

ALAMEDA COUNTY
JUVENILE JUSTICE DELINQUENCY PREVENTION COMMISSION
May 8, 2019
MEETING MINUTES

Commissioners Present:

Arnold Perkins	Jessica Selvin	Pamela Mchombo
Erica Hooper-Arana	Kamal Nair	Vamsey Palagummi
Kacy Hatcher-Robinson	Louise Anderson	Xochtil Larios

Excused:

Eddy Zheng
Elana Metz
George Galvis
Lois Brubeck
Spencer Hooper

Guests:

Andrea Zambrana, CAAP
Brian Ford, Probation Department
Elizabeth Morrison, Probation Department
Esa Ehmen-Krause, Probation Department
Eileen McAndrew, District Attorney
Faith Battles, Social Services
Hattie Tate, OUSD
James Rivers, Probation Department
Jessica Fort, Probation Department
John Plaine, Public Defender
Juan Taizan, BHCS
Laurel Arroyo, Public Defender
Mark Henderson, Oakland Unite
Shane Thomas, Probation Department
Shauna Conner, Probation Department
Tammy McGuire, Probation Department
Wendy Still, MAS, Probation Department
Yahru Baruti, Guidance Clinic, BHCS
Jazmine Frost, Probation Department, (Recorder)

AGENDA	DISCUSSION	ACTION NEEDED
Chair's Welcome	Meeting was called to order at 12:12 p.m.	
Introductions	Everyone introduced themselves.	
Approval of minutes	On a motion made by Chair Jessica Selvin, and seconded by Commissioner Vamsey Palagummi: "To approve the April 10, 2019 JJDPC meeting minutes."	
MOTION CARRIED		
Guest Speaker	<p><i>Commissioner Jessica Selvin</i> introduced Division Director, Faith Battles of the Social Services Agency who provided critical updates for the Social Services Division. <i>Faith Battles</i> requested everyone watch the HBO documentary "Foster" regarding Los Angeles County's child welfare system, which provides a glimpse into the foster care system. The assessment center was transitioned to a transitional shelter care facility earlier this year. Youth can now stay at the assessment center for 72 hours as opposed to 24 hours. Group homes in California are required to transition from being group homes to being Short Term Residential Treatment Programs (STRTP). The idea is for them to be a short-term therapeutic placement. Greater New Beginnings is a group home that only takes youth on Probation.</p> <p>Alameda County completed a contract for a recruitment campaign for Children & Family services with Hill Communications & Company. They completed four recruitment commercials in efforts to send clear messages about the types of foster homes they need for youth. More information can be found on their website www.myresourcefamily.org. Their annual Caregiver Appreciation dinner is scheduled for May 17, 2019.</p>	
Probation Department	<p><i>Chief Probation Officer Wendy Still</i> reported that Probation received 3 national County awards for data sharing. If the Commission would like, she is committed to making a presentation on Camp Sweeney at the next JJDPC meeting.</p> <p><i>Commissioner Arnold Perkins</i> asked how the response has been to Governor Newsom's proposal to move DJJ to a new department under CA Health and Human Services Agency. <i>Chief Still</i> responded there has been a good response.</p> <p><i>Assistant Chief Probation Officer Esa Ehmen-Krause</i> reported Los Angeles County has recently prosecuted some</p>	

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of their Juvenile Institutional Officers for the misuse of OC pepper spray. There has been a moratorium in Los Angeles County for pepper spray use in Los Angeles County facilities.

Alameda County Probation is actively at the meet and confer table for Title 15 policies. The first Youth & Custody Practice Model Site visit is scheduled for June, which will provide training and coaching to staff and stakeholders. Shift Bidding is scheduled for May 17, 2019 and they are continuing to have a low count of Use of Force incidents. They are working with OUSD on the development of a cross-age mentoring program that will serve as one of their violence prevention strategies, which will begin this coming school year. Herself and Deputy Chief Probation Officer Brian Ford attended a Youth Court roundtable to look at ways to expand.

Juvenile Hall Superintendent James Rivers reported a total of 62 youth at Juvenile Hall. Two 13-year-olds and three 14-year-olds currently in custody. GPS has 44 youth and Home Supervision has 63 youth.

Camp Sweeney Unit Supervisor Shane Thomas reported there are 14 youth at Camp Sweeney, three youth at Camp are employed. They have a Summer Stem Program up and running. *Camp Sweeney Superintendent Jessica Fort* added that when youth complete the Camp Sweeney program, they will remain assigned to their Camp Probation Officer. *Shane Thomas* added the youth participated in a field trip to Alcatraz in partnership with ACOE.

Esa Ehmen-Krause reported as of April 15, 2019 they have 41 youth in group homes or placement and of that, 12 are out of State, two of which are girls. There are 4 youth in Alameda County and 25 youth outside of the County, two of which are girls.

Commissioner Louise Anderson asked for a status on when tablets will be available to youth. *Esa Ehmen-Krause* responded that the tablets have been received and they are waiting for the charging stations and working on wireless infrastructure. She clarified that the devices are Samsung Galaxy tablets and not chrome books.

James Rivers added they are looking at 2-3 months before the tablets are deployed.

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	<p><i>District Attorney Eileen McAndrew</i> asked if there are ways to prevent social media access. <i>Esa Ehmen-Krause</i> responded they could have American Prison Data Systems (APDS) come to do a report-out on the tablets. The devices are programmed to only connect to APDS's server and network. Therefore, youth will not be able to log-on to anything that is not funneled through their network provider.</p>	
Public Defender	<p><i>Public Defender John Plaine</i> reported their 4th Annual Public Defender Block Party is scheduled for June 1, 2019 from 11:00am-2:00pm located at Verdese Carter Park, 9600 Sunnyside Street, Oakland, CA.</p>	
Court Appointed Attorney's Program	<p><i>Court Appointed Attorney Program Director Andrea Zambrana</i> reported Probation Director Shauna Conner and Corinne Lee made a presentation to their panel. They have one transfer hearing in progress and 3 or 4 with a petition filed.</p>	
District Attorney	<p><i>District Attorney, Eileen McAndrew</i> reported their office doesn't file transfer hearings often, only on serious cases. When the serious cases come to them, she notifies Nancy O'Malley that they should notice the transfer hearing. When it's noticed, it means the Probation Department and the defense attorney are aware the DA is looking at it. The Court appointed attorney program will then routinely have a social worker begin working on the case from their perspective. The Purpose of the report is to notify everyone of the appropriateness and issues surrounding it. They have filed notices for 7 cases in 2019, they have not litigated any of them. There are going to be changes in the way they address truancy mediation, there will be three Probation Officers assigned to truancy.</p>	
ACOE	None.	
Guidance Clinic/Medical	<p><i>Juvenile Justice/CFS Health Services Director, Juan Taizan</i> reported BHCS in the process of developing their scope of work and contract with Children's Hospital. A draft contract will be provided to Probation for feedback. There will be changes in what the services look like. There is new partnership coming in with dental.</p>	
Public Health	<p><i>Public Health Nurse Kim Blakiston</i> reported they are providing a 9-week drumming musical therapy group every Wednesday from 1:30pm-2:30pm in Unit 5, in partnership</p>	

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	<p>with ACOE. It began in April and will run through the first week of June. Program Service Coordinator Gary Thompson can provide a report upon the programs completion. The Fatherhood Summit took place in March, testimonials and additional information can be found at: https://youtu.be/i_hMEn3QU0I.</p>	
Oakland Unite	<p><i>Program Officer Mark Henderson</i> reported they completed their RFP process and have made their recommendations. He hopes to provide info regarding the funded programs after their next monthly meeting.</p>	
OUSD	<p><i>Oakland Unified School District Administrator, Hattie Tate</i> reported she's looking forward to assisting to determine an implementation process for the cross-age mentoring program. For the third quarter, the Transition Center has completed 559 school placements, 170 for girl's life coaching, and 36 welcome circles for students re-entering school upon release.</p>	
Public Comment	None.	
Presiding Juvenile Court Judge	None.	
Commission Updates	<p><i>Commissioner Erica Arana</i> reported they are moving forward with the youth council.</p> <p><i>Commissioner Louise Anderson</i> reported most group home visits have been completed and those reports will be provided to the Judge. Police department inspections will take place soon. The Department of Violence Prevention is hosting a Save Oakland Summit on June 8, 2019 at the Oakland Museum.</p>	
Adjournment	1:49pm	
Next Meeting	Wednesday, June 12, 2019 at 12:00 p.m., at the Juvenile Justice Center, 2500 Fairmont Drive, C-1002, San Leandro, CA	