



# SACRAMENTO COUNTY JUVENILE DELINQUENCY PREVENTION COMMISSION

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Carole D'Elia  
Chair

## JUVENILE DELINQUENCY PREVENTION COMMISSION SUMMARY OF MINUTES November 19, 2013

<b>Present</b>	Dennis Dulay	Carroll Schroeder	Carole D'Elia
	Hillary Gaines	Jerry Flynn	Brian Lee
	Dr. Daniel Okada	Chief Lee Seale	Dr. Bill Lane
<b>Guests:</b>			
<b>Absent:</b>	Frederick Mills	Dr. Virginia Maulfair	Heyman Matlock
	Caliph Assagai	Jane Claar	Ty Nguyen

### Action

#### 1. Call to Order:

A quorum was present. The meeting convened at 10:46 a.m.

2. **Approval of the Summary of Minutes:** Commissioner Gaines motioned to accept the Summary of Minutes from the august meeting. The motion was seconded by Brian Lee and approved by the Commission.

3. **Announcements:** None.

### Public Comment

4. None

### Discussion

5. Brian Lee provided an update on the Positive Youth Justice Initiative. Sacramento was one of five Counties that were selected to move into the implementation phase. However, the implementation requirements rolled out by the Sierra Health Foundation were different than expected. The partners will be meeting to assess sustainability and resource allocation in light of the new requirements.

6. The conversation regarding best practices in delinquency prevention, volunteer/community prevention programs, and the type of activities other Delinquency Prevention Commissions are undertaking throughout the state continued from August. Chair D'Elia commented that she attended the Sentencing Commission meeting in San Francisco. She heard a presentation from Sujatha Baliga of the National Council on Crime and Delinquency on a diversion program in San Francisco. The District Attorney participates and chooses which cases they are willing to divert for this program. This particular program focuses on approximately 25 youth who are first time offenders for serious offenses such as burglary, theft, auto theft and robbery. Use of weapons, bodily harm and violence would exclude a youth from participating in the diversion program.

Commissioner Flynn noted that the three candidates for District Attorney are running on tough platforms and wondered if they would be willing to participate in a program like this. Brian Lee commented the program would have to be adapted to our jurisdiction in collaboration with the District Attorney and community partners. Chair D'Elia noted there is also a creative writing program out of Los Angeles that sounds promising. Commissioner Gaines commented that there are similar writing programs in Sacramento such as one offered through Wind Youth Services. Chief Seale also noted there is a creative writing program for youth in the Youth Detention Facility. Chair D'Elia also commented that she enjoyed hearing more about the CARES program from the Sacramento County Office of Education (SCOE) at the Juvenile Justice Commission meeting. Brian Lee noted that Probation is partnering with SCOE on three community school campuses to operate Youth Service Centers. The program will include a full day of school, multidisciplinary team meetings and an afterschool program run by the Boys and Girls Clubs of Greater Sacramento. Afterschool activities may include field trips, pro-social activities such as sports and art, counseling, and other activities to assist youth in meeting probation conditions. Commissioner Flynn noted other counties with similar programs have been successful when the probation officers are approachable. Brian commented that officers have been carefully selected and that they will be on-site to actively engage youth and build relationships. Chair D'Elia asked if there are plans for expansion. Chief Seale commented that the program is grant funded and will need to demonstrate successful outcomes before expanding. Commissioner Dulay added that community service to pay down restitution would be a good addition to the program if it isn't already included. Chair D'Elia asked the commission what the next steps might be to move forward. Commissioner Lane requested more information or a presentation on what it would take to implement a diversion program similar to the one in San Francisco. Commissioner Flynn suggested inviting the Juvenile District Attorney and Public Defender to the meeting for those discussions/presentations.

### **Future Agenda Items**

Dr. Barry Krisberg will present in December. The Delinquency Prevention Commission may need to meet earlier to accommodate this presentation.

Please contact Chair D'Elia with other agenda items.

### **NEXT MEETING: December 17, 2013**

Commissioner Dulay motioned to adjourn the meeting. Brian Lee seconded the motion. The meeting was adjourned.

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