



SACRAMENTO COUNTY JUVENILE JUSTICE COMMISSION

Dr. Dan Okada
Chair

SUMMARY OF MINUTES

September 15, 2020

PRESENT: Judge Jerilyn Borack, Commissioners: Jane Claar, Dr. Dan Okada, Gwendolyn Jackson-Tucker, Dennis Dulay, Dr. Virginia Maulfair, Frederick Mills, Kara Hunter, Hillary Gaines, Chief Deputy Probation Officer David Semon, Assistant Chief Probation Officer Marlon Yarber, Sarah Davis, and Rebecca Hutchinson

ABSENT: Commissioner Rachel Rios and Chief Probation Officer Lee Seale

CALL TO ORDER: The meeting convened via Zoom video conference at 9:39 a.m. Commissioner Dr. Dan Okada welcomed participants.

1. NEW BUSINESS

Volunteer for Co-Chair

- Commissioner Dr. Dan Okada opened the meeting by asking for volunteers to co-chair the JJC in lieu of Commissioner Sandra Waterhouse resigning from the JJC.
- Commissioner Dennis Dulay volunteered to co-chair and was approved by Judge Borack.

Approval of August 18, 2020 Meeting Minutes

- One correction is requested – Commissioner Dr. Josephine Jones-Pugh was not at the meeting last month.
- Motion to approve Minutes with the correction was made by Commissioner Dennis Dulay; Seconded by Commissioner Gwendolyn Jackson-Tucker; One abstention; All others present approve.

Pending Membership Applications:

- Commissioner Mills shared that Harold Rowe still wants to be on the Commission.
- Judge Borack asked that the status of all applications be reviewed and sent to her to review and then she will send to Judge Hom for approval.
- Commissioner Dulay inquired as to the status of Maggie Schubert's application. Judge Borack shared that the Court will not be forwarding its recommendation to Judge Hom.
- Commissioner Dulay requested a meeting with Judge Borack to discuss membership, applications, etc. Judge Borack stated she is happy to meet and discuss.

Discuss on SB 823

- The group discussed the local plan, services, and resources in respect to SB 823 as well as what role the JJC will have.
- Judge Borack reiterated that the bill is done and no more changes will be made and that the bill is now on the Governor's desk waiting to be signed. It is possible that emergency legislation could push out the date that the bill would go into effect.
- Judge Borack also states that there are concerns regarding the Sacramento County Juvenile Justice Plan through the Court and Probation. The county will need to move fast to develop a plan. There are questions that if the plan can't be implemented quickly enough, that more juveniles will be tried as adults. Additionally, the Juvenile Detention Center is not appropriate for long-term treatment programs. Juveniles require treatment-oriented placement that are close to home to make it easier to integrate back into the community.
- Judge Borack stated that the Commission should be involved in at least an advisory capacity.
- Commissioner Gaines voiced concern that juveniles aren't getting the help they need and that when placements fail, the focus isn't on failure of placement, but on the failure of the youth.
- Assistant Chief Probation Officer Marlon Yarber stated that probation's main goal through realignment is to do what is best for in-custody youth, to keep a checks and balances in place, to make sure that youth aren't harmed during the realignment, and more transparency regarding application of guidelines/laws.
- Commissioner Gaines, Judge Borack, and ACPO Mr. Yarber continued to discuss concerns regarding appropriate placement for youth, building trust and relationships, and to continue to make this a priority as SB 823 is put is implemented.
- Judge Borack addressed the need to figure out how the county will cope if the DJJ closes.

DPC Youth Detention Facility Population Report:

- Chief Deputy Probation Officer Semon sent two Youth Detention Facility population reports and presented these reports to the Commission.
- Mr. Semon addressed questions regarding average stay of youth. He shared that the average stay is typically over 40 days because it is taking a longer time to find housing right now.
- Additionally, Mr. Semon shared that the girls' population has dropped.

2. OPEN DISCUSSION

- The group discussed placement issues due to COVID and the need to be sure the Youth's Bill of Rights is followed.
- Commissioner Dulay reminded the group to continue on with annual inspections and the group agreed they will do so and follow up at the next meeting with progress.
- Commissioner Okada confirmed the next meeting to be on the third Tuesday of the month.

MEETING ADJOURNS:

Commissioner Dulay motioned to adjourn the meeting, Commissioner Claar seconded the motion, all approved. Commissioner Okada concluded the meeting at 10:57 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Rebecca Hutchinson
Judicial Services Assistant, Juvenile Justice

NEXT MEETING: Tuesday, October 20 – 9:30 a.m. – 11:00 a.m.
Juvenile Courthouse
Walter Barkdull Conference Room #391
9605 Kiefer Blvd., Sacramento 98527
If Video or Conference Call is appropriate for the next meeting,
the information will be sent out on October 19, 2020.