seat could have been given away during the detention period. The 75 referenced are the number of students already assessed and referred internally to OUSD.

Probation Department

Chief Probation Officer, Wendy Still reported Probation went live with a case management system for Adult Probation, Caseload Pro, on January 7, 2019. All cameras will be replaced in both Juvenile Hall and Camp Sweeney to improve safety. Their behavioral change model is moving forward and goes to the Board of Supervisors for the formal approval of the reorganization of the department structure. This is a \$10 million-dollar reorganization which has been funded through existing resources. Probation is in the process of implementing the Title 15 revisions. Work continues with OPD and the joint Safety Impact Table. Almost all managerial level vacancies have been filled.

Assistant Chief Probation Officer, Esa Ehmen-Krause formally introduced new Division Director Shauna Conner who will be overseeing the SB1004 program and the Transition Center.

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The DPN contracts were all approved by the Board last month. They will be releasing their Emergency Housing and Shelter Care RFP and their Legal Aid RFP. GSA hopes to have contracts in place by April 2019. Probation is hosting a barbershop forum in partnership with the Alameda Sheriff's Department scheduled for next month. Probation is also hosting their Juvenile Justice Symposium on February 5th and 6th, 2019 at the downtown Oakland Marriott. They've received a gang intervention grant and opioid impacted youth grant. Both are currently in the planning stage. The Georgetown Capstone project proposal has been accepted and they have received feedback from Georgetown. They are working on developing and submitting their logic model. The focus of the Capstone project is robberies committed in the City of Oakland.

Presiding Juvenile Court Judge, Honorable Charles Smiley asked if the emergency shelter is for adults only and if the Georgetown report will be made public? *Esa Ehmen-Krause* responded the emergency shelter is for non-minor dependents and transitional aged youth. There is no Georgetown report as of yet, they just began the data diagnostics and developing the logic model and will be submitting that to Georgetown. Through that effort they will develop their strategies. *Chief Still* added there will be some type of a report and action plan. When the data is available in a useful way it will be released.

Presiding Juvenile Court Judge, Honorable Charles Smiley asked what is contemplated for the gang intervention grant. *Esa Ehmen-Krause* responded they will identify youth participants while in-custody and in the community. The Transition Center Deputy Probation Officer will be working in the community and they are partnering with Oakland Unite for the warm hand-off to the life coaches. The Grant is for 15 youth per year over the course of three years.

Juvenile Justice Center, Superintendent James Rivers reported a total of 63 youth in Juvenile Hall, 56 boys, 7 girls. GPS has a total of 44 youth, 39 boys and 5 girls. HS has a total of 55 youth, 44 boys and 11 girls. They are working on collaborating with ACOE on their change-team model. Probation hired 8 new Juvenile Institutional Officers (JIOs) and promoted 3 new Institutional Supervisors from within. *Chief Still* added they reopened the JIO classification as they will have over 40 vacancies.

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Commissioner Arnold Perkins asked for more information about the new hires. *James Rivers* responded that they have hired four males and four females. 7 are Hispanic and 1 is African American.

Commissioner Kacy Hatcher-Robinson asked if there were any youth under 14? *Esa Ehmen-Krause* responded there are a total of eight 14-year old's and two 13-year old's.

Camp Wilmont Sweeney, Superintendent Jessica Fort reported their 12/19/18 family engagement night was a success. The next family engagement event is 1/30/19 from 6pm-8pm, they are partnering with Public Health to do a health fair. This month two youth have been hired at the Alameda County Library. Two youth are taking courses at Chabot College and one youth is taking courses at Laney College and will be transferring out of Camp successfully.

Division Director, Shauna Conner introduced herself and provided her professional background. In 2018 the Transition center served 684 contacts, there was a total of 467 duplicates. They provided \$10,192.50 in concrete services from July-November 2018. There was an increase in non-justice involved youth serviced by the Transition Center. The Probation department will be adding a second DPO to the Transition Center who will serve as a youth grants program coordinator.

Social Services

None.

Public Defender

Public Defender, John Plaine reported the 709 law changed and they are working on updating their protocol. *Public Defender, Laurel Arroyo* added they are coordinating the Bay Area Juvenile Defenders gathering scheduled for March 9, 2019. The gathering includes all the Juvenile Public Defender's offices in the Bay Area and they will exchange ideas and information.

ACOE

Alameda County Office of Education, Principal, Sean Moffatt reported they had a graduation ceremony in the Multipurpose room and lunch was provided for family and staff in the gym. Camp Sweeney youth will be attending a conversation with Author of "The Hate You Give" Angie Thomas on February 18, 2019 at Oakland Technical High School. They are continuing their partnership with FLY Law Center. February 8, 2019 is the mid-year graduation at the San Leandro Performing Arts Center. They are honoring

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graduates from Quest Academy and Camp Sweeney at a luncheon held by ACOE. Staff are going through instructional changes.

Chief Still requested Probation be notified of graduations so they can attend and provide support. *Sean Moffatt* responded absolutely.

District Attorney

None.

Guidance
Clinic/Medical

Juvenile Justice/CFS Health Services Director, Juan Taizan reported Children's Hospital will remain as the medical provider through the rest of this fiscal year. They have reduced staffing and will triage referrals as they come in for units 1 and 5. They are looking at their model and working with Probation's change team in redesigning how they provide services at JJC. They are examining opportunities to provide more trauma focused cognitive behavioral groups within the units. They are planning to bring on a true intake clinician. They have been doing Title 15 policy updates and are in the process of creating a health policy manual for JJC.

Commissioner Arnold Perkins asked how parents would know what their child's health plan is. *Juan Taizan* responded Probation holds most of that plan. There is no integrated plan that shares medical information with parents or amongst themselves. *Jessica Fort* added that the change-team is working on creating an integrated plan that would start from detention through juvenile services.

Juan Taizan continued that youth have certain rights and there is information they are not legally allowed to share with the partners or family members. *Chief Still* responded that youth have the ability to waive confidentiality. When there is a general interest to engage the individual is willing to do that. *Juan Taizan* agreed, some of the clinicians are good at obtaining that trust and getting waivers signed. For youth that have been found incompetent they are piloting referrals to Seneca who will be providing case management services for youth.

Public Health

Program Service Coordinator, Gary Thompson reported they are collaborating with Camp Sweeney for the family engagement health & wellness event on January 30, 2019. They will provide a healthy eating demonstration, blood pressure screenings for adults, stress management exercises,

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and a CPR and J Maneuver demonstration. On March 16, 2019 they are having a free countywide fatherhood summit event at Merritt College. It will include health screenings, lunch, and a barbershop talk activity. There will be a free shuttle from Bart to Merritt all day. More information and registration can be located at the link, provided here: <https://alamedacountyfathers.org/>

Public Comment

Hayden Beaulieu provided kudos to the Commission for their support during his incarceration. He is looking to go to law school to help youth who have been charged as adults as well as foster care youth. His goal is to advocate for more progressive policies *Commissioner Louise Anderson* responded she is hoping to get Hayden involved in the Commission's youth leadership council.

Presiding Juvenile Court Judge

Presiding Juvenile Court Judge, Honorable Charles Smiley reported statute 709 will change as of January 1, 2019. They are thinking about changing their case flow to reflect a week on and week off detention calendar, a proposal will be provided for input. The loss of the Title IV-E waiver will take place on 9/30/19 and will affect providers and juvenile justice in profound ways. He has asked Social Services to give a brown bag discussion this Friday in Dept. 401 at 12:15pm to discuss the impact of the loss of the waiver.

Commission Updates

Commissioner Arnold Perkins thanked *Commissioner Kamal Nair* for assisting with the event at Fremont Temple.

Adjournment

2:15pm

Next Meeting

Wednesday, February 13, 2019 at 12:00 p.m., at the Juvenile Justice Center, 2500 Fairmont Drive, C-1002, San Leandro, CA