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Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention Commission (JJJPC)Error!
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INSPECTION REPORT - JUVENILE FACILITY
2020

Error! Bookmark not defined. Facility Name and Address	Alan M. Crogan Youth Treatment and Education Center 10000 County Farm Road, Riverside CA 92503
Date of Inspection	November 10, 2020
Phone Error! Bookmark not defined.	(951) 358-4400
Contact Person and Title	Daniel Castaneda, Division Director
Error! Bookmark not defined. JJPC Inspectors	Robert Lippert, Kelly Curtis and Laurel Cook

Staff Interviewed

	Name	Title	Agency
1.	Daniel Castaneda	Division Director	Probation
2.	Michael Belknapp	Assistant Director	Probation
3.	Kathy Potts	Assistant Director	Behavioral Health
4.	Leticia Stillwell	Medical RN	Correctional Health

Inspection Concerns/ Recommendations

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Agency Inspections

Agency	Date of Last Inspection	Comments/ Concerns
JJPC	5/22/19	
Building & Safety	11/2/2020	
Health	N/A	Suspended due to Covid-19
Court	11/6/2020	
RCOE	10/26/2020	
BSCC	1/2020	
Behavioral Health	N/A	Suspended due to Covid-19
Fire Marshall	1/23/2020	

S – Satisfactory

N.I. – Needs Improvement

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Building Exterior	X		
Building Interior	X		
Field(s)	X		
Court yard(s)	X		
Other	X		Postings: Activity Calendar, Programming Safety: Smoke Alarms, Fire Extinguishers, Evacuation Plan

Additional Information

The coronavirus epidemic has severely impacted the YTEC program. Previously several youth were enrolled in college courses, some youths had part time employment away from the Center, field trips both educational and recreational happened, parents were able to visit and take part in therapeutic activities and school classes were conducted in the traditional manner.

As of this date, 83 youths have successfully completed the program in 2020. 28 graduated high school. 24 enrolled in college courses.

These programs were either eliminated or severely modified. Here are our findings:

PROGRAM

Many of the previously planned activities have been cancelled. Outings from the Center have been cancelled. A major emphasis on prevention has been instituted in each unit including the wearing of masks, maintaining social distance as much as possible, encouraging the washing of hands and testing when indicated. The youths' health is monitored constantly. In the event of symptoms and a positive testing, isolation is available in one unit and has rarely had to be used.

One major important change is the cancellation of visitation by relatives. As a substitute is the use of electronic visits. These have been very successful. Parents have not had to drive long distances to visit and more family members are able to take part. The youths can see many things that are important to them, i.e. relatives, siblings, pets, etc. These electronic visits as well as telephone contacts are doing much to keep the youths in touch with the important relationships away from the Center.

The units had been decorated for Halloween and now are in the process of beginning to plan decorations for the upcoming holidays.

EDUCATION

The school schedule has been maintained. One teacher and her aide have chosen to come in each school day and conduct classes. Again, social distance is maintained. The other classes are done remotely by the teachers. The youths who had previously been enrolled in college classes continue their work remotely.

MENTAL HEALTH

The mental health service has been fully staffed by seven therapists, including a substance abuse counselor. Two of the therapists are male which meets a long-desired need. The various therapists' schedules provide at least one therapist on duty from 7AM to 8PM daily and does provide weekend coverage.

One to one therapy sessions occur at least weekly for each youth. These sessions are in private areas and social distance is maintained, although not without some difficulty. Various group therapy sessions continue to be used with a limited number of five youths in each group.

Attempts continue to be made to involve parents. This is also done electronically and usually occurs once a month.

MEDICAL

The medical staff composed of RN's and LVN's is also fully staffed and at the Center with coverage 24/7. Doctors including a psychiatrist are at the Center weekly.

Approximately 60 percent of the youths in residence have been prescribed some form of psychotropic medications. Most of the youths on medication arrive at the Center already on some type. Medications are administered by the medical staff. Line staff have been trained to watch for side effects.

FACILITY

The commissioners received a tour of the facility. Maintenance is good and the entire place looks well cared for and is as inviting as a closed environment can be.

The commissioners continue to recommend that the staff develop a system where the youths are not confined to their rooms during the afternoon shift change. Such confinement in our opinion is more to the advantage of the staff than to the benefit of the program. A partial solution may be to make room time an option for those youths who need a break from the routine.

Overall, the administration and entire staff are to be commended for their efforts to modify and adapt to a new and extremely difficult, trying situation that has affected us all. Retaining an atmosphere that is therapeutic, growth producing and above all safe is not easy but the YTEC staff can be proud of their efforts and the results.

We wish to thank the Managers and Staff for their assistance with our inspection.

Respectfully submitted by the Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention Commission (JJJPC).

Robert Lippert and Kelley Curtis

Commissioners / Inspectors

Laurel Cook



Commissioner, Chair/ Inspector

January 12, 2021

Date

cc: Juvenile Presiding Judge of the Superior Court

Chief Probation Officer

Chief Deputy Probation Officer of Institutions

Division Director of Facility

Board of State & Community Corrections (BSCC)

Chairman of the Board of Supervisors

County Executive Officer

Director of Behavioral Health Services (RUHS)

Office of Education Executive Director

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