

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

Thursday, April 26, 2018
3:00 P.M.
Meeting Minutes

Members Present

Steve MacFarland, Chairman
Micah Seth
Hannah Maxwell
Cindy Vogt
Susan Duncan
Yuvonne Tate
Barbara Van Dyke
Susan Wilson

Others Present

Ed Miller, Probation
Eric Faxon, Probation
Tracie Neal, Probation
Twyla Carpenter, Probation
Casey Chorpenning, Probation
Erin Ceccarelli, Probation
Honorable Daryl Kennedy, Courts
Kurtis Capella, Probation
Jackie Durant, Hope City

1. Call to order

The meeting was called to order at 3:05 p.m.

2. Introductions

3. Minutes

Cindy Vogt moved to approve the meeting minutes for January 25, 2018; Seconded by Yuvonne Tate; Motion passed. 8 Ayes, 0 Noes.

4. Introductions of new Deputy Probation Officers

Kurtis Capella and Casey Chorpenning were introduced to the Commission. Both gave a brief overview of their education, work and career history

5. Presentation of ACE Adverse Childhood Experiences by Susan Wilson

Susan distributed several handouts and gave a presentation on Adverse Childhood Experiences. She indicated that ACEs are the leading cause of health and social problems in our nation. She said they also disrupt neurodevelopment, which in turn leads to social-emotional and cognitive adaptations that can then lead to risk factors for major causes of disease, disability, social problems, and early death. She also said that Shasta County's ACE average ACE score is twice the state average.

6. Update on the Board of State and Community Corrections (BSCC) and Title 15 Regulations

Tracie attended the Executive Steering Committee meeting of the Board of State and Community Corrections (BSCC) on February 8th. The Committee of the BSCC was considering changes to Title 15, Section 1321. One of these changes that includes a change in staffing ratios from 1 staff for each 10 youth during wake hours and 1 staff for every 30 youth during sleep hours to 1 staff for each 8 youth during wake hours and 1 staff for every 16 youth during sleep hours. Tracie informed the Commission that there was no change and the ratio will remain the same for the next five years. The Executive Steering Committee meets every four to five years to review Title 15 Regulations.

7. Probation Reports

a. Juvenile Rehabilitation Facility (JRF)

Ed Miller provided the JRF monthly reports for January, February, and March and gave an overview. The average population is 18. The Use of Force is down to an average of 1 to 2 per month currently. Several years ago, the average was 13 to 14 each month. The use of OC spray has also decreased to an average of just over 1 per month. The average two to three years ago was 6 to 8. Four minors in the facility are taking college classes online through Lassen College. The GROW program will be adding goats to the program in the next several months. In addition, the JRF received a waiver that allows the facility to house minors 19 to 21 years of age provided they are still going through the juvenile court process.

b. Juvenile Supervision

Eric Faxon reported that the Juvenile Division is training on Effective Practices in Community Supervision (EPICS). EPICS is designed to use a combination of monitoring, referrals, and face-to-face interactions to provide the juveniles with a sufficient “dosage” of treatment interventions, use time with the juveniles most effectively, and develop a collaborative working relationship. Part of the EPICS training is engagement, homework and feedback. Along with EPICS, staff is being trained on a program called The BriefCASE to further staff’s knowledge of evidence-based ways to interact with individuals on supervision.

Juvenile Probation is collaborating with Child Welfare in cases where referrals are made by law enforcement to probation on minors with dependency court history. This process often includes meetings with social workers, mental health, public health, schools and others professionals. The goal is to improve the services to these youths and their families.

Juvenile Probation has placed a minor with our first Resource Family, final approval is pending. One of the adults in this Resource Family is a former teacher of the minor. A second family is beginning process of being approved.

8. Judge’s comments

Judge Kennedy reported that he was very pleased with his first inspection of the Juvenile Rehabilitation Facility (JRF). Judge Kennedy stated that transfer minors take a long time to process through the court system with the new change in the law. The District Attorney (DA) must prove why the minor should be tried as an adult. Prior to this change in law, the DA could direct file and the burden of proof was on the minor to prove why they should stay in Juvenile Court.

Tracie stated that on May 18th, about 10 staff will be taking a tour of Department of Juvenile Justice (DJJ). This will help the officers prepare the minors to know what to expect when being committed to DJJ. The cost to Probation for housing a youth at DJJ is \$24,000 per year.

9. Commission Member Comments

Steve MacFarland ask Tracie to talk about a Facebook post from a member of the Board of Supervisors discussing converting the JRF to an adult facility. She indicated that the facility was built with bond money from the state and has very strict direction on how it is used until year 2033. It cannot be used to house adults, nor can you blend juveniles and adults in a facility.

10. Other business

Tracie announced that Ed Miller is retiring. His last day is May 4, 2018.

Meeting adjourned.

The next meeting is scheduled at 3:00 p.m., on Thursday, July 26, 2018, at the Remi Vista Conference Room, located at 2701 Park Marina Drive, 3rd Floor, in Redding.

Respectfully submitted,

Twyla Carpenter

APPROVED:

Steve MacFarland, Chairman