



SACRAMENTO COUNTY JUVENILE DELINQUENCY PREVENTION COMMISSION

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Carole D'Elia
Chair

JUVENILE DELINQUENCY PREVENTION COMMISSION SUMMARY OF MINUTES December 17, 2013

Present	Frederick Mills	Carroll Schroeder	Carole D'Elia
	Caliph Assagai	Jerry Flynn	Brian Lee
	Dr. Daniel Okada	Dr. Virginia Maulfair	Dr. Bill Lane
	Heyman Matlock	Jane Claar	
Guests:	Dr. Barry Krisberg	Marlon Yarber	Steve Garrett
	Mike Shores		
Absent:	Ty Nguyen	Dennis Dulay	Hillary Gaines

Action

1. Call to Order:

A quorum was present. The meeting convened at 9:55 a.m.

2. **Approval of the Summary of Minutes:** Commissioner D'Elia motioned to accept the Summary of Minutes from the August meeting. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Maulfair and approved by the Commission.

3. **Announcements:** None.

Public Comment

4. None

Discussion

5. Commissioner Mills introduced Dr. Barry Krisberg, who is the Director of Research and policy at Berkley Law. Dr. Krisberg was in attendance to present on *Current Trends in Juvenile Justice*. The presentation began with a discussion on National trends. Nationally, arrest trends and the number of youth in residential placement have declined steadily for the past 10 years. The total number of youth in residential placement is lower than it has been in 35 years. California has gone through its own radical de-incarceration in the last few years, and has seen a 42% decline in the number of youth in residential placement. As a result of litigation and increased provision of services, costs have dramatically increased despite the decline in the number of youth. There has also been a dramatic decline in state prison commitments for youth under 18.

Disproportionate Minority Contact figures have increased since 1997, particularly for Hispanic youth. There has also been an increase in the number of crossover youth and school based referrals.

The “Zero Tolerance” policies are being examined to determine if it is actually addressing serious problems and getting the intended results.

Dr. Krisberg also discussed the experiences of Annie E. Casey Foundation’s Juvenile Detention Alternative Initiative (JDAI) sites and the Warren Institute Study of the JDAI impacts. Comparing baseline years to 2010, JDAI sites saw a drop in their detention populations that was 2.5 times greater than that of the state totals and 5 times greater than non-JDAI sites. There was also a drop in commitment counts that was 33% greater than that of the state totals and 40% greater than non-JDAI Sites. He noted the JDAI ideals are becoming the new normal even for sites that are not engaged in the initiative.

He wrapped up the presentation noting the two biggest issues facing juvenile detention and commitment facilities currently: Prison Rape Elimination Act (PREA) and Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA). He has seen an increase in litigation around these two laws. He suggested sites assign a disability coordinator/expert since the federal guidelines are very broad and may go beyond state or local requirements.

Future Agenda Items

- Positive Youth Justice Initiative Update

NEXT MEETING: January 21, 2013

Commissioner Maulfair motioned to adjourn the meeting. Commissioner Mills seconded the motion. The meeting was adjourned at 11:31.

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