

Juvenile Justice Commission
Remi Vista Conference Room
2701 Park Marina Drive
Redding, California

Thursday, January 14, 2016
3:30 P.M.
Meeting Minutes

Members Present

Steve MacFarland, Chairman
Morgan MacFarland
Hannah Maxwell
Yuvonne Tate
Susan Wilson

Others Present

Carol Ulloa, Probation	Ed Miller, Probation
Sarah Till, Probation	Honorable Monique McKee, Courts
Tracie Neal, Probation	Cindy Vogt
Erin Ceccarelli, Probation	Kurtis Hult
Twyla Carpenter, Probation	

1. Call to order

The meeting was called to order at 3:37 p.m.

2. Minutes

A quorum was not present to approve the meeting minutes for October 22, 2015. This item was tabled to next Commission meeting.

3. Introductions

4. New commission members

Cindy Voyt, case manager with California Heritage YouthBuild Academy and Kurtis Hult, youth pastor for Valley Christian Fellowship both indicated an interest in becoming part of the commission.

5. Schedule the annual JRF inspection

Susan reported that the inspection has not been completed. She will be scheduling the inspection in the very near future.

Steve MacFarland discuss the reasons why we do the inspections, and the roll of the Juvenile Justice Commission to new and potential members

6. Probation reports

a. Probation Department

Tracie described the different Divisions included in the Probation Department. She indicated that there are a variety of services provided within the department.

b. Juvenile Rehabilitation Facility (JRF)

Sarah passed out the JRF monthly reports and gave an overview. Treatment programs that are available both in and out of the JRF have been recently implemented. This approach will allow the juveniles to continue in the same treatment with the same therapist both in and out of custody. We believe that this consistency in treatment will be hugely beneficial to the youth. Voluntary pro social activities are still being offered.

The Gardening Responsibility, Ownership of Self and Community Well Being (GROW) grant has begun the early stages of program implementation. The egg incubators/breeders have arrived and the eggs are hatching. The Skill Builder has been hired and has begun working with the kids in the facility.

Tracie reported that the staffing in the JRF is at a good level. Seven of the newly hired staff will be going to CORE training classes in February. The staff turnover in the facility is extremely high and staff continue to leave the facility via promotion, retirement or transfer to positions in the County Jail. As a result, the majority of the staff in the facility are new with only a few staff having worked there more than two years.

c. Juvenile Supervision

Carol Ulloa stated that both the numbers of juveniles supervised by Probation and law enforcement referrals continue to be low. The juveniles currently on probation are limited to the higher risk population.

Shasta County Social Services Department and Shasta County Probation are working together to implement a County System Improvement Plan which includes the implementation of Safety-Organized Practice. Juvenile Probation is working to incorporate the aspects of the plan that apply to Probation within case plans that are prepared for juveniles under supervision.

Probation and HHS applied for the Mentally Ill Offenders Crime Reduction (MIOCR) grant but was not initially awarded the funds. The grant was subsequently awarded to Shasta County after another county decided not to implement. The program will be similar to the WINGS program for juveniles who have substance use disorders and/or mental health diagnosis. A Skill Builder and Parent Partner for this program are currently going through the background process.

Shasta County was awarded the Board of State and Community Corrections (BSCC) Edward Byrne Memorial Justice Assistance Grant (JAG). In the past, JAG has only funded drug task enforcement but has recently transitioned to funding more prevention and education services. Three programs are now offered at the JRF through these funds for preventive treatment; Boys Council, Girls Circle and Moral Reconciliation Treatment (MRT).

7. Judge's comments

Judge McKee commented on the low numbers of Juveniles that are incarcerated and some potential reasons for the reduction in population. In her experience, she does not believe that fewer crimes are being committed. She indicated that she believes it's more likely that resources are being focused on the adult population.

As part of the changes with the MIOCR grant, Drug Court will now be held every other week rather than every week. The hope is that this change will give the parents time to work with resources outside the court system.

8. Juvenile commission member comments.

Morgan MacFarland gave an overview of her participation in the Mock Trial competition.

9. Other business

Susan Wilson reported on a recent visit of a group of Ukrainians to Redding which was sponsored by the Redding Rotary. They visited many programs including the Peer Court program. They seemed impressed by the work that is done in this program as well as the others within Shasta County.

Judge McKee announced the Addicted Offender Program (AOP) graduation will be on 1/15/16 at 10:00 am and encouraged the commission members to attend.

The next meeting is scheduled at 3:30 p.m., on Thursday, April 14, 2016, at the Remi Vista Conference Room, located at 2701 Park Marina Drive, 3rd Floor, in Redding.

Respectfully submitted,

Twyla Carpenter

APPROVED:

Steve MacFarland, Chairman