

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

March 13, 2013

PRESENT:

Lois Brubeck, Chair	Sokhom Mao, Vice Chair	Dr. Jessica Selvin, Commissioner
Arnold Perkins, Commissioner	Mary Gilder, Commissioner	Marion Sims, Commissioner
Tony Robinson, Youth Commissioner	Rogelio Ham-Chang, Commissioner	

EXCUSED:

Alona Clifton, Commissioner	Kamal Nair, Commissioner	Mary Glenn, Commissioner
Bob Goetsch, Commissioner		

GUESTS:

Rhonda Burgess, Presiding Judge of the Juvenile Court
Faith Battles, Director, Social Services Agency
Esa Ehmen-Krause, Deputy Chief Probation Officer, Juvenile Facilities
Dennis Handis, Acting Deputy Chief Probation Officer, Juvenile Services
Christian Muñoz, Juvenile Hall Superintendent
Brian Hopson, Assistant Superintendent, Juvenile Hall
Lisa Hill, Camp Sweeney Superintendent
Derrick Bedford, IS I, Facilities Policy Compliance and Standards Supervisor
Michael Hermosillo, Principal, ACOE
Lashonda Moore, Transition Center, Probation
Jila Hicks, Probation (recorder)

<u>AGENDA ITEM</u>	<u>DISCUSSION</u>	<u>ACTION TAKEN</u>
Chair's Welcome and Remarks	Chair Brubeck welcomed everyone and started the meeting.	
Approval of Minutes	Minutes were approved as written with one change. Chair Brubeck requested that the last paragraph written for the closed session in the February minutes be taken off.	
Social Services Agency— Division Director Faith Battles	<p>Ms. Battles shared a chart with everyone and talked about the details indicated in the chart. The chart showed the demographics of youth in group homes.</p> <p>The chart showed that 14 to 18 are highly populated ages in group home settings in Alameda County. The biggest group is the African American males between the ages of 15 and 18.</p> <p>She explained the different levels of group homes (from very secure to more relaxed settings.) The highest level of secure</p>	

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Social Services Agency— Division Director Faith Battles (Continued)	<p>group homes are Level 14 (school and other services are offered in the group home on site and it's self-contained.) At this time Alameda County does not have that level group home. Youth requiring that level are sent out of County.</p> <p>There are some group homes that can offer similar levels of services but those are not complete Level 14 group homes.</p> <p>ICPC is a program set up among states to take care of the minors from other states so the social workers don't have to do a lot of traveling back and forth to visit their out of state youth.</p>	
Juvenile Court Judge Rhonda Burgess	<p>Judge Burgess informed all the Commissioners of the Positive Youth Justice Initiative that is going on and she was hoping the Commissioners look at the various workgroups to see which groups they may want to be involved with. There are 4 work groups to choose from.</p> <p>-Wraparound: Wrap Services will support a structured and individualized team planning process that is strength-based, culturally responsive and supportive of the young person and his or her family. The group wants to ensure that the the Wraparound Process, includes and incorporates the following principles: (1) Family voice and choice, (2) Team based, (3) Natural supports, (4) Collaboration, (5) Community-based, (6) Culturally competent, (7) Individualized, (8) Strength based, (9) Persistence and (10) Outcome based.</p> <p>-Trauma Informed Care: A large percentage of minors in contact with the criminal justice system have experienced trauma. Studies reviewed have shown that girls experience more of the trauma and boys are the witness to the trauma.</p> <p>-Positive Youth Development: The Positive Youth Development workgroup is focused on utilizing strength based approach to improve outcomes for system involved youth. Primarily as it relates to service delivery, i.e. academics, vocational skills, life skills, family/peer dynamics etc.</p>	

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Juvenile Court Judge Rhonda Burgess (Continued)	<p>-Improved Operational Capacities: The group is working to achieve a tracking system and get data on all the services being provided. Also looks data collection and evidence based practices in terms of providing services to youth.</p>	
Probation Department Team Report	<p><u>Deputy Chief Ehmen-Krause</u> She reported that the food service RFP process is finally done. She thanked Commissioner Ham and the Medical Unit for sitting in the review panel to see what is being offered by each vendor.</p> <p>She said the Chief will review GSA's recommendations and make a decision. The division will have a new food service contract as of July 1st. This contract will be with the vendor directly, unlike currently, where we piggyback on the Sheriff's contract. The Probation Department will be much more involved in food services and what is being offered.</p> <p>She also reported that 12 of the manual sections that required revisions for compliance with the BSCC inspection have now been met and conferred upon (when applicable) and have been implemented.</p> <p>BSCC still needs clarification on alternatives to religious programming. Probation is now keeping track of what minors are doing while the services are going on if they choose not to participate in the religious services. We are reporting everything weekly on the changes we have made.</p> <p><u>Superintendent Christian Muñoz</u> Mr. Muñoz reported that the JJDPCC inspection is scheduled for 3/28/13.</p> <p>He talked about the employee of the month recognition and memorializing those individuals by developing an annual plaque with the names of all 12 "employees of the month."</p> <p>He said he is making it a point to gather every Friday with JH collaborative partners to touch bases on what has been happening and what can be done to better the services provided to youth by everyone.</p>	

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Probation Department Team Report (Continued)	<p><u>Assistant Superintendent Brian Hopson</u> Mr. Hopson reported that there are 10 CBOs that come to JH to provide services.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">- 3/20/13, Showtime Dunk program will be performing at JH (2 sessions) and you are welcome to attend.- Starting 3/21/12, Center of Hope will be having monthly programs for minors to educate them in a positive and energetic way.- 3/29/13, Bread & Roses, James Henry, an internationally acclaimed percussionist, will perform live and conduct workshops on songwriting and instruments. <p><u>Superintendent Lisa Hill</u> Ms. Hill reported that she is part of one of the four Positive Youth Justice Initiative workgroups that Judge Burgess talked about and she is very excited about what the workgroup is doing.</p>	
Probation Department— Deputy Chief Handis on behalf of Chief LaDonna Harris	<p>Interim Deputy Chief Handis reported the following data to the Commission:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">- At this time there are total of 239 minors in group homes,- 179 out of County,- 39 out of state,- 21 in County. <p>He reported that from the total of 239, seven minors have run from group homes and 25 minors have been in the group homes over 300 days.</p> <p>Mr. Handis asked the Commission to give him a list of what information they think is critical so he can provide the Commission.</p>	
ACOE Report: Mr. Michael Hermosillo	<p>Mr. Hermosillo reported that this week ACOE is administrating the exit exam to all 10th graders and anyone that has not passed it yet.</p> <p>For the minors that are refusing to take the test, they will be sent to their rooms while the test is being administered. Before sending those minors to their rooms, all attempts will be made to get them to take the test.</p>	
Transition Center Report:	<p>Deputy Probation Officer Lashonda Moore reported that all collaborative partners are working well together in the Transition Center to provide services to minors. She reported</p>	

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Transition Center Report: (Continued)	<p>that the average number of days to get the Oakland kids back into school is 1 to 3 days.</p> <p>Mr. Handis reported that during the last one month, 154 minors came through the Transition Center, with the following demographics:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">- 132 male, 74 black, 41 Hispanic, 7 white, 3 Asian, 7 others- 22 girls 13 black, 1 Hispanic, 6 white, 2 others	
Adjournment	Regular meeting adjourned at 2:15 p.m.	
Closed Session	<p>Commissioner Bill Thomasson submitted his resignation.</p> <p>Commissioner Sims passed out the updated list of facility inspections. The list showed which facilities have been inspected and which facilities still need teams assigned to them for inspection.</p> <p>Commissioner Mao showed a presentation on the new inspection forms (for facilities and group homes) formatted into WORD document by Probation Department Technology Unit so everyone can access and type directly into the forms and forward the completed inspections to the Chair for signature and processing.</p> <p>He also reported that he is working on the Commission's Website. The website will have information about the Commission mission, resources, bios, all annual group homes and facilities inspections, Commission's roster and much more information. The website would be set up so the public can have limited access to the information and the Commission would have unlimited access. A sub-committee was formed to assist with recommendations on what should go on the website.</p> <p>The Commission thanked Commissioner Mao for his hard work in regards to the electronic inspection forms and his effort in setting up the website.</p>	

**NEXT MEETING: 12 NOON, WEDNESDAY, APRIL 10, 2013
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