



JJDPC Monthly Meeting Minutes

January 11, 2024

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

In Attendance: Christopher Collopy, Laurel Cook, Cynthia Magill, Micheal Malsed, Paul Parker, Pam Torres, Laurel Cook, Emily Headlee, Carolina Ayala, Rebecca Acevedo

Unexcused / Excused Absence: Amanda Wade (excused), Charles Trembley (resigned)

Applicants: Michael Belknapp

- 1. Call to Order**
 - a. With a quorum present, the meeting was called to order at 12:38pm.
- 2. Pledge of Allegiance**
 - a. Accepted from JJDPC Quarterly Inter-Agency Meeting
- 3. Roll Call / Welcome / Introductions**
 - a. Accepted from JJDPC Quarterly Inter-Agency Meeting.
 - b. Commissioner Wade took her leave from the JJDPC monthly meeting early, excusing herself from further proceedings.
- 4. Public Comment**
 - a. No Public Comment
- 5. Motion to Approve Agenda**
 - a. Motion was made by Commissioner Parker, seconded by Commissioner Torres
- 6. Motion to Approve Meeting Minutes (December 14, 2023)**
 - a. Motion was made by Commissioner Wade, seconded by Commissioner Cook, as amended.
- 7. County Counsel Report**
 - a. Accepted from the JJDPC Quarterly Inter-Agency Meeting
- 8a. Riverside County Probation (Special Services Division)**
 - a. Youth Report: Overview and Updates
 - i. Accepted from JJDPC Quarterly the Inter-Agency Meeting
- 8b. Riverside County Probation (Institutional Services)**
 - a. Current Population / Updates:
 - i. Accepted from the JJPC Quarterly Inter-Agency Meeting
- 9. Behavioral Health: Administrator**
 - a. Updates:
 - i. Accepted from the JJDPC Quarterly Inter-Agency Meeting
- 10. Department of Public Social Services (DPSS) – Director of Public Social Services**
 - a. Updates / Highlights:
 - i. Accepted from the JJDPC Quarterly Inter-Agency Meeting
- 11. New Business:**
 - a. Timely attendance at meetings or notifications:
 - i. Chair Collopy provided a brief overview of the vital aspects involved in notifying the commission as a courtesy in case of absence or potential lateness of a commissioner. He noted that it was imperative to recognize the importance of this procedure, as it directly contributes to the establishment of a quorum.
- 12. Correspondence Discussion:**
 - a. Updates:
 - i. None
- 13. Activities of the Commission**
 - a. School Violence:
 - i. Commissioner Malsed reported he intends to reach out to Chief Deputy District Attorney Carlos Monagas, who is dedicated to supporting our communities in the endeavor to prevent targeted violence in schools. Additionally, Commissioner Malsed will contact several schools he is associated with, to explore the possibility of engaging in a cordial discussion with them. This will enable him to gain a broader understanding of the issue of school violence.
 - ii. Following his conversations with the school representatives, Commissioner Malsed intends to conduct a comparative analysis known as "Difference in Difference" statistical analysis. This approach will allow him to examine the unique context of each school and observe how the variations are implemented. Both initiatives are scheduled to be carried out within the next two months.
 - b. Anti-Trafficking:
 - i. Commissioner Malsed reported that he has successfully registered for the Human Trafficking Seminars scheduled for January 2024, organized by the Riverside County Department of Public Social Services. Each seminar provides.



a distinct perspective on the various levels of combating Human Trafficking and showcases the community's available resources. These seminars aim to raise awareness, inspire action, and shed light on prevention, intervention, and collaboration efforts through the expertise of local professionals working directly in the field. Commissioner Malsed will present an update on the seminars during the commission's meeting next month.

- c. Ad-hoc Legislative Committee:
 - i. The Ad-hoc Legislative Committee was proposed to be removed as a future Agenda Item by Chair Collopy, and the commission agreed without any objections, thus carrying the motions forward.
- d. JJCC Activity:
 - i. Chair Collopy shared an update on his involvement with the JJCC. He recently participated in a scoring committee for an RFP, which aimed to evaluate how effective the CBOs are in their service areas and pinpoint areas that require improvement. Based on the findings and the approach taken by Purchasing, it seems that they have identified the preferred candidate to carry out this study. The study is set to kick off in the coming months.
 - ii. Chair Collopy conveyed to the group that the JJCC would be holding its quarterly meeting on Monday, January 22nd. He made it clear that all commissioners were welcome to attend. Moreover, he drew attention to his role as the chair for the JJPDC and his active involvement as a voting member on the JCCC committee. Moreover, in the event of his absence from a JJCC meeting, he would request a JJPDC commissioner to act as his substitute.
 - iii. Commissioner Cook provided an update stating that she has been appointed to a sub-committee within the JJCC. This sub-committee's primary task is to evaluate the effectiveness of CBOs. Commissioner Cook is currently awaiting confirmation on the meeting schedule and has acknowledged that the progress has been relatively slow up until now.
 - iv. During the discussion, Ms. Ayala from the Happier Life Project raised a question about whether the study on CBOs' effectiveness specifically focused on those with contracts within the county. She mentioned that her organization, although not contracted by the county, receives funding from the state and they actively engage in county work. And she inquired if there was a platform where they could assess their own progress and identify areas for improvement for their organization. This would enable them to strengthen their funding applications and attract more supporters.
 - v. In response, Commissioner Collopy extended an invitation to Ms. Ayala for the JJCC meeting scheduled on January 22nd, 2024. This meeting would provide her with an opportunity to learn more about the county's plan for evaluating the effectiveness of CBOs. Ms. Ayala confirmed that she had already received the invitation and intends to attend.

14. Old Business

- a. Inspections / Lock Up Inspection Reports
 - i. In a formal appeal, Chair Collopy has asked the commissioners to diligently complete and submit all pending inspection reports as soon as possible.
 - ii. Further dialogue ensued regarding the two outstanding reports that were not handed in by former Commissioner Trembley. It was brought to attention that he had been contacted via email regarding the overdue inspection reports and Chair Collopy would be following up with him. It was also mentioned that Commissioner Torres, who accompanied Commissioner Trembley during one of the inspections, has completed her portion of the inspection and will be forwarding them to the commission.

15. Commission Member Reports

- a. Updates:
 - i. Chair Collopy announced that Applicant Mr. Daniel F. Marmolejo has withdrawn his volunteer application for the Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention Commission (JJPC). This unfortunate development is a result of his employer notifying him about a scheduling conflict that would arise in the upcoming year. Due to being assigned additional responsibilities that will disrupt his availability, Mr. Marmolejo will be unable to participate as a commissioner in 2024.
 - ii. Additionally, noted by Chair Collopy that Applicant Mr. Michael Belknap has attended the two required JJPC meetings and has met with commissioners at the December meeting and his application for membership will be moved forward for backgrounds'.
 - iii. No other updates were provided.

16. Adjournment:

- a. There were no further comments from the Commission members or attendees. The Chair thanked everyone for their participation and adjourned the meeting at 1:09pm.

Next Meeting:

Date: February 08, 2024

Time: 1:30 pm

Location: Rustin Conference Center (Entrance 1) Room TBD
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