

# SACRAMENTO COUNTY JUVENILE DELINQUENCY PREVENTION COMMISSION

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Dr. William Lane Chair

# JUVENILE DELINQUENCY PREVENTION COMMISSION SUMMARY OF MINUTES September 16, 2014

Present Jane Claar Dr. Virginia Maulfair Dr. Daniel Okada

Carole D'Elia Meer Lihony Dr. Bill Lane

Heyman Matlock, Jr. Rachel Rios Gwendolyn Jackson Tucker

Mike Shores Dennis Dulay Jerry Flynn

Guests: None

**Absent:** Frederick Mills

## **Action**

#### 1. Call to Order:

A quorum was present. The meeting convened at 10:39 a.m.

- **2. Approval of the Summary of Minutes**: Commissioner Okada motioned to accept the Summary of Minutes from the August meeting. Commissioner Claar seconded the motion. The minutes were approved by the Commission.
- **3. Announcements:** The commission will be touring the Sacramento County Assessment Center (3990 Branch Center Road, Sacramento, CA) on October 2, 2014.

## **Public Comment**

**4.** None.

## **Discussion**

- **5.** The Juvenile Gap Analysis was completed by Fred Campbell, who provided the draft copy to Assistant Chief Probation Officer Shores. The Gap Analysis supports the direction the Probation Department is heading, and the final copy of the analysis will be distributed to the commission when completed.
- **6.** SB 81 Funds is funding for Juvenile Justice Programs. A team was put together to write a RFP and submit the application for funding. The funds, if granted, will build a multi-use facility/structure such as a Juvenile Day Reporting Center or Neighborhood Alternative Center type facility, which would give law enforcement agencies an option for youth, rather than Youth Detention Facility.
- 7. The Warren E. Thornton Youth Center is moving forward in the process of re-opening as a placement facility, operated by a third party group home/or provider. The primary goal for this

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facility is to have a placement type option within the community to expedite family reunification. Commissioner Flynn asked Chief Shores if other counties have a similar program like the proposed Youth Center. Chief Shores indicated he was unsure. He did indicate that the Probation Department has begun working with Community Care Licensing, searching for a provider for the program; emphasizing focus on family reunification. Chief Shores indicated that the Probation Department has approx. 200 youth in group homes. Commissioner Dr. Lane asked Chief Shores, how many youth the WETYC can hold? That number, according to Shores, has not been established and some retrofitting will need to be done because the building was built for a correctional type purpose. The building was made originally to house 110 youth, which were divided into three living areas. Commissioner Gaines asked who will provide vocational training for the youth. Chief Shores indicated that they are still working on program design and he was not sure what level the placement facility would be. Commissioner Della addressed the question regarding the education aspect of the program, and who will provide that. A further discussion/plan with SCOE will be still need to be developed for the educational aspects of the program, according to Chief Shores.

- **8.** Chief Shores met with the Natomas Unified School District, in regards to implementing a Youth Service Center type program for Natomas Schools. The District seems receptive, but no firm plans have moved forward yet. Probation Officers in the Sacramento Unified School District are making a positive impact in that district and the programming is going to continue to expand.
- **9.** Youth Services Center Program began at the Eleanor Hickey school site. The Probation Department currently has two officers assigned to that campus. The Probation Department has teamed up with the Boys & Girls Club and they are providing programming for the youth each day. Attendance at the school is at a 90%, which was 30-40% before the program. Chief Shores indicated that they are adding ART to the daily curriculum as well as Sierra Vista outpatient mental health intervention.
- 10. Commissioner Dr. Lane wanted to hear any additional comment regarding the commission strategic plan, long term facilities in Sacramento, Education, and the Grand Jury report. Chief Shores indicated that the long term facility plan is with the WETYC Program/facility. Education, the main goal is to work with the school districts in getting the youth back to their district of origin after they are released from the Youth Detention Center and continue work with the Youth Services Center programs. The Grand Jury report, Sacramento County and the Probation Department is responding to the findings. Chief Shores also added that the Sacramento County Boys Ranch has been awarded to a Federal re-entry program.
- **11.** The YDF most updated <u>Population Report</u> 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, October 21, 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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