

Juvenile Justice Commission (JJC) Meeting

Thursday, October 19, 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, Chelsey Chapelle, Daren Fisher, Carla Stevens, Kurt Sauer, Brittany Pittock,
Melanie Jarrett – **Shasta County Probation**
Danielle Gerhung – **Geo Reentry**
Kaitlyn Wendland, Stacy Watson – **Juvenile Justice Commission Applicants**
Jackie Durant – **Hope City**

Call to Order

Cindy Vogt called the meeting to order at 3:04pm. A quorum was present.

Welcome & Introductions

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

Barbara Van Dyke moved to approve the meeting minutes. Jennifer Coulter seconded the motion. Motion passed: 5 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 Adult Probation Unit. She was originally assigned to the JRF as a Juvenile Detention Officer and has been promoted. The new officer told the group a little bit about herself, her education, and her prior experience.

Probation Reports

Juvenile Rehabilitation Facility (JRF)/River's Edge Academy (REA)

Carla Stevens shared information about the JRF. The population is currently at 39 youth. Carla shared there are nine residents in REA (6 males, 3 females) and two more who are on furlough. One of the REA residents is a step down from STTP and he is doing well with a modified program. There are seven residents committed to the STTP program on the 900 Pod. Carla shared a little more about the Secure Track Treatment Program (STTP) program and the services provided to the population in the JRF.

Carla said three employees have returned to their shifts in the JRF after five weeks of Juvenile CORE Training. Carla shared all the inspections for the year have been completed. Tracie acknowledged the hard work that goes into these inspections and shared these inspections happen yearly now instead of every two years.

Tracie spoke about the population increase and fluctuation in the JRF. The JRF has been holding over 40 youth and it is staffed for up to 55. SCOE can have up to 51 youth in the classroom. She also shared some of the new projects coming to the JRF. The JRF will be having its 10th anniversary with an open house, events, and a presentation to the board.

Cindy Vogt shared her enthusiasm for the JRF open house and the positive impact highlighting the programs can make in the community. Tracie shared more information about the way the open house will be set up, and she will be on the radio as well.

Juvenile Probation Division

Tracie shared Probation now has six Juvenile Prevention Officers. A JPO was placed at Anderson Union High School and a second officer at Gateway Unified School District. Probation is also working with interagency law enforcement partners to do quarterly incident drills and the school sites are involved in some of those drills. Tracie also shared arrests and intake are higher than normal for the Juvenile Division right now.

Chesley Chappelle shared some information on CalAIM and the impact this process has had on the juvenile population. She said some of the services in the JRF will be Medi-Cal eligible with 90-day prerelease, where services in the JRF were not eligible before. There was additional discussion on CalAIM and the assistance it will provide.

Judge's Comments

There was no judge present.

Discussion Items

- a. **JRF Inspection** – Chelsey Chappelle thanked everyone who participated in the inspection for all their hard work. Chelsey shared the document is with the inspectors for approval. Barbara VanDyke said she felt the inspection went very smoothly. Jennifer Coulter felt typing the notes during the inspection was beneficial. Cindy Vogt asked if anything stood out. Troy Foster shared he felt the conversations with employees was more positive than in past years.

He received encouraging feedback on creating the JDO III position for advancement. Cindy Vogt felt the change in pay scales was significant and the tuition reimbursement. Tracie shared she felt the pilot for 12-hour shifts has been beneficial as well and she shared some additional information on JRF staffing. There was some discussion among commission members about staffing, juvenile CORE training, the population in the JRF, and the inspection.

- b. Recruitment of a new Commission Members** – Tracie shared some information about the JJC for the new applicants. Tracie said applications can be submitted at any time for those who are available and would like to participate.

Stacy Watson shared a little bit about herself and her work with youth and their families. She shared her goal of prevention and working with the youth in REA. She answered some questions from the commission members.

Jackie Durant shared she has approx. 12 years of experience in attending these meetings. She shared information about her many years of service in the community working with justice impacted youth and adults and the development of programs for these populations. She also shared some information about her life and her background.

- c. Interviews of Juvenile Justice Commission Members** – Jennifer Coulter introduced Kaitlyn Wendland. Kaitlyn shared a little bit about herself, school activities she has been involved in, and her future goals. She also shared information on her involvement in the community as a member of the Board of Directors at Youth Options Shasta.

Action Items

- a. Appointment of a new Juvenile Justice Commission Member** – Jennifer Coulter made a motion to appoint Stacy Watson, Jackie Durant, and Kaitlyn Wendland as commission members. Troy Foster seconded the motion. Motion passed: 7 Ayes, 0 Noes, 0 Abstentions.

Troy Foster explained the swearing in process that will take place now that the members have been appointed and added, the swearing in takes place every four years. Jackson Crupi welcomed the new members to the Juvenile Justice Commission.

- b. Appointment of a new Junior Juvenile Justice Commission Member** – The Juvenile Justice Commission Member was appointed with the Juvenile Justice Commission Members.

Commission Member Comments

Barbara VanDyke shared her experience in conducting a one-on-one interview with an REA youth. She was happy to see how pleased the youth was with the program, the goals he was working towards, and his openness in sharing about where he had come from and past mistakes, he had learned from. There was some further discussion on the rehabilitation piece.

Cindy Vogt shared information on New Hope Housing for 18 to 24 years old youth and the challenges and needs in the community for this population. Tracie shared New Hope Housing is

working on a proposal and it is Probation's goal to contact with them on a mentor home for youth transitioning out of the JRF.

Jackson Crupi shared information on two topics, cyber bullying, and vaping. Jackson shared some examples of cyber bullying, and the issues students face from their peers. He also shared some statistics on vaping and how this is affecting high schools. There was some further discussion on these topics and what is being done to help educate students.

Other Business

The next JJC meeting is scheduled for January 18, 2024, at 3:00pm in the conference room at Juvenile Probation, 1810 Market Street, Redding.

Adjourn

Barbara Van Dyke made a motion at 4:19pm. Jennifer Coulter seconded the motion. Motion passed: 7 Ayes, 0 Noes, 0 Abstentions.