

# Marin Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention Commission

## Minutes 9/28/16

**1. Commissioners Present:** Dana Pepp, and Ira Okun, Noah Block.

**Excused:** Marylyn Mackel, Don Carney

**Members of the Public:** Beverly Farr, Damian Morgan, (Potential Commissioners), Robert O'Neill- Teacher Juvenile Hall and Lisa Schwartz, MCOE

**2. Minutes:** The minutes of 8/23/16 were approved, with one Commissioner abstaining.

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

**A. Youth Officer's Roundtable** - The meeting is scheduled for 10/18/16 with Dr. Monique Morris as the scheduled speaker. Thirty participants have RSVP'd (this includes community members and 5 Commissioners).

**B. Prevention Role of the Commission** - The County funds 5 separate collaborative focusing on prevention issues e.g. alcohol, substance. The collaboratives also conduct joint meetings. There is evidence in Novato that the collaborative initiative achieved results as measured on school based health assessment instruments. The prevention role of our Commission is limited as we lack sufficient Commissioners to implement any countywide effort. Lisa will keep the Commission informed about County - wide prevention and advocacy efforts.

Concern was expressed about unintended consequences for young people should recreational marijuana become legal in California.

**4. Updates, Reports, Follow-ups**

**A. Juvenile Hall** - The Commission is working with the Juvenile Hall to introduce a "harm reduction" approach to substance abuse usage.

Robert O'Neill, newly appointed teacher, reported on his approach to education in the Juvenile Hall. Juvenile hall youth earn credit for completed work so that their progress toward graduation will continue. Staff is working to introduce computer tablets in the education program.

Our mandated annual inspection is scheduled for 10/28/16. Dana, Marilyn and Ira are the inspection team.

**B. Youth Court** - The Youth Court documentary will be shown at the Mill Valley Film festival on 10/14 and 10/16. Don Carney will speak at the showing.

**5. Legislation Update:** The legislation Committee reported on three important bills:

**A. SB 1143- Room confinement** was signed by the Governor. It had near unanimous legislative support. The bill establishes restriction and protocols for use of room confinement. The Superintendent indicated that room confinement is rarely used and the bill presents little concern to Marin JH.

**B. AB 403- Foster Youth Continuum of Care Reform.** This is a major bill, which reduces the use of extended care group homes and promotes reliance on trained and financially supported Foster Homes. The Probation Department will conduct a workshop on 11/7/16 from 8- noon, at Embassy Suites, by invitation only. Members of the Commission are invited.

**C. Proposition 57- Parole for Non Violent Criminals and Juvenile Court Trial** requirements. The Santa Cruz JJDPC requested our support for this proposition. Prop 57 prohibits prosecutors from bypassing the Juvenile Court when choosing to prosecute a juvenile in adult court. The decision to prosecute a juvenile in adult court must be made by a judge. This is an important bill and reduces the role of politics when choosing how to prosecute a juvenile for a serious crime.

**6. Upcoming Dates**

**A. October 18 Youth Officer Roundtable**

**B. October 26 2016 Marin JJDPC**

**C. October 28 Juvenile Hall Inspection**

**D. November 5 Bay Area JJDPC Meeting (5 Commissioners only)**

**E. November 7, Probation meeting on AB 403  
(Contact Kevin Lynch if you are interested)**

**F. November 16, Marin JJDPC**