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

November 13, 2013

Present:

Sokhom Mao, Vice Chair
Kamal Nair, Commissioner
Mary Gilder, Commissioner
Arnold Perkins, Commissioner
Jessica Selvin, Commissioner

EXCUSED:

Lois Brubeck, Chair
Alona Clifton, Commissioner
Tony Robinson, Youth Commissioner
Louise Anderson, Commissioner

GUESTS:

Honorable Rhonda Burgess, The Presiding Judge, Juvenile Courts
Honorable Armando G. Cuellas Jr., Judge, Juvenile Court
Esa Ehmen-Krause, Deputy Chief, Juvenile Facilities Division
Kathy Martinez, Deputy Chief, Juvenile Field Services Division
Lisa Hill, Superintendent of Juvenile Hall, Probation
Brian Hopson, Assistant Superintendent of Juvenile Hall, Probation
Ian Long, Unit Supervisor, Probation
Michael Hermosillo, Principal, ACOE
Hattie Tate, Oakland Unified School District, Transition Center
Ms. Kristen McCannon, Public Defender's Office
Mr. Christopher P. Chatmon, Executive Director, African American Male Achievement
Dr. Barry Krisberg, Disproportionate Minority Contact
Ms. Harriette Saunders, Member of United Seniors of Oakland
Jila Hicks, Probation (recorder)

AGENDA ITEM	DISCUSSION	ACTION TAKEN
Approval of October Minutes	Minutes were approved as written by Commissioner Perkins, second by Commissioner Nair and approved by everyone.	
Probation Department Team Updates	*Juvenile Hall Report* Deputy Chief Ehmen-Krause reported that a couple of days ago Chief met with few JJDPC members regarding some issues and for further communication to refer all concerns to her directly. She reported that Probation is continuing to meet with GSA regarding the new Camp. There is a steering committee that was developed for new Camp update. The date to move in to the new Camp is 2019. GSA is in conversation with the groups that will be doing environmental studies. Most of the match money is coming out of Public Protection funds. There are total of 5 different leases and MOUs that are part	

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Probation Department Team Updates (Continued)	of this project. These requirements must be met for the SB81 funds. Commissioner Perkins said that he wants to put on the record that Staffing is at a dangerous level. <u>*Camp Report*</u> Superintendent Hill reported on the Missouri model that is being used at Camp. This is an evidence based model that has worked in Missouri to deinstitutionalize detention. She reported that the Restorative Justice Model at Camp is very successful. This means getting minors ready to go back to the community after going through the Juvenile Justice System. She talked in details about what the model is all about which included: - Keeping minors close to their community, so they can stay in touch with their families. - Breaking down the large groups; kids are never in large groups for various programs so they can get the interaction with staff. - Safety of youth by enhancing staff interaction; keep the minors safe, and give them more individual attention and rehabilitation. - Emphasis on academic programs; having strong educational programs and staying exposed to education. - Family Outreach by eliminating minors going home for long period of times and instead have the families come in to visit with their kids. - Transition Planning and Support; continue the relationship with Transition Center for not just kids but also with the families. She reported that the Behavior Review Counsel meets every week and review every negative behavior including the staff writing these reviews. There are staff regular meetings with all the collaborative partners to see if any minor requires more attention than others.	

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Probation Department Team Updates (Continued)	Commissioner Perkins commended Superintendent Hill and her staff for doing a great job. <u>Juvenile Services Division</u> Deputy Chief Kathy Martinez reported on the Probation Violations/Incentives Grid - implementation phase with training for all staff as well as training for new staff which will roll out mid-December. The division is also working on tracking the usage of the tool. She said in January division will be starting a new DMC project and will work with Burns Institute to help formulate another plan to move forward after interviewing key stakeholders. She said the Juvenile Field Services will be working with field supervision units & Juvenile Facilities on data reporting. A contract is being formulated and by January it will be going forward. Also Probation is working to make sure the right youth are placed in right type of locations/programs. <u>Brian Hopson report:</u> Mr. Hopson reported that within last couple of months, 4 new JIOs have been hired and another one will be starting on 11/25. The total of last 3 months or so is 9 new JIOs. He reported that the Street Law students have been coming in to assist minors in the units to notify them court cases and dates. He said that the Rites of Passage group has been coming in for the last 4 weeks to meet with male minors to train them on life skills. Minors are drawn to the program and it's going successfully. He also reported that the CASHEE testing is going on every Saturday for minors interested to take the test and will be going on through the March of next year. The Bread and Roses program is going strong. This group brings local and national artists to the facility at no charge. Staff are stepping up to the plates and being accountable for following the policies. Safety checks have improved; more	

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Probation Department Team Updates (Continued)	communications (face to face) is going on with staff. Supervisors have transitions from being line staff to being supervisors. Mr. Hopson said that overall the facility is going strong.	
Transition Center Report	Unit Supervisor Ian Long reported that the Transition Center had a total of 130 referrals in September: 103 boys 27 girls From the City of Oakland: 65 boys, 48 were African Americans 10 girls, 9 were African Americans. For the month of October, the Transition Center referred 15 minors to the Delinquency Prevention Network (DPN). Transition Center is providing services not only to youth in custody but also for court and anyone walking in.	
Social Services Agency: Faith Battles, Division Director's Report	Not present.	
The Presiding Judge Juvenile Courts, Honorable Rhonda Burgess Report	Honorable Judge Burgess talked about the 14th annual adoption day on November 22. This year there are 23 cases of adoption that will be going through the court on that day. There was total of 91 adoptions last year. She talked a little about the forum the commissioners are putting together next year. She reported that Mr. Chatmon from African American Male Achievement group, Unit Supervisor Ian Long and others are going to be part of a team going to Anaheim for a conference about "Keeping Kids out of Courts". Judge Burgess announced that on November 6th she received the Judicial award from the Probation Department.	
Presentation by Mr. Christopher P. Chatmon, Executive Director of African American Male Achievement	Mr. Chatmon gave an overview of a Voluntary Resolution Plan, which focuses on school discipline and transforming school culture. To learn that "it's not about me, it's not about you, it's about the Children". And how Oakland Unified School District does not serve the African American male children adequately.	

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Presentation by Mr. Christopher P. Chatmon, Executive Director of African American Male Achievement (Continued)	He talked about the disproportionate representation of African American male youth in Oakland Unified School District. He gave a handout to everyone in regards to his presentation. Ms. Tate will be meeting with the School executive director Kevin Taylor to discuss any issues (such as high school network and truancy) and she will be taking any concerns commissioners have to him as well.	
Dr. Barry Krisberg, Director of Research and Policy at University of Berkeley Law	Dr. Krisberg talked about DMC and his work with NCCD. He reported that he has helped organize public hearings in many counties and he is willing to assist the Commission in future public hearings. He talked about the different understandings people have about race, ethnicity, etc.	
Mr. Michael Hermosillo, Principal of Butler Academy, Alameda County Office of Education Report	Mr. Hermosillo talked about the strong relationship between Probation and the School Department. He said that the Probation Department supervisors have been supporting the School Department in every way possible. For the first time, Butler Academy provides any academic services that are required for minors in any shape or form. He talked about the JJC Collaboration meetings where all collaborative partners discuss resolutions for all issues and invited the Commissioners to attend at any time.	
Christmas Bags Plan	Commissioner Nair reported that she has the list of items needed for Christmas bags that are given to minors on Christmas morning, and she asked everyone to inform her which item/s they want to donate.	
Adjournment	Meeting was adjourned at 2:05 p.m.	

Next Meeting: Wednesday, December 11, 2013, at 12 Noon,
Juvenile Justice Center Conference Room C-1002
2500 Fairmont Drive, San Leandro