



Riverside County
Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention Commission

Christopher Collopy, Chair
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Tierra Bowen, Secretary-Treasurer

JJDPC Monthly Meeting Minutes
July 014, 2022

Location: Rustin Conference Center
2085 Rustin Avenue
Riverside, CA 92507

IN ATTENDANCE: Tierra Bowen, Christopher Collopy, Laurel Cook, Kelly Curtis, Cynthia Magill, Michael Malsed, Paul Parker, Cathy Piech, Pam Torres, Charles Trembley,

Unexcused/Excused Absence: N/A

Guests: Amrit Dhillon, Bridgette Hernandez, Hunter Taylor, Elisa Judy, Rachel Ligtenberg

Applicants: N/A

1. Call to Order

- a. With a quorum present, the meeting was called to order at 12:13 p.m.

2. Pledge of Allegiance

- a. Accepted from JJDPC Quarterly Inter- Agency Meeting

3. Roll Call

- b. Accepted from JJDPC Quarterly Inter- Agency Meeting

4. Public Comment

- a. N/A

5. Motion to Approve Agenda:

- a. Motion made by Kelly Curtis and seconded by Michael Malsed

6. Motion to Approve Meeting Minutes: June 09, 2022, minutes

- a. Motion made by Paul Parker and seconded by Charles Trembley to approve meeting minutes.

7. Introduction of Guest:

- a. Chairman Christopher Collopy briefly introduced Deputy DA Hunter Taylor, a Prosecutor from the Riverside County District Attorney's Office Crime Prevention Unit.

8. Guest Speaker: DA Hunter Taylor, Riverside County Crime Prevention Unit (CPU)

- a. The presentation detailed how prosecutors, community partners, and schools work together to ensure the well-being of all youth.
- b. The CPU also provides free countywide Youth Empowerment and Safety presentations that directly impact youth safety and that cover a vast array of critical topics such as: Bullying/Cyberbullying, Human Trafficking, Internet Safety, Juveniles and the Law, Hate Crimes, Domestic Violence/Healthy Relationships, and the Power of Education.
- c. PROGRAMS:
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| i. Student Attendance (SARB) | iv. Re-entry Initiative (RESTOAR) |
| ii. Youth and Family Support Services (SAFE FJC) | v. Safety and Awareness Presentations (GAME and YES) |
| iii. Youth Literacy Programs | |

- d. There was a brief discussion following the presentation.



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9. County Counsel Report:

- a. Discussed at the JJDPC Quarterly Inter- Agency Meeting

10. Probation Report:

- a. Discussed at the JJDPC Quarterly Inter- Agency Meeting
- b. Rachel Ligtenberg provided a brief overview of her role and the various programs she oversees as Probation Division Director, Special Services Division with Riverside County Probation Department.

11. DPSS Report: Bridgette Hernandez

- a. Discussed at the JJDPC Quarterly Inter- Agency Meeting
- b. Briefly discussed (Larson Report):
 - i. DPSS has been making changes and will continue to make changes, to address issues and to follow the recommendations in Larson's report.
 - ii. Bridgette will take the Commission's request for sharing changes that have been implemented to her supervisor.
 - iii. It was noted that it is also important to recognize the good work done by County employees, who are passionate about protecting at-risk children.

12. New Business

- a. Key Initiatives for 2022-23.
 - i. **Recruitment of new members:**
 - a. It was noted that membership will be a minimum and will be in danger of not being able to form a quorum once commissioner Curtis vacates his position.
 - b. It was decided that each member of the Commission would seek out new members to fill the commission's vacancies.
 - c. The Commission discussed ideas about how/where to recruit new members. Posting the JJDPC Facebook page was one way of reaching out to the community.
 - ii. **Refocus on DPSS/At-Risk Youth:**
 - a. The consensus among the Commission was to become more involved with DPSS/At-Risk Youth. It was noted that the Commission has no direct oversight over Resource/Relative Foster Family Care.
 - b. Further discussion ensued on parameters, JJDPC by-laws (on-line) and Welfare and Institutions Codes guidelines.
 - c. It was noted that the Commission will take the steps of meeting with Judge Petersen to discuss JJDPC involvement with oversight of DPSS/At-Risk Youth in Foster care.
 - d. Commissioner – Mike Malsed - Excused early to attend another meeting.
 - iii. **Scheduled Group Home and Lock Up Inspections**
 - a. Discussion among the Commission, after completion of the inspections, the Commission will go before Judge Petersen with findings, and at that time address the JJDPC oversight of at-risk youth in (DPSS) foster care. As a former/past Chair commissioner, Cook will join in meeting Judge Petersen to discuss oversight of at-risk youth.



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- b. Further, discussed, is the development of overseeing at-risk youth in foster care.
 - c. Commissioner Collopy, will champion the responsibility of finding out more information on what other counties are doing, as far as overseeing at-risk foster youth.
 - d. Commissioner availability for Group Home Inspections that have been rated poorly to facilitate inspections in August/September.
- iv. **Energize Anti-Bulling Program Effort:**
- a. Tabled, until further determination is established on whether the JJPDC will continue with Anti-Bulling efforts due to the success of the Anti-Bulling program that DA Hunter Taylor, and the Riverside County Crime Prevention Unit (CPU) has throughout Riverside County.
 - b. Lockup/Group Home Inspection
 - a. Agenda item discussed (New Business, iii, a.)
 - c. California Probation, Probation, Parole and Correctional Associations Conference: Attendance for all.
 - i. It is recommended that all new Commissioners attend the One-Day Conference being held in Newport Beach on September 8, 2022.
 - ii. Conference funds have been allocated in the FY 22/23 budget.
 - iii. The conference falls on the same day as the JJDPC meeting in September. It will be decided later if September's meeting will be rescheduled or if attending the conference will be in lieu of the September meeting, and the Commission will meet at the next regularly scheduled meeting in October.
 - iv. Furthermore, Commissioner Cook informed the group The California Board of State and Community Corrections (BSCC) inspections are currently being conducted in juvenile detention facilities.

13. Correspondence Discussion Items:

- a. Continuum of Care Reform - Humboldt JJDPC: Update
 - i. Brief overview and discussion of the challenges being experienced in Northern California. New state regulations have been implemented for providers who provide STRTPs services.
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 - iii. Item 13.a will be continued at a future meeting.

14. Activities of the Commissioners:

- a. Inspections: Chair: Vacant
 - i. It was decided that inspections would move forward as planned.
- b. Awards: Chair:
 - i. The ceremony has been moved to 2023. Planning will resume in the first quarter of 2023.



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- c. Anti-Bullying: Chair: Michael Malsed
 - i. Commissioners Collopy and Malsed will discuss following the lead of the DA's office Anti-bullying program and report back.
- d. By-Laws/Policies/Procedures: Chair: Laurel Cook
 - i. Commissioner Cook and JJDPC secretary have met and will move forward with updates. Commissioner Cook will provide JJDPC with additional copies of the work in progress she has.
 - ii. By-Laws will be reviewed by the JJDPC Executive Committee and County Counsel prior to being published for public viewing.
- e. Ad-hoc Legislative Committee: Chair Tierra Bowen
 - i. Commissioner Bowen shared information on Assembly Bill 2189, Access to Housing and Services for Foster Youth.
 - ii. Rachel Ligtenberg provided additional input on providing supplemental support for youth experiencing housing instability in exiting foster care.
- f. JJCC Activity: Subcommittee to Draft County-wide Services Survey - Chair: Chris Collopy
 - i. Commissioner Collopy continues to lobby for an outside/independent agency to complete the survey task, vs. CBO's and volunteers.
 - ii. It was decided that an outside unbiased source was the best recourse for undertaking the County-wide services survey.
- g. DPSS Liaison: Chair
 - i. It was noted the decision of a DPSS liaison would be made after meeting with Judge Petersen regarding oversight of at-risk youth in foster care.

15. Old Business

- a. Still in the works. Commissioner Collopy will keep the group updated on ongoing progress.

16. Items for future Commission Consideration

- a. Website Clean-up
 - i. Website redesign - Update content, structure, format, and navigation to improve performance and to be more user-friendly to visitors.

17. Commission Member Reports

- a. Commissioner Bowen, JJCC subcommittee application discussion. It was noted that the application was submitted for review. Commissioner Bowen will follow-up with JJCC contact.
- b. Commissioner Cook, recommends viewing the last (recorded) Board of Supervisors meeting (BOS). The meeting discusses how Riverside County officials plan to search for ways to boost retention among county employees



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in several departments that struggle to keep their offices fully staffed. Additionally, she noted, the Larson report was also discussed at the BOS meeting.

- c. CalFresh applications, processes, benefits, and denials were discussed amongst the Commission.
- d. Commissioner Curtis provided a few parting words for the commission and thanked everyone for their support, dedication, superb efforts, and their contributions to the JJDP.

18. Meeting Adjournment

- a. Commissioner Collopy motioned to adjourn in honor of Commissioner Curtis's contributions and years of service to the youth of Riverside County. Commissioner Trembley seconded the motion.
- b. Farewell Commissioner Curtis celebration (Immediately following adjournment).

19. Next Meeting: August 11, 2022 @ 1:30 PM
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