

Juvenile Justice/Delinquency Prevention Commission
7/14/11 Minutes

Present:

Terry Roof
Rita Weinstock
Steve Delira
Tara Haaland-Ford

Guests:

James Frank - third meeting - semi retired, primary arbitration and mediation, took an interest about three years ago, thought the organization could use some strength. He worked on the county grand jury which focused a lot on youth and delinquency prevention.

Herman Fogata – second meeting- background in social work and education. He worked with the federal government, state and county developing programs for better neighborhoods.

Michele Sammon - first meeting

Loretta Redd - second meeting- Trained as psychologist, concerned about the youth, 39 pages of youth programs but youth seems to be slipping through the cracks. Keep kids out of youth facilities and safe in the facilities.

Noely – first meeting - high school student - interning with Tara Haaland-Ford

Matthew ONeil – first meeting - clients rights advocate - working for office of clients rights advocacy. He is working remotely in a number of offices. He is interested in youth issues. He has a JD but not licensed. He is pursuing doctoral work in special ed, interested in systems law and the policy of special ed, volunteering at probation in LA and the juvenile hall there, trying to help better special ed matters whenever LACO was going a bit slow. Interested in perhaps becoming a member.

Two meetings required before being voted on and recommended to the court.

Executive Session -

James Frank is invited to the commission - will be recommended to the presiding judge.

Old Business:

Truancy Program

Margaret Oppel - was going to be getting information on the truancy program from LA County Schools. Thought they might have some interesting approaches and statistics. We don't really have statistics like that. There are numbers for truancy. The question is how many kids really start and then drop out. Start in high school and then drop out. Margaret will request these numbers from the school district. Ed Data - statistical info about the students in all districts.

www.eddata.cde.ca.gov. Cal. dept of educ. and click on statistics or data you will go right there. There was a bill that was passed so that students can be tracked. That starts in 2012 and the bill was passed. This will show up in the ed data website.

Steve Delira - the database goes back 4 years ago and looks at how many 9th graders enrolled and 12th graders enrolled. Once removed from school district the truancy issue isn't considered

anymore. Current 4 year data doesn't account for the changes of district, new kids coming in etc...

Fugata -Study that was done here about 7 months ago- focused on Latinos - Latinos have a higher drop out rate. Two day conference at la Casa de la Raza. It was a ten page report. You may want a copy of some of it that is relevant. Frank will make copies of it.

New Business:

Overview of Commissioner Duties

Inquire into the administration of juvenile court law

Discussion regarding the commitment to the commission. Missing of three consecutive meetings you will be asked to step down.

Discussion regarding inspections.

Annual agenda planning. Probation graciously offered to make after hours accommodations if we are able to get better attendance at the meetings.

Meetings currently are the second Thursday of the month at 9:30

James Frank: What is the future of the property of juvenile hall: once you utilize it as juvenile detention you can not use for something else because if you do you will not be grandfathered in to corrections. We wouldn't be able to open up and reutilize. But unit 3 could be used and reconfigured, we may change ADP to unit 3. Probation may then use ADP to expand probation report and resource center. Probation believes that SM will be able to serve us for the next 5- 10 years.

Oppe: could you maintain status but use it as a mental health facility. You might be able to ascertain that you were running some sort of classification as a day for day and beds. We don't have a mental health kids facility here and maybe that is something to look at. Yes they do end up out of county. We have really had a great deal of luck with CARES and they have prevented numerous removals because of immediate intervention and de-escalation.

Vista Del Mar does take kids and still takes kids on 5150 status. Just a couple of months ago probation was staffing a case with them. They are our closest resource in SB County. I think it would be interesting to look at the data re: removals, check with mental health and Chief Stewart thinks the numbers have been brought down. Preference is not to send them out of county.

Isolation as a Disciplinary Tactic

Multitude of reasons: assault whether it be minor on minor or two or three on one minor they could end up with isolation from the group. One of the reasons is to stop retaliation.

May also receive isolation if a school suspends a kid for aggressive behavior.

If the young person refuses to do anything, or doesn't respond to group movement etc..

All the isolation is reviewed by the administration team. Probation indicates they are mindful of what is the intent of the detainee. The mental health staff goes to interview the detainee to ascertain any issues. Isolation comes first then mental health comes to interview and assess the client. What is the time period between isolation and an interview by mental health?

They are put in isolation. Then call down to mental health. They would come at their next available time. Steve says that he can get that information. We have mental health staff at our housing so not waiting for someone to respond. No in house staff for after hours.

5 days a week at camp

7 days a week at the hall

CARES assists after hours and does crisis intervention. CARES is contracted through the agency in Ventura.

James Frank: is there a method whereby new detainees are explained their right to a grievance?

The staff does have to do checks on those in isolation.

People in the hall can also file a grievance. The person may believe unfairly targeted.

Our system can document when a person received 24, 48 or 72 but we can't tell you whether they were removed early because of improved behavior.

Can we tell how many grievances were overturned?

Where are the parents in this whole process? We have visitation four days a week to avoid parents all being there at the same time.

Probation Report:

Commission needs to complete the inspection at Santa Maria - one or two of us need to go back to review the grievances. Grievances are all done manually.

Patti offers a site tour for the new members. Probation could even assist with transportation up to the hall.

Probation invites inspections and is inspection ready everyday.

County budget was settled. Full decommission of the Santa Barbara Juvenile Hall. It will no longer be a booking station however it will remain a holding facility for the court.

Today we have a meeting with the institution staff. We believe that we still need unit 1.

32.5 positions were impacted

26 people displaced to a lesser classification

8 people laid off

ten years ago 408 positions

2010 - 344

An additional 33 position were lost.

Assembly bill 109 and 117 - public safety realignment act

local custody as an option for non violent, non serious, non sex offenders who have previously been housed in state prison, they will be required to be housed in local facilities rather than in state prison. It would take 6-9 months to get through the prosecution - with half time issues involved then many of these would end up serving most of the time in jail and they were turnarounds. They would go to reception, assessed and processed and released. State saying this isn't a way to do business. Lets put some resources into the county so they can handle these subjects. We are subject to a jail cap.

The difference is about 300 of these non non nons will be housed in county jail. Probation in partnership with sheriff will develop expanded alternative detention, whether it is gps or day report center or enhanced supervision. Many of these nons it is better to program locally.

The other side of this is that the same non non non serving time locally there is still a whole

population waiting to get out. There will be a whole section that will be released to probation supervision rather than parole. Parole will only be supervising serious and violent offenders Juvenile System realigned over the last couple of years. Probation is now supervising the parolees from DJJ. If there is an elimination of DJJ then we would need to house or contract with another facility.

Procedure for Prospective Commission Members:

Once you are voted on by the Commission and the Presiding Judge appoints you then you get a live scan. We get the referral and then we have locations where we can do live scan. We will set up an appointment. You would contact Ms. Stanley and she would give you a contact name and set appointment. Then the process will end. At any point in the process you can contact Delira directly.

2011 JJDP Plan - Terry Roof

Terry would like to do a brainstorming session on plans for the future.

We want to look at attempting to get monies for the UJJS program. I personally see that as a subcommittee issue.

Yesterday I went and met with Aman who is the procurement specialist at the courts. I got a little clearer indication re: funds.

Do we have commissioners that are interested in trying to carry on the program?

Has Ed gone to local fundings. There is a match amount of time that goes in - with the court, the probation dept etc...

I'm not clear how much he wants to pursue this.

Aman - is also going to be in touch with Ed.

Terry has made an attempt to discuss with Janet Wolf and Salud Carbajal.

Michelle - Don't members in the community donate to the commission.

Are there any foundation contacts? I have no reason that CADA would not take it back.

Has anyone thought about a video?

Tara and James will not be here at the August 11th meeting

11:37 am - Adjournment