

SOLANO COUNTY
Juvenile Justice Delinquency Prevention Commission
AGENDA

March 1st, 2017

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 Spieckerman

Commissioner

Arabella Compton

Commissioner

Josh McClendon

Commissioner

Lawrence Barnes

Commissioner

Anthony McCrary

Commissioner

Selena Guerra

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>
I. CALL TO ORDER (3:00 p.m.)	Chair/Co-Chair
II. APPROVAL OF MINUTES FOR February 1st, 2017	
III. APPROVAL OF AGENDA	
IV. OPPORTUNITY FOR PUBLIC COMMENT 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.	
V. DISCUSSION CALENDAR	
1. <u>Probation and Juvenile Detention Facility Updates</u>	Chief Hansen/Probation Supt. Farrah/JDF
2. <u>Exit Survey (No Action)</u> Commissioner Ligda to provide an update on the status of the JDF Exit Survey.	
3. <u>Fund raising/tax shelter (No Action)</u> Commissioner Spieckerman (or another in his absence) to report on the findings about the Commission's inability to raise funds and/or establish an account.	
4. <u>Virtual phone for JJDPC</u> Commissioner Compton to report on the virtual phone line established in February 2017. Phone line is method in which the public can convey information and/or concerns to the committee as well as being a way for youth/public to contact Ad-Hoc services.	
VI. ACTION ITEMS	
1. <u>Voting for new Co-Chair (Action Item)</u> Co-Chair Carli has given notice that she is vacating her Co-Chair position effective immediately. A new Co-Chair and/or an interim replacement to be selected.	
2. <u>Commission recommendation to Judge Daniels (Action Item)</u> Rhonda Renfro, PhD., CEO, Club Stride Incorporated, has expressed her desire to become a JJDPC member.	

3. Resource guide/referrals (Action Item)
Commissioner Compton will present her plan for implementing a resource guide/referral system for youth released from JDF. If appropriate, the Commission will vote on approving a plan for implementation.
4. Judicial notification of relinquished/vacant position (Action Item)
Commission to vote on noticing Judge Daniels of Commissioner Guerra's verbal report to Commissioner Compton that she vacated her position as a commissioner.

- VII.** New Business/Future Agenda (No Action) Chair/Co-Chair
1. Commissioners may request future agenda items to be discussed, or items that may need action on future agendas.

The next scheduled meeting is April 5th, 2017 from 3:00 p.m. – 4:30 p.m. at The County Admin Center, 675 Texas Street, Conference Room 6003.

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Meeting Minutes
February 1st, 2017

Commissioners Present:

Joanne Carli
Anthony McCrary
Lawrence Barnes
Josh McClendon
Frances Nelson
Rosalind Reid
Arabella Compton
Paul Ligda
Damian Spieckerman

Excused Absence:

Andre Davis
Cynthia Phillips
Louise McNeill
Julie Hilt

Unexcused Absence:

Selena Guerra

Non-Members Present:

Dean Farrah, Superintendent JDF
Joseph Herman, Senior Counselor Field Services

Rhonda Green, Secretary, called the meeting to order and welcomed everyone. Joanne Carli, Co-chair, assumed lead.

Approval of Minutes (January 4th 2017)

Commissioner Barnes' motion to approve the Minutes was seconded by Commissioner Green. 9 in favor, 0 (zero) opposing and 0 (zero) abstained. Motion carried.

Approval of Agenda

Commissioner Green's motion to approve the Agenda was seconded by Commissioner Barnes. 9 in favor, 0 (zero) opposing and 0 (zero) abstained. Motion carried.

Public Comment: No public comment.

DISCUSSION CALENDAR (No action):

Probation and Juvenile Detention Facility Update:

Superintendent Farrah: Current population at JDF is 63. Of those, 48 are detained pending further court proceedings/placement, and 15 are in JDF programs (New Foundations/Challenge). Superintendent Farrah reported that one youth in the Challenge program has found employment and is doing well, and two youth (recent JDF graduates) are attending college at Solano Community College (SCC). He reported SCC staff have inspected JDF regarding making SCC courses available for JDF youth. He reported that security issues regarding youth having online access need to be addressed, but states they are moving forward with finding ways to make college courses available for detained youth.

Commissioner Reid reported that the Sheriff's Dept. is using the intranet to make educational courses available for their inmates. Suggested that he contact the Sheriff's Dept. for assistance and/or guidance to expedite the process. Commissioner Nelson also reported that SCC staff are already providing educational services at county adult facilities. She suggested that this same resource can be utilized to provide secondary educational services for JDF youth.

Superintendent Farrah reported that he received the Exit Survey authored by Commissioner Ligda, and provided him with several suggestions to clarify a few things to eliminate the possibility of confusion for its target population. States he responded directly to Commissioner Ligda with his recommendations.

Commissioner McCrary requested updated information about JDF altercations. Superintendent Farrah reported from Oct thru Dec of 2016, 17 incidents occurred. Of those, 7 were mutual combat, 9 were assaults, and 1 incident was a non-compliance situation where staff had to become hands-on to take control of the situation. Superintendent Farrah reported that no incidents were noted to be related to a lack of supervision. However, he noted that the evening shift continues to be where the highest number of incidents occur. He reported that staff are utilizing positive reinforcement methods to encourage more appropriate behavior, and noted that staff reported youth being responsive to this method. He reported that staffing adjustments have been made to place full-time staff in positions that were previously held by part-time staff. He noted that two Senior positions have been filled, and the facilities treatment team (mental health) is showing more cohesion and obtaining results with its most problematic youth. Individual treatment plans continue, and staff continue to be educated on how to work with problematic youth.

Joseph Herman: Reported that the Field Supervision unit works with youth that comes from four sources. He reported that he works with youth who have completed New Foundation and the Challenge Academy as well as youth who are eligible for services via AB12 and Division of Juvenile Justice returnees ((DJJ) previously California Youth Authority). States staff work with youth, their family/guardians to help them become productive members of society. Mr. Herman reported that individual plans are created based on the specific needs of the individual. Be it finding employment, gathering documents to find employment and/or education, enrolling and/or learning a trade, managing money and/or their finances, or whatever their needs are, the programs aids these youths with becoming productive young adults. He stated that these youth

can live at home and/or with family members, or reside in a place of their own. Mr. Herman reported that individual plans are reviewed every six months, and are adjusted accordingly based on the youths progress and/or needs.

Officer Duties: Commission officer duties were clarified. Officers are to fulfill their duties per the by-laws, and an unforeseen absence does not precluded an officer from fulfilling their duties. The exception is if a given officer is on an authorized extended leave of absence and/or incapacitated in manner which makes them incapable of fulfilling their duties. In these cases, duties of the absent officer are to be assumed by the other officers.

Ad Hoc Committee: Commissioners was advised that when presenting a idea/proposal before the commission, to present a proposal with every aspect fully investigation and outlined. Advised that a complete proposal is necessary when requesting any monetary and/or support needs needed in order for the task to be carried out. Also advised that such allows for the process to be expedited.

Introduction of Guest: Rhonda Renfro, PhD., CEO of Club Stride Incorporated in Vallejo, Ca., shared information about her program. Stated she is interested in being a member of the JJDC.

Commission fund raising and/or ability to establish a non-profit account: Options to raise and/or hold monetary resources for the purpose of carrying out Ad Hoc services/duties was discussed. Commissioner Speickerman reported that he would look into options for the Commission.

ACTION ITEMS:

Exit Survey: Commissioner Ligda discussed the Exit Survey. After discussing the survey, Commissioner Green motioned to accept the exit survey as authored by Commissioner Ligda with the amendments as recommended by Superintendent Farrah to be given on a quarterly basis as recommended by Commissioner Reid. Motioned seconded by Commissioner Carli. 9 in favor, 0 (zero) opposing and 0 (zero) abstained. Motion carried.

Extend Meeting: Commissioner Green motioned to extend the meeting beyond 4:30 pm. Motioned seconded by Commissioner Carli. 9 in favor, 0 (zero) opposing and 0 (zero) abstained. Motion carried.

Probation's Readiness Assessment Consultation Project: Matter discussed. Commissioner Reid expressed an interest in representing the Commission. Commissioner Barnes motioned to elect Commissioner Reid as the Commission's representative. Motion seconded by Commissioner Green. 9 in favor, 0 (zero) opposing and 0 (zero) abstained. Motion carried.

Judicial Notification: Due to a lack of time, members agreed to move voting on noticing the judge Daniels of a member's excessive absence and/or vacated position until the March 1st meeting. All members present were in favor.

Respectfully submitted,

Com. Rhonda Green, Secretary