

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

**June 7th, 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

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**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. <b>CALL TO ORDER</b> (3:00 p.m.)   | Chair/Co-Chair                             |
| II. <b>APPROVAL OF MINUTES FOR May 3rd, 2017</b>  |  |
| III. <b>APPROVAL OF AGENDA</b>  |  |
| IV. <b>OPPORTUNITY FOR PUBLIC COMMENT</b><br>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. <b>DISCUSSION CALENDAR</b>   |  |
| 1. <u>Probation and Juvenile Detention Facility Updates</u>   | Chief Hansen/Probation<br>Supt. Farrah/JDF |
| 2. <u>Time Allotments and/or Written Report (No Action)</u><br>Com. Green. Please see statement on this matter.   |  |
| 3. <u>Resource Guide/Referral (No Action).</u><br>Com. Compton and/or Ligda.  |  |
| VI <b>ACTION ITEMS</b>  |  |
| 1. <u>Resource Guide/Referral:</u><br>Com. Compton and/or Ligda   |  |
| 2. <u>Prob. Written Report/ Time Allotment:</u><br>Com. Green.  |  |
| 3. <u>Recess in July and/or August:</u><br>Com. Reid.   |  |
| VII. <u>New Business/Future Agenda</u>  | Chair/Co-Chair                             |
| Commissioners may request future agenda items to be discussed, or items that may need action on future agendas.   |  |

The next tentatively scheduled meeting is **July 5<sup>th</sup>, 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**  
**Meeting Minutes**  
**May 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2017**

Commissioners Present:

Andre Davis  
Anthony McCrary  
Arabella Compton  
Cynthia Phillips  
Damian Spieckerman  
Frances Nelson  
Julie Hilt  
Lawrence Barnes  
Louise McNeill  
Paul Ligda  
Rhonda Green  
Rosalind Reid

Excused Absence:

Anthony McCrary  
Joanne Carli

Unexcused Absence:

Josh McClendon

Non-Members Present:

Christopher Cassels, Manager, Child Welfare Service  
Dean Farrah, Superintendent JDF  
Felicia Curtis, Health and Social Services/ Community  
Nancy Wirt, Solano County Library  
N. Toliver, College Student  
Rhonda Renfro, PhD., CEO Club Stride  
Sarah Chapman, Solano Community College, Trustee Area 6

## **MEETING CALLED TO ORDER.**

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES (April 5th, 2017):** Com. Ligda moved to approve minutes. Com. Barnes seconded. 11 in favor, 0 (zero) opposing and 0 (zero) abstained. Motion carried.

**APPROVAL OF AGENDA:** Com. Ligda moved to approve the agenda. Com. Barnes seconded. 11 in favor, 0 (zero) opposing and 0 (zero) abstained. Motion carried.

## **OPPORTUNITY FOR PUBLIC COMMENT:**

- K. Wirt reported that books are available to form a library in JDF. Sup. Farrah informed K. Wirt that the shelves for the library were currently being cleared, and she can proceed with her project.

## **DISCUSSION CALENDAR:**

### 1. Probation and Juvenile Detention Facility Updates:

- Probation's annual breakfast is scheduled for 5/24/17 at 9:30am at the county's event center.
- JDF high school graduation is scheduled for 5/30/17 at 11:30 am. Total number of graduates is pending as school is still in session. Requests the Commission limit their attendance to only 2 members, and to submit a list of requests to Ms. Flannel for authorization. Com. Green agreed to be the contact person for those interested in attending.
- As of 5/07/17, the population at JDF stands at 50. 9 youth are in Challenge (2 employed and 1 preparing for school finals), 12 in Redwood, 17 in Sycamore, 10 in Sequoia (7 males/3 females) and 2 in New Foundations (NF). Program services for NF youth are still being provided on Sequoia.
- JDF is working with the State to make Challenge a camp program. Reported Challenge currently meets the criteria for a camp designation, and states that such will result in increased staffing for the program.
- Training by the National Counseling and Corrections Curriculum for JDF staff currently underway. 18 staff members, which represents 25% of line staff, 50% of senior staff and 50% of admin. staff, are being trained in Adolescent Brain Development; Behavior Management, and Building Healthy Relationships. The mental health component includes education on Positive Youth Development, Suicide Prevention, and Trauma Response in Custody.
- Annie E. Casey Foundation to return to assess the detention screening tool to ensure that it's capturing those youths who truly need to be detained. States trial period began this month (May), and following said period, JDF staff will independently assess whether or not a youth is to be detained.
- New booking criteria list (offenses approved for booking (Felonies or Misd. with violence)) was implemented in February. States the list was met with some resistance by enforcement agencies, but noted that arresting officers have the option to contact JDF

admin to screen an arrest if they believe a youth needs to be detained. Decision to detaining youth for offenses that are not on the list will be done on a case-by-case basis.

- Staff will be interviewed and selected specifically for in-custody programming for the overall purpose of improving a youth's stay and reducing the number of incidents.
- San Mateo County's JDF is being looked at as a model for educational and college prep programming. Reports San Mateo is doing wonderful things for their youth which means such can also be done in Solano County. The Solano County Office of Education is tentatively on board to visit San Mateo to review their program.
- Commercially Sexually Exploited Children (CSET) meeting on 4/22/17 held in Vallejo had a good turnout. Several agencies were invested, but conflicts about how to move forward existed. Educating educators is the starting point so that teachers are informed. Optional training for parents and youth are to come.
  - Com. Reid expressed a need for youth to receive age appropriate CSET education to assist them with identifying it as well as a means of making youth aware of available services.
  - Sup. Farrah reported that improvement in identifying these youths at the forefront is needed to avoid detaining them. For those youths that have been detained, they need to be identified as quickly as possible to ensure that they receive needed services as soon as possible and/or before they are released.

## 2. Fund Raising/Tax Shelter:

- Information provided by Dr. Renfro made it clear that fund raising and/or tax shelters were not a viable option for the Commission. State entities seeking fiscal sponsorship must be an organization that intends to apply for a 501 (c) tax exemption. Additionally, the direction and goals of the organization utilizing fiscal sponsorship must be aligned with the agency providing fiscal sponsorship.

## 3. Group Home Inspection:

- Com. Phillips reported that groups have been given a 2-year extension by the State, and wants to revisit including these facilities for annual inspection.
  - C. Cassels, Social Service Manager for CWS, reported the extensions have been granted because programs could not transition as quickly to Short Term Residential Treatment Programs (6 month terms) as the State had hoped. Solano County has approx. 400 youth in out of home care, and about 40 in group homes in other counties. Reported there are two group homes in Solano with whom they have a working relationship (Paradise and Mile High). Another home, Mary's Help, typically works with probation youth, but it's unclear if said agency is utilized by Solano Probation.
  - C. Cassel agreed to provide the Commission with a list of all group homes within the county, a link to review complaints filed against individual homes, and contact information for Paradis, Mile High and Mary's Help.

4. Ad Hoc updates:

- Com. Compton addressed the Commission about the lack of productivity by the different committees. Suggested that members within each committee consult and form goals to be achieved.
  - Com Hilt suggested that Ad Hoc committees meet either prior to and/or immediately following the JJDFC meeting for convenience.
  - Contact information and committee selections are to be sent out to members.
  - Several members reported working independently outside their assigned Ad Hocs. Secretary requested reports on work done and/or in progress.

5. Resource Guide/Referrals

- Com. Compton reiterated the goal and purpose of her referral. Stated that central locations within each city to mentor and guide youth is also a goal of hers. She hopes to provide youth released from JDF with specific information to aid them with achieving their desired goal(s).
  - C. Cassels recommended the Family Resource Services be utilized. Reports that have an extended list of resources.
  - Com. Davis, reported he would like to assist Com. Compton with her goal.
  - Com. Ligda agreed to take the questionnaire to Sup. Farrah to discuss further, and stated he would inquire as to whether or not youth are made aware of resources in the area.

6. Youth Commission:

- Com. Ligda reminded the Commission that one of our youth commissioner will be vacating their position in August. States he has been talking with youth and will submit appropriate applications directly to the judge.

7. Meeting Time Allotments:

- Item tabled until a later date.

**ACTION ITEMS**

1. Voting on Co-Chair:

- Item tabled until a later date.

2. Exit Survey:

- Com. Ligda moved to approve the survey with pending changes. Com. Reid seconded. 10 in favor, 0 (zero) opposing and 0 (zero) abstained. Motion carried.

3. Resource Guide/Referral:

- Item tabled until the next meeting. Com. Ligda will consult with Sup. Farrah on the matter in the interim.

**NEW BUSINESS/FUTURE AGENDA:**

1. Resource Guide/ Referral
2. Prob. Written Report/ Time Allotment
3. Recess in July and/or August

Respectfully submitted,  
Rhonda Green, Secretary