

JUVENILE JUSTICE AND DELINQUENCY PREVENTION COMMISSION

Approved Meeting Minutes

March 24, 2015 4:30-6:30pm

I. Call to Order

Meeting was called to order at 4:39 pm.

Commissioners present: Dana Pepp, Marissa Wertheimer, Gerald Ingraham, Belinda Ingraham, Laily Majlessi, Carolyn Placente, Don Carney and Marilyn Mackel.

Commissioners absent: Laura Kantorowski

II. Review and Approve Minutes

Don motioned to approve the minutes. Marissa seconded it. Minutes approved.

III. Action Items:

1. Nominations Committee

Marissa completed her year as Chair and Dana will be the new Chair of the Commission. Dana nominated Don as Co-Chair and Don accepted the nomination, Carolyn seconded the motion. Nomination approved.

2. Juvenile Hall Education Update – Marilyn, Dana

Marilyn and Dana met yesterday with Karen and Lisa to follow up their discussion about education in Juvenile Hall. Next steps include using dedicated funds to increase technology and integrating PLATO (online, individualized learning program) into the school day.. Curriculum will be similar to that of the youth's home school. Communication between Juvenile Hall education staff and the youth's home school will increase.. This is easier to do with the smaller, alternative schools. There is potential to engage a larger, comprehensive high school (possibly Tam) as a pilot, to better improve communication and curriculum alignment with Juvenile Hall. This will improve youth's transition to their home school, after being at Juvenile Hall for any given amount of time.

The physical classroom is also improving – it will be cleaned and new desks and floors added.

Don wondered if Juvenile Hall keeps data regarding kids' successes and challenges when they return to their home school.

3. Questions for Police Dept. inspections

The three police departments to inspect (those that have held a minor for more than 4 hours in 2014) are Mill Valley, Central Marin (Larkspur), and Marin City Sheriff Office.

22 juveniles were held in Marin City in 2013. Mill Valley and Central Marin had 4 and 6, respectively. There are concerns regarding these numbers and Marilyn spoke about creating ways to get the community involved when the police are called.

There is a question as to whether Gerald can participate in an inspection of a police department, as a minor, as he is unable to have "sight" of an adult being held in a locked facility.

There is a question about who can pick up a juvenile when they are detained in a police department, if the parents are unavailable. The Commission would like to know the data on how many juveniles were sent to Juvenile Hall due to guardians being unable to pick up the juvenile within 4 hours.

a. Review inspection teams

Marin City: Marilyn, Belinda and Marissa

Mill Valley: Don and Belinda

Central Marin: Laura and Laily

b. Plan next steps

At the next JJDPC meeting, we will watch the police department Detention video and create questions for the inspections.

4. Questions for Juvenile Hall Inspection

a. Additional Commissioner needed

Belinda will be the additional Commissioner for the Juvenile Hall inspection.

b. Questions for the Juvenile Hall inspection will be created at a future meeting.

c. Inspection date: Possibly September, pending Matt Perry's feedback.

5. Recruiting new Commissioners

a. The Commission spoke about the need to recruit additional Commissioners.

IV. Reports

1. Probation –19 youth in Juvenile Hall today. Although there has been a decrease in juvenile crime and incarceration, this number is higher than it's been in almost 2 years..
2. CFS- No report on CFS for this month. Marissa will speak with Debi Moss about quarterly visits and what information and data the Commission would like her to share.

V. New Business

1. Truancy Summit, Thursday, March 26, 12-5, at MCOE

-Don, Dana, Belinda and Marissa plan to attend.

-Truancy Summit is an event to highlight truancy and truancy interventions and keeping kids in school.

2. Don would like the Commission to offer support to Police Departments in order to create more restorative practices in their interactions with juveniles.

3. Don is concerned that because of the change in the law, schools will have greater discretion regarding how to handle violations. This may create a gap, where kids who have substance issues are falling through the cracks and not getting the response they need.

VI. Announcements

Kate Powers' resignation was shared.

Meeting was adjourned at 6:30 pm.

** Our next JJDPC meeting is on Tuesday, April 28, 2015, from 4:30-6:30, at Marin's Community School.