

**SOLANO COUNTY
Juvenile Justice Delinquency Prevention Commission
AGENDA**

MEMBERS

December 7, 2016

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

Cynthia Phillips,

Chair

3:00 p.m. Meeting

PURPOSE STATEMENT – Juvenile Justice Delinquency Prevention Commission

Joanne Carli

Co-Chair

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.

Rhonda Green,

Secretary

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.

Andre Davis Sr.

Commissioner

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

Rosalind Reid,

Commissioner

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.

Frances Nelson,

Commissioner

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Louise McNeill

Commissioner

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.

Julie Hilt

Commissioner

Solano County

Juvenile Justice Delinquency Prevention Commission (JJDC) Minutes

November 2, 2016

Commissioners Present:

Lawrence Barnes
Joanne Carli
Arabella Compton
Andre Davis
Julie Hilt
Paul Ligda
Louise McNeill
Frances Nelson
Cynthia Phillips
Rosalind Reid

Excused Absence:

Rhonda Green
Anthony McCrary
Damien Spieckerman

No Show:

Selena Gomez
Josh McClendon

Non-Members Present:

Delores Dá Venport
Dean Farrah – Superintendent JDF
Nancy G. Wint

Commissioner Phillips called the meeting to order.

Approval of the October Minutes - Commissioner Ligda moved to approve, seconded by Commissioner Carli.

Approval of the Agenda – Commissioner Ligda moved to approve, seconded by Commissioner Davis

Public Comment

Nancy Wint reported that the library is meeting with Juvenile Detention Facility (JDF) staff to refresh the in-house library currently available to JDF youth.

JDF Update

Superintendent Farrah reported –

- Total JDF population is 69 (60 male, 9 female)
- 51 youth in detention in the main body of the Hall, 9 in the Challenge Academy, and 9 in New Foundations.
- The youngest youth in detention is 14, and the oldest is 18.
- A new treatment team has been implemented to include education, medical, and probation, as well as contracted service providers to discuss issues around high need youth. The treatment team are also responsible for ensuring JDF staff implement new thought strategies in the respective Pods.
- Dr. Rough polled JDF youth to gather information on their perception of staff and how they are treated during their time in detention. His findings were reviewed with senior staff to brain storm ideas for improvement and implementation.
- 6 youth will be graduating with a High school diploma. Graduation is tentatively set for December 6th.
- The telephone system crashed. A new telephone system is anticipated to be in place within the next two weeks.
- Camera systems and video retention were also under repair as they had not been recording properly.
- Classrooms have been issued with radios while the phone system is being overhauled.
- A new antenna is being installed to improve radio traffic within the facility.
- A new member of staff has been recruited to address reintegration services, to include family meetings for Challenge Academy youth prior to their furloughing out and continuing until the respective youth complete the Challenge Academy.
- MIOCR, a front-end diversion for youth with mental health needs is available at the Sullivan site.
- Currently an exit survey is not provided to youth who have completed their term at JDF. Superintendent Farrah will provide the Commission with sample exit surveys for consideration. The Superintendent would like to be included in the development of an exit survey prior to it being implemented.

Commissioner Nelson requested a list of outside services provided at JDF.

Annual Inspections

Commissioner Nelson reported that inspections had been completed successfully at sites in Vacaville, Benicia, Dixon, and Vallejo. Only one discrepancy was found in Vacaville. This was noted on the report.

Commissioner Nelson requested the Chairperson send a formal letter prior to future inspections, advising the respective sites of the Commission's expectations, time frame etc.

Commissioner Ligda reported that inspections had been completed without incident in Dixon and Rio Vista.

Commissioner Davis reported that the inspection at JDF was complete and noted that grievance forms needed to have increased visibility, and grief counselors are needed on site.

Commissioner Davis reported that the Christmas party at JDF is tentatively scheduled for December 14th – he will confirm the date and time by email.

Adhoc Committee

Commissioner Ligda will assume leadership of the development of an exit survey for JDF youth.

Commissioner Carli will speak to the Chief re the allocated funding for the Commission.

A list of Commissioners and phone numbers was requested.

Adjourned

Meeting was adjourned at 4:30 – Commissioner Reid moved to adjourn, seconded Commissioner Carli.

Respectfully submitted,

Julie Hilt

