

Juvenile Justice & Delinquency Prevention Commission

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AUGUST 9, 2024 MEETING

COMMISSIONERS PRESENT: Kate Gaston, Chairperson, Esperanza Montano-Culbertson, Bode Gower, Gary Levenson-Palmer (via Zoom), Marquez Gibson (via Zoom), Libbe Madsen (via Zoom), Sarah Martin (via Zoom)

OTHERS PRESENT: Judge Carly Dolan; John Bednar, MCJH Division Manager; Kim Turner, Court Executive Officer; Kim Weston; Scott Marsh (MCYP and prospective commissioner); Josie Pady (ICWA Coordinator for Pomo Valley Tribe and prospective commissioner; Perry Two Feathers Tripp (prospective commissioner);

COMMISSIONERS ABSENT: Tanya Ruiz-Estrada, Vanessa Curl

The meeting was called to order at 12:20 pm by JJDPC Chairperson, Kate Gaston.

1. **CALL TO ORDER**
 - a. Welcome and Introductions
 - b. Additions or Corrections to Agenda
 1. None.
2. **PUBLIC COMMENT FOR ITEMS NOT ON THE AGENDA:** None.
3. **REVIEW AND APPROVAL OF DRAFT MINUTES FROM THE JULY 12, 2024 MEETING (ATTACHMENT):** After discussion, the Commissioners approved the July 12, 2024 meeting minutes with requested change. Mr. Levenson-Palmer moved to approve; Ms. Madsen seconded.
4. **MENDOCINO COUNTY YOUTH PROJECT PRESENTATION:** Scott Marsh from the Mendocino County Youth Project gave a presentation concerning the organization's programs and activities. Mr. Marsh provided attachments detailing an overview of the services provided/offered. After the presentation, Ms. Gaston asked if there are any areas that the MCYP sees that need improvement or additional support is needed. The GRIP program, MLAS community service, future presentations (Suicide Prevention, Vaping, Bullying, etc.), restorative justice programs at schools, and additional support for the middle schools were discussed.
5. **PROBATION REPORT:** None.
6. **JUVENILE HALL REPORT:** Mr. Bednar reported that currently 13 youth are in Juvenile Hall, 10 male (two from Lake County), and three females. He is continuing to work with Mendocino College on the Garden Project. They are looking into hiring contractors to prepare the area and create the beds. Mr. Bednar is working with staff on a proposal to create a music room and program with funding from an Opioid Prevention Grant as research indicates that learning music

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works well for opioid prevention. As a follow up to a comment in the inspection of the hall, Mr. Bednar has had staff sending him pictures of each meal that is provided. He took these to the Sheriff's Office and reviewed them with kitchen staff. Since the meeting, the quality and size of the trays are getting better, and they are receiving a wider variety of fruits and vegetables.

Mr. Bednar reported that the BSCC inspection has been completed and went well. There are several inspections remaining this year, including, but not limited to, Public Health, the Fire Marshall, and Judge Dolan.

7. **UPDATE/DISCUSSION ON SPEAKERS FOR JJDPc MEETINGS THIS FALL:** Ms. Gaston reported that Martin Martinez is working on arranging possible tribal speakers for upcoming meetings. Ms. Gaston suggested a representative for a presentation on SARB. Ms. Pady suggested possible presentations for programs that have recently been happening at the Coyote Valley HHSA (beading classes, weaving classes, after school programs, truancy programs, and tobacco programs). Commissioners discussed the CA Youth Justice Summit in November as a possible training option. The summit is November 5th and 6th. Ms. Gaston will forward the flier on to the other Commissioners. The Commissioners will arrange for presentations and forward scheduling information and handouts to Court Administration for posting and inclusion on future agendas.
8. **UPDATE/DISCUSSION ON RECRUITMENT OF COMMISSIONERS:** Ms. Turner reported that Mr. Cannaday has resigned as he is moving to Idaho. Mr. Levonson-Parker reported that this is his last official meeting, and he is also resigning. Mr. Marsh, Ms. Pady, and Mr. Tripp will be applying for the commission. Ms. Gaston inquired about the absence of Commissioners Curl and Estrada-Ruiz.

After discussion of possible recruitment strategies, it was agreed that the administrative support will continue recruitment. Ms. Gaston requested that Commissioners Gower and Montano-Culbertson recruit possible commissioners from the schools. It was noted that commissioners must be at least 14 years of age to serve.
9. **CONTACTING NGO'S AND GOVERNMENT AGENCIES TO PARTICIPATE IN COMMISSION AGENDAS:** Ms. Gaston reported that Martin Martinez is working on this and is continuing to pursue options. Mr. Marsh asked if Mr. Martinez has approached the new Director at the Boys and Girls Club. Ms. Gaston agreed that the Director should be contacted.
10. **UPDATE ON OUTREACH TO SCHOOL DISTRICTS:** Ms. Gaston requested volunteers to head up the outreach to school districts. After discussion, it was decided that the commission will start with the SARBs.
11. **DISCUSSION/ACTION ON ESTABLISHING A JUVENILE DATA REVIEW COMMITTEE:** After discussion, it was decided that Mr. Gibson and Ms. Madsen will determine what data is useful and a list of agencies to contact for the data, as well as a game plan on how to obtain the

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information. Ms. Gaston requested that the subcommittee prepare a report on these steps for presentation at the next meeting.

12. **PRESENTATION ON DELINQUENCY PREVENTION EFFORTS IN UKIAH AREA AND MENDOCINO COUNTY:** Ms. Gaston discussed the seven levels of prevention and suggested that the commission needs to focus on the spectrum of prevention. She would like the commission to obtain copies of the recent surveys completed by Adventist Health, UUSD, and other organizations.

13. **NEW BUSINESS:**

Mr. Gibson would like to place the topic of a Diversion Program on the next agenda. It will be approximately 15 minutes and focus on restorative justice programs and joint jurisdiction courts. Mr. Gibson will invite The Arbor to come to the meeting to assist with the discussion.

The commissioners discussed creating a “resource” website as a possible project. It can either be a section on the JJDPC website or a different website linked to the JJDPC website.

14. **REVIEW AND DISCUSS REQUESTS FOR ITEMS TO BE INCLUDED ON FUTURE AGENDA, INCLUDING AGENDA DATE(S) AND PROVIDE DIRECTION:**

The commissioners were asked to look to the JJDPC on the state and federal level for ideas to include on future agendas.

15. **ADJOURNMENT:** After discussion, it was agreed that the next JJDPC meeting will be held on September 13, 2024 at 12:00 p.m. in the Jury Assembly Room at the Ukiah Courthouse. A Zoom link will be provided for Commissioners who cannot attend in person and for any members of the public to attend.

MEETING ADJOURNED AT 1:42 p.m.

MINUTES COMPLETE

Submitted by Kim Weston