

Juvenile Justice Commission
Thursday, July 28, 2022
Shasta County Juvenile Probation Conference Room
1810 Market Street Redding, California
Meeting Minutes

Members Present

Steve MacFarland, Chairman
Betty Cunningham
Barbara Van Dyke
Cindy Vogt
Jackson Crupi
Susan Duncan

Others Present

Chelsey Chappelle, **Probation**
Twyla Carpenter, **Probation**
Carla Stevens, **Probation**
Dennis Hoerning, **Probation**
Adriana Garcia, **Probation**
Jeremy Kenyon, **Probation**
Molly Bigelow, **Judge**
Steve Morgan, **Community Member**
Susan Wilson, **Youth Options**

1. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 3:02pm by Chelsey Chappelle. A quorum was present.

2. Welcome & Introductions

Steve MacFarland joined the meeting remotely and did not participate in the voting.

3. Commission members will review and approve minutes from the April 21, 2022, meeting

Cindy Vogt motioned to approve the minutes. Betty Cunningham seconded the motion. Motion passed.

4. Introduction of new Deputy Probation Officer(s)

Chelsey Chappelle introduced Adriana Garcia. Adriana provided the commission information about her background and aspirations as a Probation Officer. Jackson Crupi asked her how long it took for her to be core trained, Adriana replied it was two weeks. It was explained that due to Adriana already being a core trained JDO, she has less hours to complete for the DPO certification.

5. Probation Reports

a. Juvenile Probation Division

Jeremy Kenyon reported that there is a lot going on and the division has been very busy. A new judge has been assigned to Juvenile Probation. Probation Supervision Week was held recently, including an open house of the new Juvenile Probation building. One goal for the division is an installation of a computer lab for treatment services, assistance with homework, DMV services, and job applications. The division is expanding the Juvenile Prevention Officer (JPO) positions to add additional schools. Several internal staff will be participating in JPO training. Jeremy stated that having the necessary skills for success is critical. Cindy Vogt asked about school selection. Jeremy replied that probation completes a contract and then selects an officer, usually Deputy Probation Officer III's but it could be a Deputy Probation Officer II depending on the specifics of the contract. Susan Wilson of Youth Options asked about any special training. Jeremy stated that special trainings do exist and provided active shooter trainings as an example. Betty Cunningham asked about the role probation officers have in the schools. Jeremy responded by stating their role is prevention, assistance with security, and referrals to services. Jeremy stated one juvenile was recently released from the Department of Juvenile Justice, leaving five remaining in the DJJ. Chelsey Chappelle mentioned there was a recent graduation of the Parent Project, with plans to start a new session in late September or October.

b. Juvenile Rehabilitation Facility (JRF)

Carla Stevens reported that there are 30 youth in the facility to include the JRF and REA. The JRF recently underwent a state inspection with a new inspector and the inspection went very well. She noted that the inspector was very impressed with the incident reports, interventions, and programming. These inspections are moving to an annual basis. Carla discussed the resident mental health clinician hours allow the facility to have more access to on-site services. As a result, the number of suicidal statements and ideations has decreased. Residents are all keeping busy with daily exercise and programming, as well as school. Discussion occurred regarding different activities in the facility which include woodworking and crafting projects, the GROW program, the SMART Center assisting with resumes and job applications, and baking and food preparation classes for the residents. Chelsey Chappelle mentioned that with the upcoming demolition of old building there are plans for an extended recreation yard. Carla discussed that there are teachers assigned to each pod, in a high school setting. All are special education teachers using Chromebooks instead of paper textbooks. Carla mentioned the introduction of the Edovo tablets that promote security and evidence-based planning. Chelsey acknowledged Carla and her staff for all their efforts in the facility and on a successful inspection. She mentioned the JRF recently began a new 12-hour shift change in July. The JRF and REA are now fully staffed.

Jackson Crupi asked Carla about COVID-19 guidelines enforcement within the JRF. Carla responded by stating the JRF follows the guidelines established for a congregate care facility.

- **River's Edge Academy (REA)**

Carla Stevens reported a graduation ceremony was held last April, followed by new participants being added to the REA program. REA recently accepted the program's 10th resident. The new roster of juveniles has proven to be quite a challenge. REA residents recently went on an outing with staff to Whiskeytown Lake fishing and swimming. Carla discussed that there is a lot of community involvement with the program and the youth are allowed outside the facility once they have earned the level that allows them to participate in outings and furloughs. Susan Wilson asked if the Teen Center could also be used for work service project experience. Carla replied that probation has been moving in that direction, working with a manager at the Teen Center. Cindy Vogt asked if there has been continued contact with youths who graduated from the program last April. Carla stated there are still youth who keep in contact with staff even though they successfully completed REA. She stated this includes not only the youth but also their parents. She highlighted one parent's gratitude to REA for their child's success.

- **Shasta County Probation Department Secure Track Treatment Program (STTP)**

Carla Stevens stated there is one youth currently in the STTP and one youth is in a less restrictive environment. The youth currently in the STTP is more difficult to engage than the first youth sentenced to the program, but staff are working hard with the youth and trying to find ways to give him hope as he has a lengthy sentence.

6. Judge's Comments

Judge Molly Bigelow introduced herself to the commission. She started on July 1st as the new Juvenile Court Judge. She is excited about her new role.

7. Discussion Items

- a. Schedule the JRF Inspection.** (Possible Dates: Sept 14, 15, 16, 21,23)

Discussion occurred regarding dates and potential members to participate in the JRF inspection. After some discussion, the commission asked Twyla Carpenter to coordinate a date and time for the group.

8. Action Items

- a. Consider appointing Troy Foster as Chair.
- b. Consider appointing Betty Cunningham as Vice-Chair.
- c. Consider reappointment of Commission member Susan Mary Duncan.
- d. Consider reappointment of Commission Member Barbara Jean Van Dyke.
- e. Consider appointment of new Juvenile Commission Member Steve Morgan.

Susan Duncan made a motion to approve all the action items in one vote. Cindy Vogt seconded the motion. The motion passed.

9. Commission Member Comments

Cindy Vogt congratulated Carla Stevens on a job well done with the state inspection. Steve Morgan thanked the commission for their vote of confidence, and he stated he loves being involved with the community. His new appointment as commissioner complements this. He also stated his desire to tour the facility.

Jackson Crupi gave a brief report on Central Valley High School. He reported that the school year was relatively peaceful in regard to any drugs or violence. Posters about the Juvenile Justice Commission have been distributed.

10. Other Business

Next meeting scheduled for October 20th, 2022, at 3:00pm in the conference room at Juvenile Probation, 1810 Market Street in Redding, California.

11. Adjourn

Meeting was adjourned by Chelsey Chappelle at 4:11pm.