



SACRAMENTO COUNTY JUVENILE DELINQUENCY PREVENTION COMMISSION

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Carole D'Elia
Chair

JUVENILE DELINQUENCY PREVENTION COMMISSION SUMMARY OF MINUTES January 22, 2014

Present Frederick Mills Dennis Dulay Carole D'Elia
Caliph Assagai Heyman Matlock Brian Lee
Jane Claar Dr. Virginia Maulfair

Guests:

Absent: Dr. Daniel Okada Hillary Gaines Jerry Flynn

Action

1. Call to Order:

A quorum was present. The meeting convened at 10:30 a.m.

2. Approval of the Summary of Minutes: Commissioner Maulfair motioned to accept the Summary of Minutes from the December meeting noting a change to the date of the next meeting from January 21, 2013 to January 22, 2014. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Dulay and approved by the Commission.

3. Announcements: Commissioner D'Elia provided a pamphlet on the Reading Partners program. Volunteers meet one-on-one with students one hour per week to assist with reading skills. The program operates at local schools across Sacramento. Visit the website at www.readingpartners.org or contact Carole D'Elia for more information.

Public Comment

4. None

Discussion

5. Brian Lee provided an update on the Positive Youth Justice Initiative (PYJI). Sacramento was approved as part of the implementation phase. The PYJI Executive Team (Court, Child Protective Services, Probation, Behavioral Health and the Sacramento County Office of Education) started to participate in the learning communities and received feedback on required changes. The PYJI Executive Team decided not to move forward with implementation as they did not feel Sacramento could restructure and fulfill the requirements within the expected timelines given the current restructuring that is required after years of budget reductions. The team did not feel outcomes for youth would be as strong as hoped. Probation met with Sierra Health Foundation and they understood the team's concerns. Probation is looking forward to working with them on other projects in the future. During the planning phase, the County pulled together and all involved genuinely value the work that was done with crossover youth.

The team is continuing to look at ways to address the needs of the crossover population. Mike Shores is beginning talks with Center for Juvenile Justice Reform, out of Georgetown University about Sacramento participating in the Crossover Youth Practice Model. Casey Family Programs is supporting the implementation of this model in several communities around the country including LA, San Diego and Alameda in California. The program offers technical assistance and support in implementing the model.

Brian also noted there has been a major restructuring required in Juvenile Probation due to Title IV claiming issues. Currently, Probation Departments statewide are not able to claim for the Title IVE population (approximately \$15 million per year for Sacramento) until the State is satisfied that the corrective action plan has been met. Sacramento brought in outside consultants to train staff on time studies and case planning requirements. The Department is hoping the claiming hold will be lifted soon, but there may be a reduction.

Chair D'Elia asked Brian about the Girls Justice Initiative. Brian indicated the project is continuing to move forward. Lynn Wu from the Prison Law Office is in the process of gathering data and developing a strategic plan.

6. Strategic Planning: Chair D'Elia provided a copy of the Commission's draft Annual Report. She noted the last page highlights strategies for 2014 stating she would like to continue to connect to other Delinquency Prevention Commissions to share best practices in the upcoming year. Commissioner Assagai suggested Collaborative Courts as a strategy and noted the Assembly is proposing \$25 million in grants for such Courts. He also noted the Senate is proposing \$50 million in grants in support of Mental Health Courts (both Juvenile and Adult). He suggested the Commission could provide letters of support for the grant applications or in support of the legislation. Commissioner Assagai stated there may also be seed money available that could potentially be a source of funding to re-start the Neighborhood Accountability Board program or other pre-booking diversion program. Brian reminded the group that kids are sometimes booked into the Youth Detention Facility because a parent is unwilling or unable to pick them up; not necessarily because of the crime or risk to the community. A diversion program or place like the former Neighborhood Alternative Center (NAC) would be a welcome addition. The NAC offered emergency beds after hours. Chair D'Elia asked what funding would be needed to reopen a similar program and how the Commission could help. Brian noted staff, food for the youth staying there, building lease, operating costs, and treatment services. He stated getting support from the Board of Supervisors and stakeholders is a great option for the Commission. Commissioner Claar noted she has two reports that reviewed alternatives that she will send to the group and Chief Seale. Chair D'Elia stated she and Vice Chair Gaines are planning to set up another meeting with Chief Seale to review his priorities for the year and asked if any other commissioners were interested. Commissioners Assagai, Claar, and Dulay expressed interest.
7. 2014 Meeting Schedule: Chair D'Elia asked if the Commission thought there needs to be a change to the by-laws to establish a schedule change after a holiday to Wednesday. She also noted the Commission only met 7 times last year and wondered if it was appropriate to continue to meet monthly or should the Commission simply meet bi-monthly? Commissioner Maulfair suggested keeping the same meeting schedule. Commissioner Mills agreed and stated a commitment to the Commission includes monthly meetings. Commissioner Claar suggested adjourning the Juvenile Justice Commission earlier when there are presentations that cross both roles. Commissioner Assagai agreed. Commissioners Maulfair and D'Elia both noted if the JJC

is set to adjourn early, the meeting really does need to end on time so the presenters and Probation are not waiting. The Commissioners all agreed.

Future Agenda Items

- Presentation from River Oak Center for Children
- Report out from Probation on Placements

NEXT MEETING: Wednesday, February 19, 2014 at 10:00 a.m.

Commissioner Claar motioned to adjourn the meeting. Commissioner Mills seconded the motion. The meeting was adjourned at 11:35.

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