

Juvenile Justice Commission
Teleconference & GoToMeeting Participation Only
Pursuant to Governor's Executive Order N-29-20
Thursday, July 22, 2021
Meeting Minutes

Members Present

Steve MacFarland, Chairman
Betty Cunningham
Troy Foster
Jennifer Coulter
Nikolai Orloff
Joseph Hanna
Cindy Vogt
Barbara Van Dyke
Susan Duncan
Kaitlynn (Hancock) Perry

Others Present

Chelsey Chappelle, Probation
James Goodwine, Probation
Tracie Neal, Probation
Judge Kennedy, Superior Court
Carla Stevens, Probation
Twyla Carpenter, Probation

1. Call to order

The meeting was called to order at 3:00 p.m. A quorum was present.

2. Introductions

3. Minutes

Jennifer Coulter moved to approve the meeting minutes for April 22, 2021; Seconded by Steve MacFarland; Motion passed. 8 Ayes, 0 Noes

4. Probation Reports

Betty Cunningham, Troy Foster, and Judge Kennedy joined the meeting.

a. Juvenile Rehabilitation Facility (JRF)

Carla Stevens reported the current population is 21 in the facility and historically the population runs lower during the summer. The population has also remained low due to COVID-19. She said nine youth are in the River's Edge Academy (REA), twelve in JRF including two out of county youth and one youth pending transport to Division of Juvenile Justice (DJJ). Carla stated Probation hired a full-time Mental Health (MH) Clinician who started on July 6, and her schedule is 2:00 pm to 10:00 pm. The MH Clinician duties include assessing the youth, referrals to outside providers, screens for suicidal ideation, and assists with the de-escalating youth.

b. River's Edge Academy (REA)

Carla stated REA opened on April 12, 2021, and currently has nine youth. She said REA grew a little faster than anticipated. Carla discussed REA and services available to youth. She discussed the behavioral and treatment phases of the program. Some of the youth are approved to leave the facility for community activities. Carla said on July 20, 2021, three REA youth lead the Pledge of Allegiance at the Board of Supervisors meeting. She said one of the key components of REA program is family involvement and youth have daily access to their family by GoTo Meetings, regular weekend visits and special visits during the week that could be in the garden area. Carla stated they are still in the process of hiring more staff.

Steve MacFarland asked if REA was certified as a camp program. Carla answered in the affirmative.

Steve also asked about the youth who was making suicidal statements. Carla answered one male made a statement and the rest of the statements are from the same female. These youth are in the regular population and not in REA. Jennifer Coulter asked what the ages of the youth in REA. Carla answered they range from 15 to 17 years of age and all are still in high school.

c. Juvenile Probation

James Goodwine reported the Juvenile Probation is open and officers can meet with the youth in their office. He stated MRT programming groups have resumed. James said Juvenile Probation will be moving next month to 1810 Market Street, which is larger and will have dedicated programming and meeting rooms.

James reported the Placement unit has eight youth in a Short-Term Residential Therapeutic Program (STRTP). He stated in the past the placements numbers were higher. James said with efforts in family findings, providing services to family before placement, and with REA as an option, Probation has been able to place youth locally.

James stated the Parent Project is running two groups and the program is open to non-probation youth parents as well. He said several staff have been trained as facilitators.

Tracie Neal stated the Market Street location is about 10,000 square feet. She said it has a large conference room, a treatment room, tables for youth, and a youth computer lab. She said they are excited about the space.

Tracie mentioned the Family First Prevention Services Act (FFPA), is a Federal Act and Probation is in the process of implementing two stages of the act. Tracie discussed the impacts on juvenile probation.

d. Shasta County Probation Department Secure Track Treatment Program (STTP) Division of Juvenile Justice (DJJ) Realignment Plan.

Tracie Neal stated a copy of the Realignment Plan was included in today's handout packet and mentioned the SB 823 JJCC Subcommittee will be meeting in August for additional edits. She talked about the SB 823 grant. She discussed the STTP and explained the treatment services that will be available.

Steve MacFarland asked if there were any youth in the program and what is the population. Tracie stated there is currently no youth in the program. There is one youth currently detained in the JRF that may be eligible for an STTP commitment. Currently there are six youth at DJJ.

e. Probation Supervision Week July 19-23rd

Tracie Neal reported Probation Supervision Week (PSW) is a national recognized week to acknowledge and celebrate the hard work of the Deputy Probation Officers and Juvenile Detention Officers. Several events are scheduled for PSW.

5. Judge's Comments

Judge Kennedy announced he will be doing his annual inspection next week. He said the STTP program is a very good one. He said he perceives a lot more demand for REA.

6. Discussion Items

a. Discuss the JJC inspection, what other counties are doing, review the updated inspection form, and additional supports needed to support the inspection process.

Tracie Neal reminded the Commission she would research what other counties do. She said some counties do the BSCC form and others do a written report. She stated BSCC has an

updated inspection form on their website and the inspection needs to be done annually. Only one inspection is needed for the JRF and will include all programs. There was general discussion on the process of completing the inspection.

b. Schedule inspection of the JRF.

Tracie Neal asked for volunteers for the inspection, Jennifer Coulter, Steve MacFarland, Cindy Vogt, and Troy Foster volunteer to be on the inspection team with Betty Cunningham on standby/backup. The inspection is scheduled for October 11th and 12th.

Joseph Hanna left the meeting.

c. Recruitment of Junior Juvenile Justice Commission member.

Kaitlyn Perry and Nikolai Orloff both announced this is their last meeting, Kaitlyn said she is moving to North Carolina and Nikolai said he is off to college.

Tracie Neal said she will have Twyla Carpenter send out flyers to the schools in the fall when they start back up again.

Jennifer Coulter said she was recruiting for members at Peer Court. Kaitlyn said we should reach out to colleges.

7. Action Items

None

8. Commission Member Comments.

Steve MacFarland said he appreciates the Vision award; it was a real honor and meant a lot to him. Tracie Neal said it was well deserved and has some great pictures and will get them out to the commission.

Jennifer Coulter was having some technical difficulties and Tracie Neal announced Jennifer has a flyer for Peer Advocate training, on September 15th, at 5:30 p.m.

9. Other business

Steve MacFarland stated the next quarterly meeting is **3:00 p.m., on Thursday, October 21, 2021, at 1810 Market Street.**

10. Adjourn

Betty Cunningham moved to adjourn the meeting. The meeting was adjourned at 3:55 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Twyla Carpenter

APPROVED:

Steve MacFarland, Chairman