



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

Christopher Collopy, Chair

Micheal Malsed, Vice-Chair

Tierra Trembley, Secretary-Treasurer

JJDPC Monthly Meeting Minutes

May 11, 2023

Location: Rustin Conference Center
2085 Rustin Ave., Riverside, CA 92507

IN ATTENDANCE: Christopher Collopy, Micheal Malsed, Paul Parker, Cynthia Magill, Tierra Trembley, Charles Trembley, Jennifer Kopfler, Monica Rose, Michael Brinkman, Marissa Stone, Shannon Crosby, Veronica Soto

Unexcused / Excused Absence: Laurel Cook (unexcused) Pam Torres (excused)

Guests: N/A

Applicants: N/A

1. Call to Order

- a. With a quorum present, the meeting was called to order at 1:35pm.

2. Pledge of Allegiance

3. Commissioner Parker led the pledge of allegiance

4. Roll Call, Welcome, Introductions and Special Recognition

- a. Roll call – JJDPC Chair Christopher Collopy
b. All participants were welcomed by Chair Collopy and given the opportunity to introduce themselves (by name and title).

5. Public Comment

- a. No public comment

7. Motion to Approve Agenda:

- a. Motion was made by Charles Trembley, seconded by Paul Parker.

8. Motion to Approve Meeting Minutes: April 13, 2023, Monthly Business Meeting minutes.

- a. Motion was made by Paul Parker, seconded by Tierra Trembley.

9. County Counsel Report:

- a. No items to report from County Counsel

10. Probation Report: Michael Brinkman, Division Director, Indio Juvenile Hall

- a. Current Population:

- i. Southwest Juvenile Hall (SWJH) - Males: 45, Females: 0
- a. Of the forty five (45) – Remanded: 1, Pending placement: 7, Court process: 36
 - b. April Fights: 10
 - c. No escapes, and no suicide attempts
 - d. Duly noted, statistics are currently not available for the number of injuries sustained during fights.
 - e. The commission noted they are interested in the statistics of injuries sustained in fights at each of the institutions.
- ii. Alan M. Crogan Youth Treatment and Education Center (AMC-YTEC), and Pathways (PTS) a combined total of sixty-four (64).
- a. YTEC total: thirty-one (31), five (5) are females.
 - b. Pathways total: thirty-three (33), one (1) is female.
 - c. No escapes and no suicide attempts.
 - d. Safety watches: Total of ten (10). Pathways: 0, YTEC – Male unit: 1, Female unit: 4, Female detention: 1, Male detention: 4.



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- iii. Indio Juvenile Hall (IJH) – Total: 45
 - a. IJH, currently on Tier 3, for handling youth population. Additionally, is that Indio is getting three (3) or four (4) intakes at one time.
 - b. Zero suicide attempts.
 - c. Indio reported that as of last month, they had over 172 days with no fights, equaling almost half a year. Special incentives are offered every 30 days to youth, when there have been no fights.
 - d. Indio is currently working with a designer to turn units six (6) and seven (7), where the girls are housed, into a transitional step-down unit.
 - e. Pilot program - Representatives from the Latino Commission come out during school hours to assist students who are either not engaged or falling behind or need additional support. They will present their program at next month's JJDC meeting.
- iv. Special Services Division – Shannon Crosby
 - a. The number of youth currently in placement is thirty-two (32). One (1) in emergency placement, One (1) in FFA, and thirty (30) in STRTP placement. Twenty-seven youth are dual status with DPSS placement, and forty (40) extended foster care youth.
- v. Further discussed:
 - a. 707 (b) criteria, in which case the juvenile is presumed unfit for juvenile court. DJJ closing at the end of June 2023. Seventeen (17) youth are still at the DJJ, three (3) have gone to court and were released. Fourteen (14) will go to court next month to determine if they remain in custody or be released on supervision or released outright. Additionally, work groups to prepare staff for DJJ youth entering the facilities.
 - b. Youth placed outside of the county, The Special Services Division, has a department placement monitor for annual audits of out of county facilities. Probation Officers also visit youth who are in placement. In addition, The Community Care Licensing Division handles supervision of licensed facilities throughout the state.
 - c. The Extended Foster Care Program allows eligible youth in the child welfare and probation systems to remain in foster care, up to the age of 21.
 - d. Plans for moving female youth to Southwest, in June or September 2023, are still being considered.
 - e. Continued discussion on the number of DJJ youth entering into Riverside County facilities, and the criteria, processes, and resources for youth being released, including high equity support services for youth released or committed.
 - f. Review of revision plans, phases one, two and three, for improved intake process. Including a screening process to assess physical and mental health, as well as any risk factors. Including evaluations and monitoring of youth. Rules and expectations of the facility, programs and services that are available to youth. Additional education for staff includes updating probation officer training to address fentanyl awareness.



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- g. In addition, three (3) Intercept body scanner machines (magnetometers) were purchased for each facility to assist staff with detection and prevention of weapons, contraband and prohibited items from entering the secure areas of the
- h. facility. Scanners are not used on the public, but other measures are in place to ensure prohibited items from entering facilities.
- i. Perimeter checks are performed three (3) times a day, and canine dogs are provided by the State and San Bernardino county, once or twice a month, to inspect facilities for any products.
- j. Commissioners requested stats on contraband that has been found in the facilities. It was noted that minimal contraband was found and reported.

11. DPSS Report: Jennifer Kopfler, Deputy Director

- a. DPSS Report Overview: Review/Breakdown of April 2023 (Report Provided in Packet).
 - i. Continuously hiring, January and June with three (3) inductions that those are trained, that the initial training program once those are graduated, by June, one-hundred social workers will be on board, and will be close to full staffing.
 - ii. The hotline received 5800 calls in April, and 2,440 calls resulted in investigations, and the others were information and prevention services, or law enforcement, etc. The evaluation sessions are the ones that are largely going to prevention services. The Hotline has been expanded, to include fifty (50) staff.
 - iii. Review of multiple types of abuse per child, and reasons for exiting placement, e.g., twelve adoptions, two-thousand forty-five reunified, and seven emancipated.
 - iv. Pie charts breakdown, e.g., youth in county and out of county, of youth in and out-of-home placement, placement with parents, relatives non-related, and extended family members, etc.
 - v. Placement remains a challenge. Approximately fifty-two hundred youth are currently in placement. DPSS continues to seek avenues to assist with finding placement to provide youth and their families' support to ensure success.
 - vi. Currently, there are fifteen (15) youth in hotels. Supervised 24-hours a day, staffing consists of one-hundred and fifty extra staff to supervise the youth. Additionally, some hotels have uninvited them from staying due to unwelcome conduct involving youth.
 - vii. Seneca is providing de-escalation training as an additional tool for staff to use to de-escalate situations and obtain safe and positive outcomes.
 - viii. Youths awaiting placement are averaging about thirty. The difficulty is those youth are ones with the most complex needs.
 - ix. A brief discussion on a short video DPSS would like to show at this year's Annual JJDC Awards Ceremony, to spotlight foster parents who are being recognized as Foster Parents of the Year.

12. New Business:

- a. Review BSCC Letter: (Provided in committee packet)
 - i. Review attached BSCC letter regarding Juvenile Justice Commission (JJC) facility inspection information and data on the secure detention of minors from the 2022 calendar year. The JJDC Commission will schedule Riverside County 2022 calendar year inspections for later this year.



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- b. Key Initiatives for 2023
 - i. DJJ Closure Impact: Previously discussed.
 - ii. Continuing Legislative Updates – Discussed Assembly Bill 178. Specifically, regarding funds for Youth Transitional Housing Program (YTHP), and Probation Departments.
- c. Budget F/Y - 2023/2024
 - i. Increase Commission budget to offset projected increases, e.g., Commissioner Conference attendance, Annual JJDPAC Awards Ceremony, necessary office expenses, and expense reimbursements, etc.. JJDPAC Executive Assistant to reach out to fiscal regarding last year's budget, to ensure records are updated..
- d. 2023 CCPA Conference:
 - i. Thursday, Sept. 7, 2023, JJDPAC / Probation Commissioners Training. Commissioners who wish to attend the one-day Probation Commissioners Training, please let the JJDPAC Executive Assistant know as soon as possible.
 - ii. A decision was made to cancel the September 2023, JJDPAC monthly meeting due to commissioners attending the CCPA conference.
- e. BSCC Field Representatives (Provided in committee packet)
 - i. Distributed Riverside County's BSCC assigned Field Representative, contact information (attached), also available on the BSCC website.
- f. BSCC (Letter) Facility Inspection Information.
 - i. Previously discussed
- g. Group Home/STRTP/Lock/Inspections
 - i. Review and approval of submitted inspection reports.
 - ii. Chair Collopy called for a motion to approve inspection reports as submitted. The motion carried unanimously.
- h. Girls in Motion Recreational Therapy Project: (Letter of Support):
 - i. Chair Collopy called for a motion to approve the letter of Support for the Girls in Motion Recreational Therapy Project. The motion carried unanimously.
 - ii. Further discussed: application for nomination to membership. The current Commissioner applicant is still under consideration pending successful completion of each phase of the Probation background investigation.
- i. Violence in Riverside County Schools (Reporting)
 - i. The Commission is increasingly concerned about the reports across the County of violence in schools.
 - ii. Commission to send a letter to Riverside County Superintendent of Schools, Dr. Edwin Gomez, to outline goals, strategize, and liaise with multi-agency partnerships involving behavioral health, juvenile justice, child welfare, and the education systems for intervention solutions.
 - iii. Chair Collopy called for a motion to approve sending a letter to Superintendent of Schools Dr. Edwin Gomez. The motion carried unanimously.
 - iv. Assemblymember Bill Essayli, whose district includes part of Riverside, arranged two public meetings, one Tuesday, May 16, and one Thursday, May 18, over concerns and complaints from parents and teachers about school safety, students threatening



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violence and assaulting teachers. Commissioner Malsed plans to attend one of the public meetings.

- v. County Council will advise on The Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention Commission (JJDP) using the subpoena power of the Juvenile Court requirements to obtain any background data on in-school violence, and require schools to provide reports when incidents of school violence occur.

13. Correspondence Discussion Items: (Provided in committee packet)

- i. No public correspondence received at this time.

14. Activities of the Commissioners:

- a. Anti-Bullying: Chair: Chris Collopy, Co-Chair, Michael Malsed
 - i. Discussed as part of Violence in Riverside County Schools (Reporting)
- b. Human Trafficking: Chair, Micheal Malsed
 - i. No Report on Human Trafficking. Commissioner Malsed will currently focus efforts on violence in Riverside County Schools.
- c. By-Laws/Policies/Procedures: Chair, Laurel Cook
 - i. JJDP by-laws have been drafted and reviewed by the Commission for approval.
 - ii. Chair Collopy called for a motion to approve By-Laws as amended. The motion carried unanimously.
- d. Ad-hoc Legislative Committee: Chair, Tierra Trembley
 - i. Previously discussed.
- e. JJCC Activity: Chair, Christopher Collopy
 - i. The Request For Proposal (RFP) survey study should be released within the next nine (9) months. The JJCC survey was to understand the effectiveness and the reach of the CBOs.
 - ii. A meeting is scheduled next week to discuss the process of the RFP. It was noted the RFP process is expected to take anywhere between six (6) to nine (9) months to complete.
- f. DPSS Liaison: Chair (Filled)
 - i. Commissioner Tierra Trembley, volunteered to chair as the JJDP DPSS Liaison.
 - ii. A brief conversation ensued about the role of the DPSS liaison. The role is to provide the JJDP with a deeper understanding of issues related to DPSS e.g., anti-bullying, anti-trafficking, children's issues, legislation, and best practices.

15. Old Business

- a. Our JJDP Annual Awards Ceremony is being held next Thursday, May 18, 2023, at the County Administrative Center (CAC), from 2:00 – 4:30 pm.
- b. Commissioner duties for the event were reviewed. The script/outline will be emailed to commissioners to use as a guide during the awards ceremony.

16. Commissioner Member Reports

- a. No commissioner updates were provided.

17. Meeting Adjournment

- a. The motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Commissioner Malsed and seconded by Commissioner Trembley.

Next Meeting: June 08, 2023 @ 1:30 PM
2085 Rustin Ave., Riverside, CA 92507 (Room #1048)