



SACRAMENTO COUNTY JUVENILE DELINQUENCY PREVENTION COMMISSION

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Carole D'Elia
Chair

JUVENILE DELINQUENCY PREVENTION COMMISSION SUMMARY OF MINUTES March 18, 2014

Present Caliph Assagai Hillary Gaines Dr. Daniel Okada
Jane Claar Heyman Matlock Brian Lee
Carole D'Elia Dr. Virginia Maulfair
Frederick Mills

Guests: Danielle Williams, Sacramento Area Congregations Together
Gabby Trejo, Sacramento Area Congregations Together

Absent: Jerry Flynn Dennis Dulay

Action

1. Call to Order:

A quorum was present. The meeting convened at 10:36 a.m.

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

3. **Announcements:** None

Public Comment

4. None

Discussion

5. On March 6th members of the DPC met with Probation to discuss the Commission's role. Chief Seale, Assistant Chief Marlon Yarber, Assistant Chief Shores and Chief Deputy Brian Lee were all in attendance. Since the split from the Juvenile Justice Commission (JJC), the focus of the group appears to stall by the time the Delinquency Prevention Commission meetings start. Probation suggested altering the meeting time or place to keep the focus on delinquency prevention efforts. Probation suggested several areas where the DPC could focus efforts in the upcoming year:

1) Keeping kids in school:

- One way the Commission could begin to address the issue would be to look at disproportionate suspensions and other school policies that may contribute to kids being out of school.
- The Commission could also advocate for positive programs aimed at keeping youth in school.

2) Truancy:

- The commission could look at offering a multi-agency conference, similar to the prior "Trading Secrets" conference, with a focus on truancy and keeping kids in school.

- Juvenile field caseloads will be organized around school districts. The new supervision model will allow officers interaction with kids on and around school campuses. They will be able to engage with probation and non-probation youth and provide a supportive resource for youth.
 - Probation is now participating and attending the multi-disciplinary Partners Against Chronic Truancy (PACT) meetings.
- 3) Neighborhood Accountability Boards (NABs):
- The Commission could resurrect NABs.

The Commission members discussed these options and agreed that short term goals for the Commission should focus on advocating for mental health, keeping kids in school, and the multi-agency conference. A long term goal is to resurrect the NABs if funding becomes available. In order to provide time for the rest of the agenda items, the discussion was tabled until the next meeting.

6. Danielle Williams and Gabby Trejo from Sacramento Area Congregations Together (ACT) attended the meeting. Sacramento Area Congregations Together is a multicultural, multi-faith grassroots organization that includes over 52 local congregations. Some of their youth programs include the Parent/Teacher Home Visit Program, Youth and Gang Violence Program, School Attendance Centers and Lifelines to Healing. Through the Lifelines to Healing program, Sacramento ACT works with the Kings Arena to offer priority hiring to people living in the zip codes with the highest levels of poverty. Upcoming programs through the Lifelines to Healing Program will be engaging people in the District Attorney race and getting them out to vote. They will also be starting discussions on the direct file issue. The \$50,000 grant the Diocese of Sacramento provided for restorative justice programs will be utilized to start a community listening campaign. The listening campaign will center around four schools in Oak Park and absenteeism in elementary/middle schools. The ultimate goal of the program will be to incorporate restorative justice principals into school practices to reduce the school to prison pipeline. There have also been discussions of possibly bringing back a program like the Neighborhood Accountability Boards.
7. The Youth Detention Facility Population Report was provided. Heyman asked where the Juvenile Work Project (JWP) youth were housed. Brian responded that most JWP youth are at home. A few may be in YDF on a long-term commitment. The JWP number on the population report does reflect the youth at home and youth that are in YDF. Brian indicated the form was developed for Probation managers and may need to be adjusted for the purposes of the Commission.
8. Commissioner D'Elia stated that the next cycle for the Juvenile Justice Commission Scholarship Program is starting. Commissioner Gaines is in the process of redesigning the application. Last year, the Commission was going to award four scholarships, but two of the youth could not be contacted to receive the award. Commissioner D'Elia mentioned that some of the applicants last year did not meet the criteria. For instance, one youth was referred while he was in custody. She asked Hillary to make sure the application is very clear about the requirements.

Future Agenda Items

- Continue discussions regarding feedback from meeting with Chief Seale

NEXT MEETING: Tuesday, April 15, 2014 at 10:30 a.m.

Commissioner Mills motioned to adjourn the meeting. Commissioner Gaines seconded the motion. The meeting was adjourned at 11:48.

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