



JOINT MEETING JUVENILE JUSTICE COMMISSION DELINQUENCY PREVENTION COMMISSION



Daniel Okada
Chair

SUMMARY OF MINUTES

February 22, 2017

PRESENT: Carole D'Elia, Daniel Okada, Frederick Mills, Gwen Jackson-Tucker, Steve Streeter, Rachel Rios, Stephanie Nguyen, America Velasco, Jane Claar, Hilary Gaines, Dennis Dulay, Chief Seale, Carol Paris, Jenny Ng, Leslie Ang

ABSENT: Judge Boulware Eurie, Dawn Isais

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1. **CALL TO ORDER:** A quorum was present, and the meeting was convened at 10:14 a.m. Chief Seale welcomed the participants.
 2. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES FROM THE JANUARY MEETING:** Commissioner Dennis Dulay motioned to approve the January minutes; the motion was seconded by Commissioner Carole D'Elia and unanimously approved.
 3. **ANNOUNCEMENTS:** Round table introductions commenced. Leslie Ang volunteers at the Youth Detention Facility as a tutor for the kids. During the day, she is a tax attorney.

Commissioner Stephanie Nguyen was appointed to a seat for Elk Grove City Council.

4. **PUBLIC COMMENTS:** None.
5. **COMMENTS FROM PROBATION:** Chief Seale passed out a handout titled, "Adolescent Brain Development Summit." The main goal of Probation is to turn the residents inside the detention facility into productive citizens once they leave. However, this can be difficult as most of the residents come in with trauma. In the handout, it states that brain development lasts from the teenage years up to 26, which means a lot of these residents lack impulse control and internal regulation.

Having an adult mentor or positive relationships with adults are most central rehabilitative for kids. Because of this, there has been a culture change within Probation in which the staff actively engages with the kids. A big part of this is helping the kids identify the source of their emotion, talking them through it, and finding healthy ways of destressing. Moreover, there is now a positive motivation system(points system) where the residents now fail to earn points, instead of having points taken away from them. This in turn, teaches the residents to take accountability for their actions.

6. **YOUTH DETENTION FACILITY POPULATION REPORT:** No report was distributed in the meeting however, the population has remained low. The total count has trickled up to 151 for today. Commissioner Streeter asked if this was an upward trend. Chief Seale explained that the population tends to bounce up and down. The population is still well below the state wide average. With this summer being the anniversary of the juvenile justice realignment, the Probation Chiefs would like to hold a statewide summit sometime in the fall to look at statistics and outcomes. They would like to put the message out there that investing in the community, schools and kids work. The Boards and the legislators will be invited to this summit.

Commissioner Dennis Dulay had requested juvenile field data at the last meeting. He would like a snapshot of data from 2016 to present, broken down by age, specialized caseloads, etc. Keith Bays and Mike Shores will be putting together the information along with a presentation from the Field Division.

Commissioner Dan Okada raised a question regarding re-entry and its success on probation. Carol Paris and Shaunda Cruz will be putting together a presentation to talk about re-entry at a future date.

Commissioner Hilary Gaines asked about short term residential treatment plans and youth on the Dependency side, residing in group homes. Chief Seale mentioned that he was not thrilled with the outcomes with group homes. However, group homes aren't really equipped with the resources they need to deal with the challenges that they face. Jamie McGowan will be putting together a presentation regarding short term residential treatment.

7. **MSDR PRESENTATION AND TOUR:** MSDR stands for Multisensory De-escalation Room and it was created to engage the needs of the kids that were placed in the special needs unit. The room, along with soft music, wall murals and a variety of 'manipulatives' available encourages the kids to engage with staff and resources available in the MSDR to develop internal regulation of behavior. Before the MSDR was implemented, the kids would be placed in a stark room by themselves. However, this was only teaching them that they needed an external control for an internal problem. The MSDR is designed to provide residents with meaningful learning experiences before, during, and after crisis events to help them adopt effective internal and self-regulation of their behavior and promote long term thinking.

8. **AGENDA BUILDING FOR FUTURE MEETINGS:**

- Presentation by Victor Malin, Anti-Recidivism Coalition Director (Sacramento)
- Presentation by CYPM Executive Committee
- Presentation from Field Division regarding Caseloads
- Presentation from Carol Paris and Shaunda Cruz regarding Re-entry
- Presentation from Jamie McGowan regarding Short term residential treatment

MEETING ADJOURN:

Commissioner Carole D'Elia moved that the meeting be adjourned at 11:34 a.m. Commissioner Stephanie Nguyen seconded the motion, which was approved unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,
Jenny Ng, Judicial Secretary III

NEXT MEETING: **Tuesday, March 21, 2017 – 10:00 a.m. – 11:00 a.m.**
Juvenile Courthouse – Walter Barkdull Conference Room #391
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