

SOLANO COUNTY
Juvenile Justice Delinquency Prevention Commission
AGENDA

September 7, 2016

County Administration Center - 675 Texas Street
Conference Room 6003
Fairfield, CA 94533

3:00 p.m. Meeting

MEMBERS

Cynthia Phillips,
Chair

Joanne Carli
Co-Chair

Rhonda Green,
Secretary

Andre Davis Sr,
Commissioner

Rosalind Reid,
Commissioner

Frances Nelson,
Commissioner

Louise McNeill
Commissioner

Julie Hilt
Commissioner

Paul Ligda
Commissioner

Damian Speakerman
Commissioner

Selena Guerra
Commissioner

Arabella Compton
Commissioner

Josh McClendon
Commissioner

Lawrence Barnes
Commissioner

Anthony McCrary
Commissioner

PURPOSE STATEMENT – Juvenile Justice Delinquency Prevention Commission

The mission of the Juvenile Justice Delinquency Prevention Commission (JJJPC) is to inquire into the administration of juvenile justice in Solano County. The overall objective is to reduce the recidivism rate of juvenile offenders in the local criminal justice system.

The Solano County JJJPC was established by the Solano County Board of Supervisors under authority of California Welfare and Institutions Code Section 233. Its predecessor organizations were the Juvenile Justice Commission, mandated by Section 225 of the W&I Code and the Delinquency Prevention Commission authorized by Section 233 of the W&I Code.

The duties and functions of the Commission are stated in Sections: 228, 229, 229.5, 230, 233, and 234 of the Welfare and Institutions Code

The JJJPC is granted access to all publicly administered institutions in Solano County authorized by the Juvenile Court Law. This includes annual inspections of probation-administered institutions, jails, and other lockups detaining juveniles.

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If you wish to address any item listed on the agenda, please limit your comments to 3 minutes. You will be able to address the Commission under item III.

- | <u>ITEM</u> | <u>AGENCY/STAFF</u> |
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| I. CALL TO ORDER (3:00 p.m.) | Cynthia Phillips |
| II. APPROVAL OF MINUTES FOR August 3, 2016 | |
| III. APPROVAL OF AGENDA | |
| IV. OPPORTUNITY FOR PUBLIC COMMENT | |
| <p>Pursuant to the Brown Act, each public agency must provide the public with an opportunity to speak on any matter within the subject matter of the jurisdiction of the agency and which is not on the agency's agenda for that meeting. Comments are limited to no more than 3 minutes per speaker. By law, no action may be taken on any item raised during the public comment period although informational answers to questions may be given and the matter may be referred to staff for placement on a future agenda.</p> | |
| V. ACTION ITEMS | |
| 1. <u>By-Laws</u>
(Action Item) | Cynthia Phillips |
| <p>The Commission will discuss, amend and vote on the proposed By-Laws.</p> | |
| VI. DISCUSSION CALENDAR | |
| 2. <u>New Business</u>
(No Action) | Chair/Co-Chair |
| <p>Commissioners may request future agenda items to be discussed, or Items that may need action on future agendas.</p> | |

The next scheduled meeting is **September 7, 2016** from 3:00 p.m. – 4:30 p.m. at The County Admin Center, 675 Texas Street, Conference Room 6003.

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Present: **Commissioners**
Cynthia Phillips
Louise McNeill
Rhonda Green
Julie Hilt
Frances Nelson
Damian Spieckerman
Josh McClendon
Lawrence Barnes
Joanne Carli
Andre Davis
Rosalind Reid
Paul Ligda
Arabella Compton

Absent: Selena Guerra

Non-Member Participants
Christopher Hansen, Chief Probation Officer
Dean Farrah, Superintendent (JDF)
Davina Smith, County Counsel
Gerry Huber, Director, Health & Social Services
Tami Robinson, Probation Admin. Secretary

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Joanne Carli, Co-Chair, called the meeting to order and welcomed everyone.

Approval of Minutes (July 6, 2016)

The motion of Commissioner Phillips to approve the Minutes was seconded by Commissioner Barnes. 13 in favor, 0 (zero) opposing and 0 (zero) abstaining. Motion Carried.

Approval of Agenda

The motion of Commissioner Hilt to approve the Agenda was seconded by Commissioner Barnes. 12 in favor, 0 (zero) opposing and 1 (one) abstaining. Motion Carried.

Public Comment: No Public Comment

Election of Chair and Vice-Chair: Nominations were taken from the floor for election of the Chair. Commissioner Phillips was the only one who expressed interest in the Chair seat. A vote was taken to elect Commissioner Phillips as Chair of the Commission. 7 (Seven) in favor, 3 (three) opposed, 3 (three) abstaining. Commissioner Phillips elected Chair and conducted the remainder of the meeting.

Public Comment: No Public Comment

By-Laws: Commissioner Hilt expressed concerns about the clarity of the By-Laws and/or whether or not the proposed By-Laws meet the committee’s mission statement. County Counsel Smith concurred and expressed concerns about proposed By-Laws conflicting with the Brown Act. Commissioner Hilt motioned to table voting on the By-Laws in order to have a working meeting to discuss and vote at the next meeting. Commissioner Barnes seconded the motion. 9 in favor, 4 (four) opposed, 0 (zero) abstaining.

Public Comment: No Public Comment

Change of Agenda: Commissioner Lidga motioned to change the order of the agenda to ensure ample time to discuss the matter of annual inspection. Motion carried.

Annual Inspections: The Commission has identified the facilities needing inspections. Commissioners signed up for teams to complete the inspections as follows:

Benicia	Dixon	Vacaville	Vallejo	Suisun	Fairfield	Rio Vista	JDF
Reid	Nelson	Nelson	Reid	McNeill	Carli	Spieckerman	Davis
McClendon	Ligda	Ligda	McNeill	Green	Green	Ligda	Carli
Ligda	Barnes	Phillips	Compton	Spieckerman	Ligda	Phillips	Reid
	Hilt		Ligda	Ligda	Phillips		McNeill

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Recommendation made for Commissioner Speakerman to review current inspection documents and submit a list of concerns for Commissioners to have in mind during their inspections to ensure that minors' rights are being preserved following an arrest and/or detention.

Chief Hansen clarified that Youth Commissioners can participate in inspecting police agencies but not JDF.

Commissioner Phillips inquired as to whether group homes within the county are to be inspected. Jerry Huber, Director Health & Social Services, reported that legislation (AB403) has been passed to downsize/eliminate group homes by January 2017. Goal of the State is to place youth with family and/or extended family members versus Foster Care.

Ad Hoc Committees: The topic of putting together a number of Ad Hoc committees to help further the mission and goals of the Commission was discussed. There were a number of different ideas presented for Ad Hoc Committees, including, but not limited to, Community Relations (Events, Fundraisers, Non-Profit Help), Education (Scholarships), etc. Tami will send out a list of ideas presented for Commissioners to sign up where they are interested in serving. The list will then be sent to the Chair of the Commission for assignment of committees at the next meeting.

Probation and Juvenile Detention Facility Updates:

Superintendent Farrah: Current population at the Juvenile Detention Facility (JDF) is 72 (68 males/4 females). Of those, 50 are detained pending further court proceedings, and 22 are placed in JDF programs (Challenge/New Foundations). Responding to Commissioners request for further information regarding JDF incidents (fights/assaults), Farrah reported that between 1/01/16 thru 6/30/16, 22 incidents occurred. Of those, 16 were mutual combat and 6 were assaults. Noted, 3 youth were responsible for 11 of the incidents. Farrah reported the number of incidents is consistent with those that have occurred over the past 3 yrs. (42 in 2015, 40 in 2014, and 49 in 2013). Farrah reported that no correlation was noted between number of incidents and staff assignments and/or supervision practices. To minimize the number of future incidents, Behavioral Contract and Specialized plans are being utilized. Additionally, Dr. Roush met with the JDF Leadership Team comprised of JDF Supervisors and Seniors to identify needed training i.e. Adolescent Brain, Trauma Informed Care, etc. Additional training pending approval.

Efforts are being made to make JDF policies compliant with both Title 15 and the American Correctional Association standards. States policy revisions are estimated to be completed in approximately one year.

Chief Hansen: Sullivan Center officially opened the week of 7/25 – 7/29. Vacaville PD and Fairfield PD are the only agencies with youth diversion programs. Suisun PD is trying to implement a program partnered with Probation. No other PD agency within the county has a diversion programs. In response to Commissioner Speakerman request for information, Chief Hansen agreed to inquire what the timeline was for other agencies implementing such programs at the next PD-Probation meeting.

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New Business: A copy of the proposed by-laws was handed out for the Commissioners to review. The proposed by-laws will be voted on at the next meeting.

The next meeting will be a working meeting to discuss and vote on the By-Laws on September 7th.

Adjournment: The meeting adjourned at 4:45 p.m.