

**Juvenile Justice Commission (JJC) Meeting**  
 Thursday, January 19, 2023, 3:00pm  
 Shasta County Juvenile Probation Conference Room  
 1810 Market Street, Redding CA

| <b>MEMBERS</b>            | <b>Present</b> | <b>Absent</b> |
|---------------------------|----------------|---------------|
| Troy Foster – Chairperson | X              |               |
| Steve Morgan              | X              |               |
| Barbara Jean Van Dyke     |                | X             |
| Susan Mary Duncan         | X              |               |
| Cindy Vogt                | X              |               |
| Betty Cunningham          | X              |               |
| Robert Stephen MacFarland | X              |               |
| Jennifer Coulter          | X              |               |
| Jackson Crupi             | X              |               |

Other Attendees:

Tracie Neal, Chelsey Chappelle, Jeremy Kenyon, Carla Stevens, Jason Coulombe, Steven Pasillas, Twyla Carpenter, Dennis Hoerning – **Shasta County Probation**  
 Judge Molly Bigelow – **Shasta County Superior Court**  
 Benjamin Vasquez – **Hope City**

**Call to Order**

Troy Foster called the meeting to order at 3:05pm. A quorum was present.

**Welcome & Introductions**

**Commission members will review and approve minutes from the October 20, 2022 meeting.**

Cindy Vogt moved to approve the minutes. Betty Cunningham seconded the motion. Motion passed: 8 Ayes, 0 Noes, 0 Abstention.

**Introduction of New Juvenile Probation Officer(s).**

Chelsey Chappelle welcomed and introduced a new Deputy Probation Officer with Shasta County Probation who is working the young men as fathers and veteran’s caseload. The new staff told the group a little bit about himself and his background in law enforcement and social work.

## **Probation Reports**

### **Juvenile Probation Division**

Division Director Jeremy Kenyon reported the Juvenile Probation Division has continued to expand the youth treatment programming hours over the last three months and attendance has increased. Groups for ART, MRT and other treatment programs now run until 7:00pm. This has made it easier for youth and their families who cannot attend during regular business hours. A new Parent Project class also started this month.

Jeremy shared two of Probation's new staff who were introduced at the last meeting, are now Core trained and ready to learn more about Juvenile Probation. A probation officer also transferred to Juvenile Probation from the Adult Division. Jeremy reported Probation is working on transition plans for Probation's youth who will be returning to Shasta County from DJJ and have not finished their rehabilitation programs. Assigned Probation staff went to DJJ on Tuesday to meet with the youth and their treatment providers. Jeremy also shared two of the three AmeriCorps positions have been staffed. Jeremy discussed Title IV-E and Justice Benefits Inc. (JBI). Jeremy announced two Juvenile Prevention Officers have been promoted to supervisors, which has left vacancies and the division is currently working on a plan for replacement.

### **Juvenile Rehabilitation Facility (JRF)**

Carla Stevens shared the JRF population data. Twelve residents are in REA. The JRF currently has 3 out of county youth. One resident in STTP and one resident may be pending a STTP commitment. The STTP resident is doing well, and he is a level 3. He has applied for honors level and an in-house job. Carla is developing a vocational program with the kitchen staff in the JRF to assist this youth in getting his high school credits.

Tracie Neal shared three youth will be returning to Shasta County from DJJ. These youth will be brought back at different times to help gradually transition the youth, meet their needs and deal with any challenges that may arise. DJJ is scheduled to closed on June 30, 2023.

Carla announced the JRF is almost fully staffed, and they have some great new staff who want to make this their carrier. Carla also introduced the new Supervising Probation Officer who will be helping with administrative duties in the JRF.

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

Carla announced a new AmeriCorps worker will be working with the youth in the REA program. This worker will be helping with the GROW program and will be a good asset.

Comment/Question: It was asked what the schedule is for demoing the old Juvenile Probation building. Tracie said the County is working with the Court on the MOU. Once the MOU is dissolved the County will move forward with the demo process.

The group discussed the Oliview Community Building Farm Project.

## **Judge's Comments**

Judge Molly Bigelow shared about attending the Primary Assignment training, and said it was great to meet with a group of colleagues from the State of California who are practicing juvenile justice law. Judge Bigelow discussed dual jurisdiction. Judge Bigelow also shared a little bit about her background and about enjoying her role in juvenile justice.

## **Discussion Items**

### **Letter from Board of State and Community Correction (BSCC) Local Inspection 06/21/22 to 06/24/22.**

Carla Stevens spoke about her move to the JRF in 2019, being in an inspection cycle at that time and the preparation that goes into these inspections. Chelsey Chappelle shared that the inspector was very complementary and gave good feedback. She felt it was positive.

## **Action Items**

Troy Foster announced there needs to be a reappointment of Steve MacFarland as a commissioner. Judge Molly Bigelow was present and conducted the swearing in of Steve.

Betty Cunningham made a motion to reappoint Steve MacFarland. Steve Morgan seconded the motion. Motion passed: 8 Ayes, 0 Noes, 0 Abstention.

Twyla Carpenter announced the retirement of Yuvonne Tate. Yuvonne's start date with the commission was listed as October 23<sup>rd</sup>, 1983. Chemical People will sponsor a plaque.

## **Commission Member Comments**

Jackson Crupi gave a brief report on Central Valley High School (CVHS). He said CVHS students ended the previous semester on a good note. He reported it was mostly neutral around the campus with no major physical altercations and no instances of drug or alcohol abuse since his last report. Jackson shared he personally believes friendship is beneficial to keeping students, like himself, on the right path in life. He feels friends gives you someone to talk through problems with who can relate to you and help put you on the right track, they are dependable, you know someone has your back and they are looking forward to your success in life. When it comes to youth in the JRF, Jackson feels a good friendship can make a very big difference in their choices, attitude, and overall mental health.

In CVHS news, Jackson shared the school is hosting a robotics tournament with high schools from the north state and he plans to attend and help if he can. One of the CVHS seniors received an offer to play division two football program in Kansas. CVHS has been dominating the field in sports so far and Jackson hopes the teams continue to do well.

Jackson plans to return as a Sheriff's Explorer in late January to receive more training in law enforcement and interact with the public at community events. When he turns 17 in March, he will apply for the cadet position with the Sheriff's Office to perform clerical duties and nonhazardous field work. He also intends to become a student representative of the Gateway Unified School District's Board of Trustees when that opportunity is available. Jackson ended

with a quote from Oprah Winfrey, “The greatest discovery of all time is that a person can change his future by merely changing his attitude.” Steve MacFarland asked Jackson how the turmoil within the administration at Gateway was filtering down to the students.

Ben Vasquez was introduced. Ben shared some of his experience in mentoring and working with at risk youth, as well as his background in dance and coaching. He feels it is a privilege to get to work with the youth. He said his contract is for 20 hours a week, but he would like to have more time to spend with the youth. He tries to be in the facility 5 to 6 days a week to work with the youth. Ben said he tries to connect with the youth, they do one on ones and a lot of activities together. He does a lot of prosocial modeling. Ben said he is working with the youth on song writing with a program called My Justice Journey to help the youth tell their story. He shared over 60 songs have been written by the youth. Ben shared with the group about the progress the youth make in sharing their feelings through song. Ben said his mission is to empower these youth, keep them out of the JRF, and show them how to be a positive role model in the community.

### **Other Business**

The next JJC meeting is scheduled for April 20<sup>th</sup>, 2023, at 3:00pm in the conference room at Juvenile Probation, 1810 Market Street, Redding.

### **Adjourn**

Seeing no further business or comments, Troy Foster asked for a motion to adjourn the meeting. Steve Morgan made a motion to adjourn at 4:30pm. Cindy Vogt seconded the motion. Motion passed: 8 Ayes, 0 Noes, 0 Abstention.