

JUVENILE JUSTICE AND DELINQUENCY PREVENTION COMMISSION

Meeting Minutes

February 23, 2016, 5:00 -6:45 pm

Central Marin Police Dept., 250 Doherty Dr., Larkspur

I. Call to Order and introductions

The following Commissioners were present: Don Carney, Noah Block Dana Pepp, Belinda Ingraham and Marilyn Mackel. Commissioners absent: Gerald Ingraham and Laily Majlessi. Guest: Ira Okun, Jennifer Puckett, Jessie Newman, Davon Smith and Lisa Schwartz.

II. Review and Approve January 2015 Minutes

Belinda motioned to approve the minutes. Don seconded. Minutes were approved.

III. Juvenile Hall

A. Next steps

- i. Education: The former teacher has been reassigned and a well-known, respected substitute (Ms. Ruby) is there 4 days per week, with another sub. the fifth day. Probation and MCOE are working collaboratively on the hiring. Lisa shared that the instructor needs to have experience with special education, as 30-50% of the youth have special education needs. Lisa also mentioned that it would be good to visit other Juvenile Hall schools, to better understand their use of technology, as well as the classroom set-up.
- ii. NA/AA: What's the best way to work with youth around substance use and abuse and harm reduction? Ideas suggested: group approach, peer (or slightly older) –led groups, Boys Council/Girls Circle (One Circle), an ongoing group, not treatment-based, works both short-term as well as ongoing, sustainable, effective and evidence-based.

A. Next steps:

- a. Don and Jennifer will talk with One Circle about training a diverse cohort to run circles and councils.
 - b. Dana will follow up with Matt regarding Juvenile Hall NA/AA requirements.
- iii. Additional areas discussed (need follow-up)
 - A. Is Boys Council/Girls Circle an effective program for Juvenile Hall?
 - B. How can youth continue to be supported after leaving the Hall?
Can ongoing group participation be a requirement of probation?
Angela is working with transition plans, but what else can be done?
 - C. How can Juvenile Hall become more restorative?

IV. Ongoing involvement, opportunities and activities

A. Youth Officers Roundtable

The subcommittee is: Don, Belinda, Noah and Gerald. The lunch is a collaborative project between the Commission and Probation. Our goal is to bring together the youth and school-based officers to discuss trends, concerns, challenges and restorative practices. Relationship building is an important component. The Commission suggested (meeting 2 or beyond) facilitating a discussion about outcomes.

Next steps: the subcommittee will: set a date, confirm location (Central Marin PD), create the guest list and agenda by the next meeting.

B. Updating our website

Thanks to Noah for helping to update the website. Dana will send the edits to Morgan Mattos.

C. JJDPC Officers – nominations

At our next meeting, we will be nominating officers (Chair, Vice Chair and Secretary). Dana will send out the nomination information (bylaws) before the next meeting.

V. Reports

A. Juvenile Hall

The Commission reviewed the snapshot. Noah and Jennifer will forward the violation “cheat sheet” to the Commission.

B. Youth Court

Youth Court and restorative practices were written into the Social Host Ordinance. Tam and Drake High are now working with Youth Court - direct referrals, training youth and adult “Champions.” The Tam group was not very diverse. Don and Jennifer are going to follow up with Betty Hodges and Julie Barrow to increase participation. Also, a TV producer is speaking with Don about a show on Marin Youth Court.

C. Juvenile Services Data Review/Discussion

The Commission shared observations and generated follow up questions for Kevin Lynch:

1. What are most of the technical violations? Is there data regarding the 2015 technical violations, maybe by percentage/frequency?

2. Who reports most of the technical violations? Are they reported by the probation officer, school, family, etc.? Do you track this?

3. Which clients get into Drug Court? Who decides who is eligible and who is not? What offenses are "eligible?"

4. Do you consider Drug Court to be restorative?

VI. Next steps

A. Recruiting new Commissioners

It was suggested that the Commission include a recruitment blurb in the "In Your Town" section of the IJ. Can we also send something through the County? Should we also connect with Judge D'Opal?

B. Juvenile Hall Stakeholders meetings – a series of meetings to talk about the future of Juvenile Hall. The first meeting will include: DA, Probation, Chair and Vice-Chair, Sheriff, MCOE, PD's etc. The 2nd meeting will include the service delivery team, as well as the Commissioners. The 3rd meeting will include the community, consumers, neighbors, etc. The Commissioners shared that it's important to talk about and consider the cost effectiveness of a new Juvenile Hall, as well as the ease of building in an area already zoned for a Juvenile Hall.

C. Upcoming meeting dates

- i. Tuesday, March 22, 2016
- ii. Tuesday, April 26, 2016
- iii. May 24, 2016

D. March's agenda: Youth Roundtable, Nomination of Officers, stakeholders meeting #1, honoring Judge D'Opal, recruiting, etc.