



Riverside County
Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention Commission

Christopher Collopy, Chair
Micheal Malsed, Vice-Chair

Tierra Bowen - Trembley, Secretary-Treasurer

JJDC Monthly Meeting Minutes

June 08, 2023

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

IN ATTENDANCE: Christopher Collopy, Paul Parker, Cynthia Magill, Laurel Cook, Pam Torres, Jennifer Kopfler, Michael Brinkman, Shannon Crosby, Brian Ortiz, Veronica Soto, Emily Headlee

Unexcused / Excused Absence: Tierra Bowen - Trembley (excused), Charles Trembley, (excused), Micheal Malsed (excused)

Guests: Max Miner

Applicants: Brian Ortiz

1. Call to Order

- a. With a quorum present, the meeting was called to order at 1:45pm.

2. Pledge of Allegiance

- a. Commissioner Parker led the pledge of allegiance

3. Roll Call, Welcome, Introductions and Special Recognition

- a. Roll call – JJDC Executive Assistant
- b. All participants were welcomed by Chair Collopy and given the opportunity to introduce themselves (by name and title).
- c. Welcome back - County Counsel, Emily Headlee

4. Public Comment

- a. No public comment

5. Motion to Approve Agenda:

- a. Motion was made by Paul Parker, seconded by Pam Torres.

6. Motion to Approve Meeting Minutes: May 11, 2023, Monthly Business Meeting minutes.

- a. Motion was made by Paul Parker, seconded by Pam Torres.

7. County Counsel Report:

- a. Responded to last months question regard whether schools have any statutory requirement to report incidents of violence to school districts. She noted, County Counsel did not find any statutory mandate or case law. She noted schools may have internal policies that would need to be explored.
- b. It was noted County Counsel will explore and confirm, The Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention Commission (JJDC), use of subpoena power.

8A. Probation Report: Special Services Division - Division Director, Shannon Crosby

- a. Youth Report:
 - i. The number of youth currently in placement is thirty (30), four (4) in emergency placement, one (1) in FFA, and twenty-five (25) in STRTP placement. Twenty-five (25) youth have dual status with DPSS placement, and thirty-six (36) extended foster care youth.
 - ii. Youth placed in STRTPs are not in the county at this time. Those youth have been placed outside of the county in Chino Hills, Los Angeles, San Marcos, Fresno, Redlands, Oakland, Apple Valley etc., youth placed outside of the county maybe due to the Riverside county facilities being full, not accepting youth, or if they do not have the services to meet treatment needs.
 - iii. Youth placed in county and out of county are visited by county representative every month as mandated. Facilities are audited by Community Care Licensing (CCL) and have been and have received their STRTP by CCL. Additionally, Probation has an in-house placement monitor that conducts annual audits to ensure that they're keeping up with compliance. It was noted that Boys Republic (Chino Hills, CA), has transitioned their GH Program to a Short-Term Residential Therapeutic Program (STRTP).

8B. Probation (Institutional) Report: Assistant Division Director, Veronica Soto

- a. Current Population:
 - i. Indio Juvenile Hall (IJH) – Total: 44
 - a. Of the forty four (44) – Remanded: 1, Pending placement: 8, Unfit: 1, Court status: 34
 - b. Fights: 7
 - c. Injuries: 0 (youth or staff)
 - d. Escapes: 0
 - e. COVID-19: 0 (youth or staff)



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- ii. Continuing Projects (IJH):
 - a. Fire alarm systems, Wi-Fi, camera systems, recreation field, a new Indio juvenile court, demolitions of the old Indio juvenile court, and utilities are being bifurcated before final grading. The start of the new courthouse completion is expected in December 2025.
 - b. Additional projects include: new flooring, pool renovation, unit 6 and 7 converting into a step-down unit, preparing Unit 4 for the returning of DJJ residents.
 - c. It was noted the age (s) of the DJJ residents is between nineteen and twenty, (19yr -20yr), one resident is currently twenty-four (24), turning twenty-five (25) next February, and the various time lengths residents had spent at DJJ.
 - d. Briefly discussed, Ricardo M/Remand Time, IJH High School graduations (5 youth graduated), costs associated with residents returning from DJJ, Probation, Behavioral Health teams, meeting DJJ residents prior to their transition, concerns with staffing issues, and staff training to prepare them for new the population of residents, and fights amongst residents in juvenile hall.
- iii. Southwest Juvenile Hall (SWJH) - Males: 46, Females: 0
 - a. Of the forty-six (46) – Unfit: 1, Pending placement: 7, Court status: 38
 - b. May Fights: 6
 - c. Escapes: 0
 - d. Covid-19: 0
 - e. Females housed at YTEC, relocation of females to SWJ, are still in the works; the male population currently occupies 3 of the 4 units at Southwest.
 - f. Concerns over the three (3), detention females are being housed with a Pathways female with a violent offence. Commission Chair Collopy requested a response be brought to the next meeting. Division Director, Michael Brinkman, will bring the commission's concern to CDPO Elisa Judy. Further discussed, the three (Pathways) males, who continue to self-isolate, and The MOU between Riverside and San Bernardino counties for Pathways youths.
- iv. Alan M. Crogan Youth Treatment and Education Center (AMC-YTEC), and Pathways (PTS)
 - a. YTEC total: Males, Twenty-Seven (27), Females, five (5).
 - b. Of the thirty-two (32) Remanded: 1, Pending placement: 1, Court status: 2. Detention: four (4) female
 - c. Pathways total: Male: thirty-one (31), females: one (1)
 - d. May Fights: 6 total. Male fights: 5, female fights: 1
 - e. Escapes: 0
 - f. Covid-19: Clients: 1, Staff: 3
- iv. Continuing Projects (YTEC):
 - a. SB-81, Round 2 - Design, renovation, or construction of county juvenile facilities, e.g., YTEC vocational rehabilitation services.
- vi. Further discussed:
 - b. Clients who deemed as unfit. If the juvenile court judge finds the minor “unfit” for rehabilitation, they refer to prosecution as an adult. Section 208.5 of the Welfare and Institutions Code. Probation may file petition to transfer 19+ youth to an adult facility, and the seasonal aspects and various reasons for increased custody intakes in detention.

9. DPSS Report: Jennifer Kopfler, Deputy Director

- a. DPSS Report Overview: Highlights and Breakdown of May 2023 (Report Provided in Packet).
 - i. Welcome Center - Placement continues to be the biggest struggle for our complex needs youth. The Welcome Center has a capacity of twelve (12) at the current welcome center, e.g., Beaumont.
 - ii. DPSS is in the process of securing a property large enough to meet capacity and will be built at different levels of care.
 - iii. DPSS is partnering with probation, public health, behavioral health, and community-based organizations, that will enable them to build the capacity to care for youth that are waiting for placement.



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- iv. On average, there are between 30 and 40 youth with complex behavioral and mental health needs for which it is challenging to secure placements. Some are being supervised in hotels.
 - b. Staffing:
 - i. For staffing and child welfare and investigations, DPSS has brought on one-hundred (100) staff to assist with youth awaiting placement, including forty-one (41) Temporary Assignment Program (TAP) employees. DPSS will bring on an additional thirty-four (34) TAP, and will hire an additional 25 permanent staff.
 - ii. DPSS will continue to partner with the other divisions to rotate throughout the county to assist at hotel sites.
 - c. Partnership:
 - i. Partnered with San Bernardino County, there was a state grant that we were awarded for \$10,000,000.00. Partnership will enable them to build a model, an ideal model of the continuum of care.
 - ii. DPSS hosted a luncheon with care providers, encouraging them to consider becoming an intensive service foster care home.
 - iii. Further discussed: Meetings with the state weekly, TA calls technical assistance calls with the state, and DPSS meetings held internally with the treatment staff.
 - d. DPSS Report Overview:
 - i. Response types. It was noted, Evaluate Outs are instantly for referred to prevention services, so, they are receiving preventative services preventing the need for them to become investigations and have involvement with child welfare in the future.
 - ii. Briefly reviewed, Allegations Types by Client and by Regions. The breakdown of sexual abuse investigations is largely handled by the command post operations for immediate response. DPSS has two (2) investigators stationed at the RSO office, and they work in tandem. DPSS is rolling out specialized sexual abuse training for all staff.

10. Presentation: "Beyond the Walls" - Max Miner, CEO & Founder

- a. Highlights of "Beyond the Walls" Presentation:
 - i. Mr. Miner, provided an in-depth overview and background of Moving Mountains Unlimited. Moving Mountains Unlimited is a non-profit organization committed to transforming the lives of the youth in the juvenile justice system. Currently, Moving Mountains has implemented their program inside Indio juvenile hall.
- b. Program Goals:
 - i. Help guide youth in making decisions that lead to a positive future
 - ii. Ensure youths' practical application of behavioral tools.
 - iii. Increase opportunity for successful outcomes.
 - iv. Transform lives and become productive members of the community
 - v. Letter of support from the JJDPC
 - vi. Mr. Miner discussed in depth the individualized approach and components of the "Beyond the Walls" program plan.
 - vii. Inclosing, Mr. Miner responded to comments and questions raised by the participants and encouraged the group to contact him if they had any further question.
 - viii. The Commission unanimously agreed to move forward with a letter of support for "Beyond the Walls" and requested Mr. Miner to present the "Beyond the Walls" program to the JJDPC Quarterly meeting in October.

11. New Business:

- a. Youth Transitional Housing Program (AB 178)
 - i. Tabled
- b. Email - Joint JJC Statement Letter
 - i. Review of Letter from the Joint JJC Task Force, requesting JJDPC representatives to attend the Tuesday, June 20, 2023, 3:30 - 4:30pm meeting discussion on the Continuum of Care Reform. Commissioner Cook will represent The Riverside County JJDPC and attend the Zoom meeting.
- c. Youth Justice Committee Meeting, June 14, 2023



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- i. Update and Discussion, JJDPC representatives to attend the Tuesday, June 14, 2023, 1:30 - 3:00pm meeting discussion on the Continuum of Care Reform. Commissioner Parker will represent The Riverside County JJDPC and attend the Zoom meeting.
 - d. Letter to Riverside County Superintendent of Schools, Dr. Edwin Gomez
 - i. Review and discussions regarding the letter sent by the JJDPC Commission to Dr. Gomez regarding incidents of violence in Riverside County Schools. Once a response has been received, the commission will decide on the next steps by the JJDPC to help address the issues of school violence countywide.
 - ii. In addition, further discussed, was contacting the Riverside County Public Defender's Office, Diversion program, to assist with efforts in collecting data, e.g., on how many referrals they receive on assaults and physical altercations.
 - e. Key Initiatives for 2023
 - i. DJJ Closure Impact: DJJ Closure Impact: No action. Due to the number of DJJ residents expected to be housed in Riverside county facilities, seems to be lower than originally expected.
 - ii. Continuing Legislative Updates – Tabled. Briefly discussed were blind bills that may impact the juvenile justice system. It was suggested contacting Senator Kelly Seyarto's office for more information would be a good start.
 - f. Group Home/STRTP/Lockup/Inspections: Tabled
 - g. Nominees for JJDPC Commission Executive Officers:
 - i. The meeting proceeded to the election of executive officers.
 - h. Voting
 - i. All present having voted, the following JJDPC commission members were elected or reelected as Executive Officers:
 - ii. Chair, Christopher Collopy, Vice-Chair, Paul Parker and Secretary, Laurel Cook.
- 12. Correspondence Discussions:**
- i. Previously discussed
- 13. Activities of Commission:**
- i. Tabled
- 14. Activities of Commission:**
- a. 2023 CPPCA Conference (attendance)
 - i. Reminder, that a decision was made at the last month's JJDPC meeting to cancel the September 2023, JJDPC monthly meeting due to commissioner's attending the CPPCA conference. It was noted topics could submitted to CPPCA for training topics and discussion, e.g., Group Home information in advance.
 - b. Post Event Debrief - May 18 2023, JJDPC Annual Awards Ceremony
 - i. Positive feedback from Judge Petersen, was passed down to the commission through commission chair Collopy.
 - ii. Several JJDPC Annual Awards Ceremony post event topics were discussed amongst the group, e.g., what went well, what could have gone better, highlights/low points, oversights and learning opportunities that offered insights for the planning of next year's JJDPC's annual awards ceremony.

Next Meeting: July 13, 2023 @ 11:30 am
2085 Rustin Ave., Riverside, CA 92507 (Room #1056)