



**Riverside County
Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention Commission**

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Georgia Hussein, Secretary

JJDPC Meeting
Minutes
February 8, 2021
Via Zoom

IN ATTENDANCE: Christopher Collopy, Laurel Cook, Kelly Curtis, Roberta Derilo, John Hunneman, Georgia Hussein, Robert Lippert, Armando Ruiz-Rosas

ABSENT: Dennis June, Micheal Malsed

Guests: Ron Miller, Elisa Porras, Justice Sandoval, Ann Marchand, Jason Seward, Michele Nissen, Mike Brinkman, Monica Rose,

Applicants: Pam Torres, Doreen Simmons

1. Call to Order and Pledge of Allegiance

- a. Meeting was called to order at 9:34am

2. Welcome and Introductions

- a. Chair Cook introduced (guests in attendance-list by name)

3. County Counsel:

- a. Currently handling 2,500 juvenile cases with 22 attorneys.

4. Probation Report: Juvenile Detention/YTEC Facilities

- a. Critical Incidents
 - i. None
- b. Population:
 - i. Currently have 146 youth detained in juvenile halls, zero with COVID.
- c. Youth Supervision: (All facilities: YTEC, IJH, SWJH)
 - i. Currently supervising 1,023 youth, decrease from 5-years ago that averaged 5,500 youth supervisions.
- d. SB823 Long Term Commitment:
 - i. Announced free webinar hosted by SBX Youth & Family Services. Saturday, February 13, 2021, 12-noon to 2:20 p.m. PST, online registration link will be sent to all commissioners.
 - ii. Identified problem statement as "*due to the passing of SB823, the Riverside County Probation Department will need to establish a Court process, long-term commitment program, and supervision guidelines by July 2021.*"
 - iii. Model the new programs after DJJ current model, found two areas needing addressed are Violent/Aggressive behavior re-entry, stabilization, progress/transition and the enriching experiences of team sports, special assemblies, etc.
 - iv. Subcommittee is a part of the Juvenile Justice Coordinating Counsel.
 - v. Indio Juvenile Hall has a unit available for the trauma and



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- aggressive behavior long term commitment youth.
 - vi. Youth will be in the program through age 25.
 - vii. YTEC is only a 1-year commitment.
 - viii. Youth already within DJJ facility will remain for the remainder of their sentence. They will not be returned to Riverside County.
 - ix. Youth not yet detained at DJJ but who have a court order who will be the first youth within the SB823 programs, services and local county facilities.
 - x. DJJ youth from Riverside County currently is 17, past 4-years has been as high as 20 youth.
 - e. AB1950 – Probation length of terms:
 - i. State legislation AB1950 will reduce adult probation supervision by approximately 3,000.
 - ii. Chief Ron Miller anticipates re-evaluating staff assignments and might shift more probation officers into juvenile supervision especially with impact of SB823 and out of state placement decertification.
 - f. Decertification and return of county youth placed out of state.
 - i. Probation had 5 youth placed out of state.
 - ii. Four of the 5 youth have returned into Riverside County.
 - iii. State authorized one youth to remain placed due to her age and need for independent living circumstances.
 - iv. State decertified Out of state Placement without provision or funding for individual counties to utilize.
 - v. Impact on YTEC as a locked treatment facility: Is not the answer for all youth thus looking for intensive care services/programs within the community to meet the needs of aggressive behavior youth.
 - vi. Out of state placement benefit for C-SEC child trafficking was limited access to previous association with trafficking contacts. One youth returned for one week before she fled her group home placement.
 - g. KPI-6 key performance indicators for each facility.
 - i. Probation executives tracking tool is now digital visual engagement boards allowing them real time statistics. Chief Ron Miller will prepare a presentation for next month's meeting.

5. DPSS Report

- a. Group home has 130 children.
- b. Child Welfare System COVID information for February 1, 2021 is 69 direct contact with 38 children tested positive.
- c. Tested positive children already in a home was not asked to be removed and placed somewhere else, providers are caring for the children.
- d. Currently working on a plan to establish with resource families' emergency placement beds (Ebeds) specifically for COVID ill children.
- e. Highlighted the issue of foster children placement into a locked facility without the youth's consent along with a Court order.



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- f. DPSS is focused on family reunification and the state locked facilities are not set up for reunification.
- g. Behavioral health services are needed but not to the extent of psychiatric hospital locked facility.
- h. DPSS is looking for a pathway of treatment needed by youth which is not geared as a behavioral health locked facility.
- i. Healthy adolescent lifestyle is a goal to minimize trauma and provide stabilization programming.
- j. Facilities need to be more home like, such as paint, gym, mascot or motivational painting on walls.
- k. Commissioners asked for an updated list of group homes used by DPSS with current placed children. They do not need a list of all homes DPSS uses, only the ones with current child placements.

6. SBX Youth & Family Services

- a. Justice Sandoval presented an overview of the services and programs offered by SBX.
- b. She was a system impacted youth and benefited from the services of SBX. She is now a youth mentor and enjoys being a part of their endeavor to heal and align themselves to stop the cycle of poverty, violence, and generational family incarceration.
- c. SBX started in 1998 at Rialto High School; they have been a non-profit for 20-years.
- d. They offer a holistic approach for mentoring, education, and vision to empower youth to use yesterday's influence to produce today's change.
- e. The program provides youth mentoring youth.
- f. They offer 2nd Chance, legal aid, transportation, clothing, and resume building services.
- g. Focus is building lifelong relationships for contributing, stable homelife choices and how to advocate for themselves.
- h. Youth lead organization. They need a voice and this is the place to use their voice.
- i. SBX has youth mentors participate in hiring interviews for regular staff.
- j. SBX works with youth from 6th grade through 12th grade, then soft hand through college, and encourage alumni participation when adult.
- k. Referrals are received via their website.
- l. Currently have 100 youth they are mentoring throughout the Riverside, Moreno Valley and Hemet areas.

7. Review and Approval of Minutes October 8, 2020 Meeting.

- a. Meeting minutes dated October 8, 2020 were reviewed by the Commission. Commissioner Lippert motioned to accept the meeting minutes. Commissioner Collopy seconded. All in favor, motion carried.



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8. Review and Approval of Minutes November 9, 2020 Meeting.

- a. Meeting minutes dated November 9, 2020 were reviewed by the Commission. Commissioner Hussein motioned to accept the meeting minutes. Commissioner Lippert seconded. All in favor, motion carried.

9. Review and Accept Correspondence

- a. Accept Oath of Office for Commissioners' John Hunneman, Armando Ruiz-Rosas, and Micheal Malsed were reviewed by the Commission. Commissioner Collopy motioned to accept the Oaths. Commissioner Hussein seconded. All in favor, motion carried.

10. Report on Activities of the Ad Hoc Committees

- a. Inspections:
 - i. Inspections: Police Department Lock Up and Juvenile Hall inspections for 2020 have all been completed.
 - ii. Commissioner inquired is DPSS would provide a list of Riverside County Group Home they are currently using. List only the home in which a youth is currently placed.
 - iii. He reminded the commissioners their inspections are to determine if it is a home that they would place one of their own children in.
 - iv. He inquired about the use of psychotropic medications used while placed at a group home. Who oversee usage, who prescribes the medications and what type of medications are being prescribed? Commissioners agreed to make a list of questions prior to inspecting group homes.
- b. Membership:
 - i. Commissioners recognized Doreen Simmons (first meeting) and Pam Torres's (second meeting) attendance.
 - ii. Student applications are pending.
- c. Social Media/Outreach:
 - i. SBX will be added to the JJDPC Resource List
 - ii. The current resource list has inaccurate information and Commissioner Derilo is working with support staff to verify all information and fix type errors within the document.
 - iii. Commissioners are advised to look at the JJCC for a list of all CBO's and include them into the JJDPC Resource List.
 - iv. Brown Act wording needs to be added to the Commission's Facebook page.
 - v. Commissioners are NOT to react to each other's comments via Facebook postings. Facebook is an unsuitable form of communication.
 - vi. Commissioner Derilo will work with commission support staff to update the Facebook page and review links to ensure they are representative of the commission within the Brown Act



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- vii. Attendee J. Steward will pass along information to County Counsel to contact Commission Derilo for clarification of Social Media use by all Commissioners.
 - d. Awards:
 - i. Commissioner Collopy motioned to move April Award ceremony to October 2021. Commissioner Derilo seconded. All in favor, motion carried.
 - e. Anti-Bullying:
 - i. Commissioner has received poor responses from school district personnel.
 - ii. Commissioner Collopy will send a letter to Riverside Superintendent of School asking to partner with the Commission on options for robust anti-bullying programs and metrics reporting and ask for a meeting.
 - iii. Commissioner Collopy expressed his gratitude to Commissioner Malsed for providing a spreadsheet of available school programs addressing bullying and for Commissioners Hunneman and Malsed for their participation on the ad hoc committee.

11. New Business

- a. Treasury Report – Monthly bank statement indicates a balance of \$1,291.60, an increase of one penny from last month.

12. 2019-2020 Annual Report

- a. Annual report 2019-2020 has been completed but not posted or distributed.

13. Items for future Commission Consideration

- a. 2021 Commission Goals – Commission support staff will send via email a copy of the goals.
- b. Set a meeting with Judge Petersen via Zoom to introduce commissioners and inquire the direction Judge Petersen would like to see the commission pursue.

14. Meeting adjourned by unanimous vote at 11:20 a.m.

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- Prospective Commissioners Pam Torres interviewed via Zoom by Commissioners Lippert and Collopy and referred to Probation to begin her background check.

Next Meeting: Date: March 8, 2020
Time: 9:30am
Location: Zoom