

# Approved Marin Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention Commission Minutes 8/23/16

1. **Present:** Dana Pepp, Don Carney, Ira Okun, Noah Block.

**Excused:** Marilyn Mackel

**Members of the Public:** Fahad Qurashi, Gwendolyn Beauchamp, Beverly Farr, Kaelah Gildea and Damian Morgan.

2. **Minutes:** MSC- Carney – Block. Approve minutes of 7/26/16.

3. **Ongoing involvement, opportunities and activities**

The Youth Officer's Roundtable is scheduled for 10/18/16, from 10 AM -12 PM. Monique Morris is confirmed as a speaker. She is preeminent in her field having recently addressed a youth conference sponsored by the White House. The theme will include strategies for communicating with children of color as well as a better understanding of the impact of Adverse Child Experiences on youth behavior. She has substantial experience training first responders in creating a safe place during a youth officer's contact with youth.

4. **Juvenile Hall Inspection**

The Commission will implement its annual mandated inspection on 10/28 subject to final approval by the Juvenile Hall Superintendent. We reviewed the questions we intend to ask of the youth and staff and made suggestions and modifications. Dana will assign Commissioners to the inspection process; the inspection will consist of group and individual interviews with youth and staff. A final report to the State will be prepared summarizing our inspection. We will also meet with the JH Superintendent to share our impressions.

5. **Updates, Reports and Follow-ups**

- a. **Juvenile Hall-** Don met with the JH superintendent to discuss substituting harm reduction meetings for the current adult oriented AA and NA meetings. The Superintendent is willing to allow the introduction of a harm reduction meeting, but is unwilling to cancel AA and NA meetings. Don will continue to negotiate a suitable time to introduce harm reduction methodology.

- b. **Youth Court-** Referrals have increased for Youth Court such that the Court may have to relocate to Superior Court rooms to hold the ever-increasing attendees.

- c. **Follow up items from July meeting:** - James Kim, Executive Officer of the Superior Court, wants to review the script. Ira and Dana prepared a draft script. We can shoot the PSA in late October. Mr. Kim will review and approve the initial videos.

- d. **Recruiting new Commissioners** - We have a couple individuals who are interested and they have been advised of the process – including attending 2 meetings, meeting 1:1 with a Commissioner and then completing the application and Live scan.

6. **Meeting Date** - Noah requested a date other than Tuesday due to Board of Education conflicts. The fourth Wednesday of the month seems to work for most. The next Commission dates are: Wednesday, 9.28 and Wednesday, 10.26.