

SOLANO COUNTY
Juvenile Justice Delinquency Prevention Commission
AGENDA

May 3rd, 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 (JJDPC) 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 JJDPC 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 JJDPC 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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ITEM

AGENCY/STAFF

I. **CALL TO ORDER** (3:00 p.m.) Chair/Co-Chair

II. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES FOR April 5th, 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. Probation and Juvenile Detention Facility Updates Chief Hansen/Probation
Supt. Farrah/JDF
2. Fund raising/tax shelter (No Action)
Commissioner Spieckerman (or another) to report on any additional information acquired regarding the Commission's inability and/or ability to raise funds and/or establish an account.
3. Group Home Inspections (No Action).
Commissioner Phillips.
4. Updates from Ad-Hoc Committees (No Action)
Com. Green/Compton
5. Resource Guide/Referral (No Action):
Commissioner Compton to update the commission.
6. Youth Commissioners (No Action):
Com. Ligda
7. Time allotments.
Rhonda Green

VI. **ACTION ITEMS**

1. Voting for new Co-Chair (Action Item)
A new Co-Chair or an interim replacement to be selected.
2. Exit survey (Action Item):
Com. Ligda

3. Resource guide/referrals (Action Item)
Commissioner Compton will present her plan for the resource. To be voted on.

VII. New Business/Future Agenda Chair/Co-Chair
Commissioners may request future agenda items to be discussed, or items
That may need action on future agendas.

The next scheduled meeting is **June 7th, 2017** from 3:00 p.m. – 4:30 p.m. at The
County Admin Center, 675 Texas Street, Conference Room 6003.

Solano County

Juvenile Justice Delinquency Prevention Commission (JJDPC) Minutes

March 3rd, 2017

Commissioners Present:

Lawrence Barnes
Damian Spieckerman
Arabella Compton
Frances Nelson
Cynthia Phillips
Rosalind Reid

Excused Absence:

Rhonda Green
Anthony McCrary
Andre Davis
Julie Hilt
Paul Ligda
Josh McClendon
Louise McNeill
Joanne Carli

Unexcused:

Selena Gomez

APPROVAL OF MINUTES for Feb 1st, 2017.

Tabled to next meeting no quorum

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Tabled to next meeting no quorum

OPPORTUNITY FOR PUBLIC COMMENT

- Nancy Wirt JFK Library - January 11th at Juvenile Hall needs to be able to have a clear space. Weeded no hard backs allowed in Juvenile Hall. Benicia Dixon and St. Helena are all Library partners. Online component tutoring available with a library card. Volunteer tutors needed Fairfield Library disseminates tutors to other libraries

DISCUSSION CALENDAR

1. Probation and Juvenile Detention Facility Updates Supt. Farrah/JDF
 - Total Pop 57 (15 in programs and 42 in detention (3 females)). 2-12yr olds with significant offense(s). 2 in college, one is working and worked 40hrs this past week
 - Pilot screening tool which will enable and facilitate release prior to booking into JDF will begin in March 2017
 - Group Counselor Interviews held which will bring JDF to full staffing
 - With full staffing, program staff will have the ability to get more resources established facilitating more programs
 - Currently going through RFP (Request for Proposal) for food contract, a few vendors have toured the facility, must meet title 15 and school lunch program guidelines. Complaints of juveniles have been not enough portions and food doesn't taste good. Title 15 states caloric count can be higher based on exercise.
 - Will report next month on selection of vendor
 - Supt. Farrah has expressed concerns regarding limitations on data since coming to Solano County as Superintendent of JDF. Commissioner Reid had a 2006 Juvenile Data Bookings. Supt. Farrah requested data sent to him which Commissioner Reid will do.
 - Exit Survey – Unable to coordinate schedules, will attempt to reconnect once Commissioner Ligda returns from vacation
 - Josette Lacey aide to Supervisor Erin Hannigan announced Human Trafficking Forum on 4/22/2017 from 9 am – 11:30 am at the JFK Library 505 Santa Clara Street, Vallejo. Commissioner Reid inquired if there would be any discussion on next steps as many forums have been held in Solano County. Lacey will follow up with facilitators and advise Commission.
 - Upcoming JDF HS Graduation -May exact date forthcoming
 - Kudos from Commissioner Speickerman to Supt. Farrah for JDF Staff, enabling 2 JDF Graduates in attending college, and 1 obtaining employment
 - JDF Staff have been enabling youth to get CA ID, and are dispensing CA Drivers Handbook.
 - Commissioner Speickerman inquired about interviews from probation, these interviews are a RED Grant- Reducing Ethnic and Disparities.
2. Exit Survey (No Action)
Commissioner Ligda tabled until April meeting

3. Fund raising/tax shelter (No Action)

Commissioner Spieckerman

- If we got money where would we put it
- Commission is not a non-profit – per Chief Hanson
- Commissioner Richard Watson – after discussion not something the commission should attempt, having probation holding our money, because Commission is an oversight of Probation no appearance of conflict of interest. Children’s Guild- nonprofit which benefits minors
Thought was to issue juveniles a bag upon release from JDF toiletries and other needed exit materials

4. Virtual phone for JJDPC

- 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.
- Phone for public to contact 707-784-7683 receive messages, Rhonda Green will monitor the phone line
- Will be posted at JDF – Committee will discuss additional places to post phone number.
- Service Ad Hoc members are R. Green, F. Nelson, L. Barnes, J. Hilt, A. Compton, and A. McCrary.

IV. ACTION ITEMS

1. Voting for new Co-Chair (Action Item)

Tabled until April meeting Co-Chair Carli gave notice in March 2017 that she vacated her position as Co-Chair position effective immediately. A new Co-Chair and/or an interim replacement to be selected. Tabled to next meeting no quorum

2. Commission recommendation to Judge Daniels (Action Item)

Rhonda Renfro, PhD., CEO, Club Stride Incorporated, has expressed her desire to become a JJDPC member. Move forward however had to table due to lack of quorum.

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. See Attachment additional information will be added to Questionnaire add an explanation/purpose

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 **Non-profit** – can have a fiscal sponsor.

- Request Tami Robinson place telephone number on the website and JJDPC announcement

Respectfully submitted,

Rosalind Reid, Commissioner

SOLANO COUNTY
Juvenile Justice Delinquency Prevention Commission
Meeting Minutes
April 5th 2017

Commissioners Present:

Anthony McCrary
Cynthia Phillips
Damian Spieckerman
Frances Nelson
Joanne Carli
Josh McClendon
Julie Hilt
Lawrence Barnes
Louise McNeill
Paul Ligda
Rhonda Green

Excused Absence:

Andre Davis
Arabella Compton
Rosalind Reid

Unexcused Absence:

Selena Guerra

Non-Members Present:

Christopher Cassels, Manager, Child Welfare Service
Dean Farrah, Superintendent JDF
Kelly Dwyer, Board of Supervisor, District Representative
Nancy Wirt, Solano County Library
Sarah Chapman, Solano Community College, Trustee Area 6

MEETING CALLED TO ORDER.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES (February 1st, 2017): Com. Barnes moved to approve minutes. Com. Ligda seconded. 9 in favor, 0 (zero) opposing and 0 (zero) abstained. Motion carried.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES (March 3rd 2017): Com. Barnes moved to approve minutes with note corrections. Com. Green seconded. 7 in favor, 0 (zero) opposing and 2 abstained. Motion carried.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA: Com. Ligda moved to approve the agenda. Com. Barnes seconded. 9 in favor, 0 (zero) opposing and 0 (zero) abstained. Motion carried.

OPPORTUNITY FOR PUBLIC COMMENT:

- K. Wirt reported that a Human Traffic seminar will be held on 4/22/17 from 9:30 to 11am at the Solano County library in Vallejo.
- C. Cassels also reported that the Office of Education will be conducting a similar educational training on May 9th, 2017 from 5-7:30 pm at 601 Texas Street.

DISCUSSION CALENDAR (No action):

Probation and Juvenile Detention Facility Update:

- Superintendent Farrah expressed his gratitude to those commissioners who participated in the Comprehensive Multi Agency Juvenile Justice Action Plan (JJAP) survey conducted for the purpose of finding ways to reducing racial disparity among detained youth of color. State the results and plans formulated from the information gathered will be presented on 4/12/17 at 1:30 in the Government building in room 6004.
- The Chair was presented with a letter from the Board of State and Community Corrections (BSCC) regarding facilities to inspected annually. He reported that the agencies (Vallejo, Vacaville, Dixon and Benicia) listed in the letter do not comprise the final list of agencies subject to annual inspection. He reported that any agency which holds and/or detains youth are subject to inspection.
- As of 4/05/17, the Juvenile Detention Facility population stands at 58 (54 males/4 females). The youngest detainee is 12 years of age, and the eldest is 18. 10 youth are in Challenge, and 2 of the youth have secured employment and 1 is attending college. 2 youth are in New Foundation, but due to date that indicates the program is not meeting its goal, the youth have been relocated to the Sequoia pod in JDF with low level offenders for housing where their program is be conducted. Sup. Farrah states that the way youth are currently being selected for the program needs to be reassessed. He reported that once their assessment tool has been revamped and depending on the limited number of youth who truly need to be in a drug program, it may better serve the youth by placing them out of the area programs versus running a program with limited clients.

New Foundation's structure has been suspended and BSCC is aware of the situation. Currently the program is b

- During the 1st quarter (Jan, Feb, Mar), 10 mutual combat and 7 assault incidents occurred. Of the 7 assault incidents, 2 were against staff. Both incidents were carried out by a single individual who has been identified to have mental health issues.
- Bids for the food contract with JDF have been received. Currently, a team is being formed for the purpose of traveling to the sites of those who have submitted bids to look into the production practices of each agency. Information gathered will be used in making a selection.
- The Case Management System goes in production soon. Details will be worked out soon at an upcoming meeting.
- Staff will undergo a week long training to enhance their knowledge and educational skills.
- Equipment for physical activities and recreation have been ordered.
- 2 former part-time employees have been hired on as fulltime employees. An additional 2 are currently in the background phase. State he hopes to hire a Senior Group Counselor and Supervising Group Counselor soon.
- Sup. Farrah said different avenues are being investigated to find ways to expand JDF programs.

NON-ACTION ITEMS:

- **Exit Survey:** Item tabled for the May meeting. To be listed as an Action item.
- **Fund raising/Tax Shelter:** Item tabled for the May meeting.
- **Update on Youth Commissioners:** Commissioner J. McClendon reported that as of the end of August of 2017, he would no longer be able to attend and/or be a member of the Commission. Commissioner Green reported on behalf of Commissioner Compton that he plans to continue as a Commissioner. However, she expressed that her acceptance into summer educational courses(s) may hinder her ability to attend meetings. Should that occur, she will request an extended leave of absence so that she can complete her education without losing her place as a commissioner.

ACTION ITEMS:

- **Voting in a Co-Chair:** Matter tabled for the May meeting. No candidates expressed interest in the position.
- **Recommendation to Judge Daniels:** Commissioner Ligda moved to submit a recommendation to Judge Daniels on behalf of the commission. Com. Green seconded. 9 in favor, 0 (zero) opposing and 0 (zero) abstained. Motion carried.
- **Resource Guide:** Matter tabled for the May meeting.
- **Judicial Notification:** Commission agrees that Judge Daniels be noticed regarding member's repetitive absent attendee. Motion presented by Commissioner Green. Com. Hilt seconded. 9 in favor, 0 (zero) opposing and 0 (zero) abstained. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,
Rhonda Green, Secretary