

Santa Barbara County Juvenile Justice/Delinquency Prevention Commission  
 Thursday, January 10, 2009  
 9:30 – 11:30 a.m.  
 Santa Maria Juvenile Hall  
 4263 California Boulevard  
 Santa Maria, CA 93455  
 (805) 934-6270  
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**ATTENDANCE 2008**

	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec
Dullea	√			√								
Feazelle	√			√								
Galarza	√			√								
Greer	-			-								
Haaland-Ford	√			√								
Lydon	√			√								
Martinez	√			-								
Navarro	√			-								
Oppel	√			√								
Perez	√			-								
Ramirez	-			-								
Roof	√			√								
Weber	√											
Weinstock	√			√								
Welsh	-			√								

**MEETING WAS CALLED TO ORDER:**

The meeting was called to order by Chair Haaland-Ford at 9:45 a.m.

**GUESTS WERE INTRODUCED:**

Ed Cue, Director of the Youth and the Law Program  
 Wendy Stanley, Probation Manager  
 Bev Taylor, Deputy Chief Probation Officer

**PUBLIC COMMENT:**

Time was allotted for public comment. *Note: Persons wishing to address the Commission shall be allowed three minutes for each presentation. The Commission is prohibited from taking action on any item that is not part of the printed agenda.*

**FINANCIAL:**

Chair Haaland-Ford announced that the UJJS Program had been paid. Mr. Cué asked if Deputy Chief Taylor would please have Los Prietos send an invoice to him so that he could send payment for the Drama King productions.

#### **ADDITIONS TO AGENDA:**

- Commissioner Oppel wished to speak about United Way.
- Commissioner Lydon wished to speak regarding the Daniel Bryant Program.
- Chair Haaland-Ford announced that Commissioner Greer had resigned but will continue to act as an ex officio member when needed.

#### **APPROVAL OF MINUTES:**

Chair Haaland-Ford made a motion to hold off on improving the minutes until our meeting in June. Commissioner Dullea seconded the motion and all approved.

#### **BUSINESS:**

- Deputy Chief Taylor presented an update on the Probation Department, reviewed with us again the budget concerns and announced that a couple of weeks ago the budget was approved by the Board of Supervisors. She also discussed:
  - Shortfall due to loss of Medi-Cal money.
  - BYRNE Competitive Grant (\$400,000).
  - GPS monitoring as part of enhanced probation order.
  - Gang member feedback/data collection/interviews with wards.
  - After school programs.
  - Alternative Detention Program.

Since we are also a delinquency prevention committee, Commissioner Dullea suggested we spearhead a project to see what after school programs are offered in Santa Barbara County to keep youth out of trouble. A motion was made by Commissioner Dullea, seconded by Commissioner Roof and so moved to work on project.

- Mr. Cué gave an update on the UJJS program. Presentations were made to 150 teachers in Lompoc. He felt it was a tremendous “win-win” situation.

The UJJS program was also taught to La Colina Jr. High and Refugio High School. The Drama Kings performed at La Colina and then again for Refugio High School which offered their show to a full-house on the Santa Ynez Valley Union High School campus.

Commission members asked if Mr. Cué could provide a written report for our next meeting detailing the different Santa Barbara County Schools that he presented the UJJS program to this year.

It was also announced that teen court duty is available to interested students.

Mr. Cué followed up by thanking the commission for the opportunities and funding to present the UJJS program.

- The neuro feedback study follow-up was tabled until Mr. Lennie Kwock from Mental Health could attend and present.
- Safety issues for Santa Maria Juvenile Hall were discussed after several commissioners brought up significant concerns heard about fights between gang members. There was also a report that one detainee had been beat up.

Deputy Chief Taylor explained that there is a complaint process in place and staff members are quick to respond to any complaints. Presently, there are 120 wards at the Santa Maria unit. 17 of them are Prop 21 (violent offenders). Every attempt is made to separate co-offenders. There are 6 different gangs represented in the hall. There's a classification system in place that separates the wards by gang, crime and age. Sometimes this is a difficult task, as the wards are housed in only 4 different units. Deputy Chief Taylor went on to say that there is a lot of "activity" in the community and it does make its way into the system. It has been challenging at times. It was noted that having additional space would help with these incidences but presently, there isn't sufficient staffing to open another unit.

Wendy Stanley, Probation Manager, was brought in to discuss the situation further. She said Prop 21 wards tend to be better behaved because:

- They are already facing adult charges.
- They tend to be "shot callers" on the street and don't have to fight.

However, occasionally they [Prop 21] get into altercations. Prop 21 wards move to the jail as soon as they turn 18.

In 2007, the average stay at the Santa Maria Juvenile Hall was 18 days. And, in 2008, the average stay was 16 days. Prop 21 wards are not calculated into these averages, as they tend to move through the system at a much slower pace.

- Ms. Stanley and Deputy Chief Taylor went over the daily schedules of the wards, discussed intake procedures, talked about the current staffing schedule and provided an overview prior to today's inspection.

There being no further business to discuss, Chair Haaland-Ford, adjourned the business portion of the meeting at 11:30 a.m. so that the inspection could take place.

Respectfully submitted,

Commissioner Feazelle

**NEXT MEETING:** Thursday, June 11, 2009.

Los Prietos Boys Camp/Tri-Counties Boot Camp  
3900 Paradise Road  
Santa Barbara, CA 93105  
Annual Inspection