



SACRAMENTO COUNTY JUVENILE DELINQUENCY PREVENTION COMMISSION

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Dr. William Lane
Chair

JUVENILE DELINQUENCY PREVENTION COMMISSION SUMMARY OF MINUTES August 19, 2014

Present Jane Claar Dr. Virginia Maulfair Dr. Daniel Okada
Carole D'Elia Dennis Dulay Dr. Bill Lane
Frederick Mills Rachel Rios Gwendolyn Jackson Tucker
Mike Shores Dennis Dulay Jerry Flynn
Meer Lihony Heyman Matlock, Jr.

Guests: Dr. Melissa Bayne

Absent: None

Action

1. Call to Order:

A quorum was present. The meeting convened at 10:34 a.m.

2. Approval of the Summary of Minutes: Commissioner Lane motioned to accept the Summary of Minutes from the July meeting. Commissioner Mills seconded the motion. The minutes were approved by the Commission.

3. Announcements: DPC Meetings held once a month or every other month. Tabled for next meeting.

Public Comment

4. None.

Discussion

5. DPC Chair Dr. Lane recently met with Chief Probation Officer Lee Seale of Sacramento County to establish what three objectives DPC should focus on (Long Term Facility Use, Education, and feedback from the Grand Jury Report). Dr. Lane and Assistant Chief Probation Officer Shores agreed to meet regularly to discuss topics that DPC and Sacramento Probation Department can work on together to meet a common goal.

DPC Commissioners discussed with AC Shores regarding options for a Long Term Treatment Facility for our youth. Shores indicated that the Probation Department looked into this matter almost three years ago regarding a possibility of that the State closing the Department of Juvenile Justice Facilities. Shores informed the commission that the former Sacramento County Boys Ranch has no future in re-opening, but the Probation Department is looking into a possible plan for the re-opening of the former Sacramento County Youth Center (a 110 bed facility). Shores shared with

the commission that the Youth Center could re-open by a “third party” entity, or convert it into a group home.

Commissioner Gaines asked the commission and Shores, “where are these kids going now.” Shores indicated that approx. 50 minors are serving a commitment in out-of state placement and approx. 150 are serving commitment time outside the county. He shared with the commission that one of the Probation Departments goals in Family Reunification and attempting to keep the youth closer to their homes and in their environment.

Commissioner D’Elia addressed her concern regarding how many youth Sacramento County sends to DJJ, stating that we are number three in the state that sends our youth to DJJ to serve their detention time. Shores stated to the commission that the Probation Department is creating a foundation in preventing youth for committing criminal acts. He stated the Probation Department is focusing on education and resources, with the implementation of their Youth Service Centers at local area schools. Probation Officers and Probation Assistants are assigned to different schools to educate the youth and provide them with resources, such as treatment. Shores also indicated that the Youth Detention Facility has a variety of programs for the youth detained there, such as the new Boys and Girls Club program.

Commissioner Lane also addressed his concern for a long term facility for youth in the Sacramento Region and asked Shores if there was a possibility of a long-term care/program within the Youth Detention facility. Shores informed the commission that the Youth Detention Facility was not designed for long term care to detain a youth. Shores indicated that the Probation Department are providing the youth with re-entry skills when they are released from YDF and back into the community.

Commissioner Rios believed that DJJ commitments were a better alternative than sentencing a minor to the California Department of Corrections, as an adult.

6. Sacramento Violence Intervention Program (SVIP) presentation by WellSpace Health. The program is in partnership with Kaiser Permanente South Sacramento’s Trauma Center. SVIP address youth violence in the Sacramento area. The program focuses on helping young victims of violence heal and lead positive, nonviolent lifestyles. The SVIP responds to the Kaiser South Hospital when a youth is involved in physical violent altercation that resulted in a physical injury. SVIP will work closely with the victim and their family to deescalate the situation in hopes that further violence (retaliation) does not occur. SVIP continues follow ups with the youth to make sure they are participating in school and assist them with further treatment (services 6 months to a year) or resources if needed. The program has been recognized throughout the Sacramento Region for their work in lowering youth violence. A slide show was presented to the commission informing them of their various programs.
7. The YDF most updated Population Report was provided, giving the commission a snapshot of the Youth Detention Facilities population within the facility and youth that are assigned to Placement. There were no questions or discussion regarding the population report.

Future Agenda Items

- DPC meetings scheduled monthly vs. every other month

NEXT MEETING: Tuesday, September 16, 2014 at 10:30 a.m.

Commissioner Lane motioned to adjourn the meeting. Commissioner Dulay seconded the motion. The meeting was adjourned at 11:35.

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