

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

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

Members Present

Steve MacFarland, Chairman
Cindy Vogt
Susan Duncan
Yuvonne Tate
Susan Wilson
Tamra Linebarger
Sam Bellingan

Others Present

Carol Ulloa, Probation	Jamie LaRue
Ed Miller, Probation	Honorable Monique McKee, Courts
Tracie Neal, Probation	Atheena Navone
Erin Ceccarelli, Probation	Matt Johnson
Twyla Carpenter, Probation	
Sarah Till, Probation	

1. Call to order

The meeting was called to order at 3:35 p.m.

2. Minutes

The meeting minutes for October 22, 2015, and January 14, 2016 meetings were approved.

3. Introductions

4. Introduction of New Deputy Probation Officers

Jamie LaRue, Atheena Navone and Matt Johnson were introduced to the Commission. All three gave a brief overview of their education, work and career with Probation.

Tracie reported that the JRF is fully staffed, and the department will be hiring one more Deputy Probation Officer.

5. Approval of new commission members

Cindy Vogt's application was accepted and approved as a Juvenile Justice Commission member.

6. Annual JRF Inspection Report

Susan reported that the inspection has been completed. There were four recommendations made and three were to be presented to the Commission. Steve commented on the great quality of staff in the JRF. Corrections were made to the ratio of Juveniles to Staff to specify 30:1 during sleep hours.

Judge McKee reported on the court's annual inspection of the JRF. She indicated she was very impressed with the staff. She relayed her approval of the programs that are in place and stated that the JRF is a safe place for these minors. She has also been pleased with the hard work the school is doing assist the minors with catching up on school credits.

7. Probation reports

a. Juvenile Supervision

Carol Ulloa stated the Mentally Ill Offenders Crime Reduction (MIOCR) grant, which serves a caseload of minors with substance abuse and mental health issues, now has a Drug and Alcohol counselor assigned to the program in addition to the Probation Officer, Skill Builder and Parent Partner that were previously in place. The minors are assessed for various issues including their level of substance abuse to ensure their case plan addresses these issues.

Placement numbers are down from 30 to 26. Carol stated that Probation is working with local group homes to house Probation kids. Due to changes to the law, the maximum length of stay in these homes will be six months. The only exception to this limit on the length of stay will potentially be for placements of sex offenders.

b. Juvenile Rehabilitation Facility (JRF)

Sarah passed out the JRF monthly reports and gave an overview with a correction to February's Physical Restraints to 1.

Minors in the hall now have more structured time and less free time with recreation, exercise and therapy.

The JRF has been fully staffed during the months of March and April. All staff have been OC and PREA (Prison Rape Elimination Act) trained.

The GROW project is quickly being implemented. The raised garden boxes have been planted and 60 chickens are now housed in the west yard. Garden of Hope has three mentors that visit the JRF on Friday and Sundays. Minors outside the facility can have a garden space at the Radio Lane site as well. A simple job application has been developed for minors to apply for various duties in the JRF including those with the GROW project.

Sarah has been attending job fairs to recruit applicants for extra help Juvenile Detention Officer. There are currently 9 staff members who are extra help.

May 3rd the Board of State and Community Corrections will be coming to perform their inspection.

Tracie added that a Lean Six Sigma process has been started that will focus on better ways to recruit and retain staff.

The Logic Model has been completed and baseline data will be reported for FY 15/16.

Sarah stated that a program called Women Seeking Safety is being considered for implementation in the facility. One of the Supervising Probation Officers is interested in the starting the program.

8. Judge's comments

The implementation of the MIOCR program which includes a form of Drug Court has begun. The team working in this program is great and she has seen improvement with the minors in many ways including double digit clean days which didn't happen previously with these minors. Juvenile Probation now also has access to GPS units for the minors under supervision in the MIOCR program.

9. Juvenile commission member comments

None

10. Other business

Diane Gerard brought to Steve's attention an article in the Record Searchlight, on April 9th, 2016, on the opinion page, written by Christina Candelaria, titled *Youth Justice System Needs Reform*. Diane feels that someone should respond to the article. The Commission decided to let Sarah and Tracie look it over to see if it needs to be addressed.

The next meeting is scheduled at 3:30 p.m., on Thursday, July 21, 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