



**SACRAMENTO COUNTY
JUVENILE DELINQUENCY
PREVENTION COMMISSION**

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Carole D'Elia
Chair

**JUVENILE DELINQUENCY PREVENTION COMMISSION
SUMMARY OF MINUTES
May 21, 2013**

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

Action

1. Call to Order:

A quorum was present. The meeting convened at 10:51 a.m.

2. Approval of the Summary of Minutes from the March meeting:

Commissioner Okada requested to amend the March minutes to add the title Dr. in front of his and Commissioner Lane's names since Commissioner Maulfair's title was listed. Commissioner Claar agreed and requested a motion to approve with the amendment. Commissioner Dulay motioned to approve the minutes with the change. Commissioner Gaines seconded the motion and the March minutes were approved as amended.

3. Announcements: None

Public Comment

4. None

Presentation

None

Discussion

5. Probation Division Chief Mike Shores was present and provided a report out on the Positive Youth Justice Initiative (PYJI) grant stakeholder meeting that took place on April 19, 2013. He noted he is the Chief Deputy of the Youth Detention Facility (YDF) as well as the lead for PYJI, Girls Justice Initiative and the Aspen Institute Opportunity Youth Incentive Fund. Chief Deputy Shores also noted he has been working with consultant Fred Campbell and Lynn Wynn from the Criminal Justice Cabinet on a commitment facility planning project. The County is currently researching the

feasibility of reopening either the Boys Ranch or the Warren E. Thornton Youth Center as a commitment facility should there be funding available in the future. Fred Campbell is evaluating the profiles of the youth that have been committed to the state Division of Juvenile Justice. The County Facilities Planning and Maintenance Division provided an estimate on the initial cost to reopen each of the buildings. The Boys Ranch would be quite costly since there has been deterioration, theft, and vandalism to the facility since the closure in 2010. Additionally, the septic line was not keeping up with use when the facility was in operation. Commissioner Flynn asked if the Boys Ranch septic line would be grandfathered in if it were to reopen. Chief Deputy Shores indicated that it was grandfathered in when the building was in continual operation, but that is not certain now. The last estimate to connect the Boys Ranch to the nearest sewer line was \$7 to \$8 million. He noted that Lynn Wynn and Fred Campbell will be providing a report to the JIPCC [Juvenile Institutions, Programs and Court Committee] with the findings and recommendations.

Since several Commissioners have been participating in the PYJI stakeholder meetings, many already know the work that has been done so far has been assisting in developing the plan for the implementation grant that is due late July. Members from each of the systems involved (Probation, CPS, Mental Health, Schools, Court) will be participating the final Learning Community sponsored by Sierra Health Foundation tomorrow and Thursday. All of the Technical Assistance Providers and the other counties that were awarded a planning grant will be in attendance. Whether or not Sacramento is awarded an implementation grant, the County has made strides and plans to implement some system changes regardless of funding. Commissioner Gaines asked if the team would be responding to the Stakeholder recommendations. Chief Deputy Shores responded that the team has been gone through each of the recommendations. Some of them have been referred and will be addressed by existing workgroups. One area the team is moving forward with is the Youth Justice Council, which will provide a place for the youth voice to be heard in relation to Probation and other County services. Commissioner Flynn suggested looking to Foster Youth Services at the schools to assist with the youth council. Commissioner Claar suggested the Youth Development Network. Commissioner Gaines stated that she is involved with youth engagement with the state and can assist in making connections. Probation will be providing the Department-specific recommendations to the new Chief once he starts to evaluate next steps. Commissioner Flynn asked if Chief Seale had started yet. Chief Deputy Shores indicated that his start date is May 28th.

On behalf of Sacramento, Sierra Health Foundation applied for a \$100,000 planning grant through the Aspen Institute that is similar to PYJI, called the Opportunity Youth Incentive Fund (OYIF). The OYIF project will include City partners as well as the stakeholders already at the table for PYJI. Commissioner Gaines asked for the definition of Opportunity Youth. Chief Deputy Shores indicated the population will start with the crossover youth and expand to all youth that are between 16-24 years old and are unemployed and/or no longer involved with the education system. They do not have to be involved with the justice system for the OYIF project. Sierra Health Foundation has indicated if the OYIF application is successful, it will not be a subsequent funding stream; it will become part of the \$200,000 PYJI implementation grant funding.

6. Chief Deputy Shores also discussed the Girls Juvenile Justice Initiative (GJJI) that is currently in progress. The purpose of the GJJI project is to improve outcomes for girls coming in to the juvenile justice system. Lynn Wu from the Prison Law Office has been conducting focus groups with girls in YDF and their families, and held a stakeholder meeting on May 2, 2013. Probation is looking forward to the recommendations that come out of the project, particularly around the area of sexually exploited girls. Commissioner Gaines reported that she attended the stakeholder meeting and did not think the presentation by Gena [Castro Rodriguez], a PhD candidate that is working with the PLO on the GJJI project, was very family-friendly. She indicated she would have liked to

have seen more of a strength based, family-centered perspective presented. Commissioner D'Elia also attended the meeting and noted she felt Gena was accurate based on her work with girls in the California Youth Authority facility in Ventura, California. She also noted the lack of awareness of the path to juvenile justice for girls and would like to see the initiative gain momentum. Commissioner D'Elia noted she was surprised to hear from Chief Meyer, when he was here, that few girls were being booked in the hall for prostitution or trafficking. Chief Deputy Shores noted that a majority of girls are actually booked for other crimes, but that does not mean they are not victims of prostitution or trafficking. This is the area where he sees the PYJI and GJJI initiatives overlapping. He is hoping the initiatives will assist in the early identification of exploited girls entering the system. He noted the County is working on training staff in Trauma-Informed Care and expects the training will assist staff in recognizing signs of sexual victimization and prostitution.

7. Chair D'Elia noted that Commissioner Matlock, who was absent, is leading the Strategic Planning Workgroup. She asked the group if they agreed the strategic planning should be postponed now that the Commission has been notified that Chief Seale will not be starting until the end of May. Vice Chair Gaines indicated she thought she and Chair D'Elia could meet with Chief Seale and report back in July. Commissioner Flynn made a motion to cancel the June meeting. Commissioner Claar seconded the motion and the commission voted to cancel the June meeting.

Future Agenda Items

8. Future agenda items: Update from Probation regarding PYJI and GJJI initiatives and report back regarding Chief Seale's priorities for the Commission.

Commissioner Lane motioned to adjourn the meeting. Commissioner Mills seconded the motion. The meeting was adjourned at 11:43 a.m.

NEXT MEETING: ~~June 18, 2013~~ CANCELLED

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