

Juvenile Justice Commission (JJC) Meeting

Thursday, July 20, 2023, 3:00pm

Shasta County Juvenile Probation Conference Room

1810 Market Street, Redding CA

MEMBERS	Present	Absent
Troy Foster – Chairperson	X	
Steve Morgan		X
Barbara Jean Van Dyke	X	
Susan Mary Duncan	X	
Cindy Vogt	X	
Betty Cunningham		X
Jennifer Coulter	X	
Jackson Crupi	X	

Other Attendees:

Tracie Neal, Daren Fisher, Carla Stevens, Jeremy Kenyon, Twyla Carpenter, Ashley Gibbs,
Melanie Jarrett – **Shasta County Probation**
Elizabeth Betancourt – **Oliview Farm**
Jackie Durant – **Hope City**

Call to Order

Troy Foster called the meeting to order at 3:00pm. A quorum was present.

Welcome & Introductions

Commission members will review and approve minutes from the April 20, 2023, meeting.

Jennifer Coulter moved to approve the meeting minutes. Barbara Van Dyke seconded the motion. Motion passed: 6 Ayes, 0 Noes, 0 Abstentions.

Introduction of New Juvenile Probation Officer(s).

Tracie Neal welcomed and introduced a new Deputy Probation Officer with Shasta County Probation who is assigned to the CCC and working with the pretrial population.

Probation Reports

Tracie Neal opened with announcing this week is Probation Supervision Week. Probation Supervisor Week is nationally recognized and an important week for probation staff. Tracie shared some of the events and activities that have been scheduled.

Tracie also shared Probation is applying for the CSAC Challenge Award this year in partnership with Oliview Farm. This application is due in August of 2023.

Tracie announced a historian is scheduled to come look at the old juvenile hall building. This is part of the demolition process.

Juvenile Probation Division

Division Director Jeremy Kenyon said all youth have transitioned back from DJJ. Summer allows more free time for the youth, and this brings forth new issues. Juvenile Prevention Officers are not on campus right now, so these officers are helping in other areas such as field training and warrant sweeps. Five staff also went through force and weaponry class. One new Juvenile Probation Officer will be going to Core training. Several trainings are also coming up for many of the staff as well. Probation also received some great reports on their interactions with the public at the Shasta District Fair. Tracie added Jeremy and Alyssa presented at CPOC's State Foster Care Conference.

Juvenile Rehabilitation Facility (JRF) (REA and STTP)

Troy confirmed three youth have returned to Shasta County from DJJ and he asked how these youth were doing. Tracie shared all three youth have returned and one youth who came back and was paroled shortly after. Tracie shared the population in the JRF is high and remaining in the 40's. She anticipates the population remaining high with the STTP program. The JRF is staffed for 55 youth and SCOE can serve a population of 51, so the JRF will have to stay at or below 51.

Tracie shared Probation is taking on new contacts for youth from Plumas County.

Carla Stevens announced the JRF remains fully staffed and they have focused on staff trainings this year. She also shared the state BSCC inspection is yearly now. The pre-inspection is scheduled for next week and the inspection will be in September 2023.

Carla shared JRF population data. There are currently 42 youth in the JRF between the three programs. Nine of those youth are in REA and eight are in the STTP program. The STTP program has four under the age of 18 that program separately.

Carla said one youth returned temporarily from the community for a reset. There are four youth in the JRF from out of county, three from Trinity and one from Siskiyou.

Carla shared there was only one high school graduation this year as the population is trending toward younger youth. The youth who returned from DJJ already have their high school diplomas.

Carla announced there is a mentor through Hope City who is a retired pro basketball player, and he is spending a lot of time with the kids on the court and mentoring on the pods.

Carla also provided the monthly reports for April and May of 2023. She said they are still working on pulling the data for the June 2023 report with the new system.

Carla introduced Elizabeth Betancourt from Oliview Farm and shared about the program the youth have been participating in. Pedro from Oliview Farm is now helping with the GROW program. He is enjoying the program and interacting with the youth.

Elizabeth shared about Oliview Farm. She said they have been doing this program for three semesters. The youth are at the farm three days a week and one of those days is a curriculum day. Originally, they used grants from Redding Rancheria and some funds from California Department of Food and Agriculture for this program. The youth who participate get a stipend for their work. In Oliview's first semester they were awarded a very generous grant from the Elevate Youth California program through the Sierra Health Foundation. This grant goes through November of 2024 and pays for youth stipends, a curriculum coordinator, which Pedro is doing right now, and for an additional staff member. Elizabeth shared they are looking for a staff member who has some things in common with the youth and can be relatable, like ACEs in their history or has been in the juvenile justice system. She shared they try to enroll the youth in worksite learning for college credits as well. They have guest speakers from the community come out and speak to the youth. This funding has helped with fun activities and community engagement with the youth to help with personal growth. They also received a grant from Shasta County ACEs fund to get Pedro out to the GROW Program.

Carla explained how important this program is for REA because so many of these youth haven't had any kind of positive homelike atmosphere with things like homecooked meals, sitting around the table or birthday cakes. The youth also learn what it feels like to have their own money from a paycheck and purchase their own things with their stipend money.

Jennifer Coulter asked Tracie about the tattoo program. Tracie shared the progress on the contract with Shasta Community Health Center.

Judge's Comments

There was no judge present.

Discussion Items

JRF Inspection – JRF inspection will be on September 22, 2023. Barbara, Jackson, Jennifer, Susan, and Troy will be the members who do the inspection.

Recruitment of a new Commission Members – Tracie shared about the JJC and when the commission meets. Tracie shared in the past we have sent recruitment flyers to schools and will also post on the county website.

Passing of Steve MacFarland 01/23/1992 to 05/24/2023 JJC term – Troy honored Steve for his 31 years as a board member. Twyla shared there is a dedication by SCOE on August 7, 2023, at 10:00am. These who wanted to speak about Steve were given the opportunity.

Action Items

Reappointment of Troy Foster and Jennifer Coulter as Commission Members – Cindy Vogt made a motion to reappoint Troy and Jennifer. Barbara Van Dyke seconded the motion. 6 Ayes, 0 Noes, 0 Abstentions. There was no judge present. Swearing in will be held on October 19, 2023.

Commission Member Comments

Jackson shared school resumes in August. He spoke about his employment and shared with the group about community programs and events he is currently involved in.

Other Business

The next JJC meeting is scheduled for October 19, 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. Cindy Vogt made a motion to adjourn at 4:04pm. Barbara Van Dyke seconded the motion. Motion passed: 6 Ayes, 0 Noes, 0 Abstentions.

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