# JUVENILE JUSTICE AND DELINQUENCY PREVENTION COMMISSION

#### **AMENDED AGENDA**

August 9, 2024, 12:00 PM

**Jury Assembly Room** 

**Ukiah Courthouse** 

100 N. State Street, Ukiah, CA 95482

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Meeting ID: 160 092 6095 Passcode: 161251 Toll-Free Call-in Number: (833)568-8864

- 1. Call to Order
  - a. Welcome and Introductions
  - b. Additions or Corrections to Agenda
- 2. Public Comment for items not on the Agenda
- 3. Review and approval of Draft Minutes from July 12, 2024 meeting (attachment)

Recommended action: Approve minutes.

4. Mendocino County Youth Project Presentation

Recommended action: Receive the oral presentation from Mendocino County Youth

Project.

5. Chief Probation Officer Report

Recommended action: Receive the oral report and provide input to CPO Locatelli,

as needed.

6. Juvenile Hall Report

Recommended action: Receive the oral report and provide feedback to staff, as

needed.

#### 7. Update and Discussion on Speakers for JJDPC Meetings this Summer and Fall

Recommended action: Discuss potential guest speakers for JJDPC future meetings.

Determine who will contact speakers and arrange

presentations.

#### 8. Update and Discussion on Recruitment of Commissioners

Recommended Action: Receive the oral report and provide guidance to clerical staff

to enhance recruitment efforts.

#### 9. Contacting NGO's and Government Agencies to Participate in Commissions Initiatives

Recommended action: Discuss contacting NGO's and Government Agencies to

request participation in JJDPC initiatives

#### 10. Update on Outreach to School Districts

Recommended action: Receive the oral update on outreach to school districts.

#### 11. Discussion and Action on Establishing a Juvenile Data Review Committee

Recommended action: Establish a juvenile data review committee after discussion.

#### 12. Presentation on "Delinquency Prevention" Efforts in Ukiah and Mendocino County

Recommended action: Receive the oral presentation on "Delinquency Prevention"

efforts in Ukiah and Mendocino County

#### 13. New Business

Resignation of Commissioner Nicholas Canaday 2023/2024 Juvenile Justice Commission Annual Inspection Juvenile Halls, Special Purpose Halls and Camps (attached)

#### 14. Review and Discuss Requests for Items to be included on Future Agenda, Including Agenda Date(s) and Provide Direction

#### 15. Adjournment: JJDPC meeting are held from noon to 2 p.m. in the Jury Assembly Room at the Ukiah Courthouse on the following dates:

September 13, 2024 October 11, 2024 November 8, 2024 December 13, 2024 January 10, 2025

#### Juvenile Justice & Delinquency Prevention Commission

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#### **JULY 12, 2024 MEETING**

The meeting was called to order at 12:33 pm by JJDPC Chairperson, Kate Gaston.

- 1. CALL TO ORDER
  - a. Welcome and Introductions
  - b. Additions or Corrections to Agenda
- 2. **PUBLIC COMMENT FOR ITEMS NOT ON THE AGENDA:** None.
- 3. **REVIEW AND APPROVAL OF DRAFT MINUTES FROM THE JUNE 14, 2024 MEETING**(ATTACHMENT): After discussion, the Commissioners approved the June 14, 2024 meeting minutes as written.
- 4. **REVIEW AND APPROVAL OF PROPOSED REVISIONS TO BY-LAWS:** After discussion, proposed bylaws were approved.
- 5. **ESTABLISH A JUVENILE DATA REVIEW SUBCOMMITTEE:** Item was passed to the August meeting.
- 6. **PROBATION REPORT:**
- 7. **JUVENILE HALL REPORT:**
- 8. **INSPECTION OF JUVENILE DETENTION FACILITIES:** The inspection was completed and submitted.
- 9. **New Business:** None.
- 10. REVIEW AND DISCUSS REQUESTS FOR ITEMS TO BE INCLUDED ON FUTURE AGENDA, INCLUDING AGENDA DATE(S) AND PROVIDE DIRECTION:

Martin Martinez will contact two tribal representatives to speak at a future meeting and will notify court staff of the details.

11. **ADJOURNMENT:** After discussion, it was agreed that the next JJDPC meeting will be held on August 9, 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

FACILITY NAME: Mendocino County Juvenile Hall
FACILITY TYPE AND CAPACITY: facility for incarceration of juveniles, currently 20 beds
FACILITY ADDRESS: 585 Low Gap Road, Ukiah CA 95482
FACILITY PHONE NUMBER: 707-234-6900
FACILITY MANAGER INTERVIEWED: John Bednar, Juvenile Hall Superintendent
STAFF INTERVIEWED: Derek Lewis, Katie Ford, Eric, and other officers and school staff

COMMISSION CHAIR: Kate C Gaston
COMMISSION INSPECTORS: Kate Gaston, Gary Levinson-Palmer, Marquez Gibson
PRESIDING JUDGE: Honorable Carly Dolan
INSPECTION DATE: June 14 and June 21, 2024
LAST INSPECTION DATE: March 31, 2023

#### **INSPECTION RESULTS**

	ADMINISTRATION						
Facility Perimeter	Х			Continuous attention to detail, security			
Cleanliness	Х			Found facility to be clean and well attended.			
Facility Paint, Gutters, Windows, Roof, Drains	Х			Well maintained			
Comments:	Repairs identified have been addressed, peeling paint, broken tiles repaired.						
Recommendations:	N/A						
LOCAL COUNTY INSPECTIONS							
County Building Inspection	Х			small repairs 7/19/2023			
Fire Authority	Х			Small equipment re[placement, small corrections 11/21/2023			
Public Health-Nutrition	Х			Jail needs to forward this report to hall; jail prepares and provides meals to juvenile hall			

Public Health-Medical/ Mental Health	Х			Corrected, defibrillator pads, and Narcan replaced, staff trained			
Public Health- Environmental	X			Food handling, dishwasher 11/17/2023			
Educational	Х			6/4/2024 No complaints, all registered			
Juvenile Court	Х			11/29/2022, Judge Moreman Inspection, met standards of effort			
Comments:	Youth can request a mental health appointment with counselor, submitting their request in a specific box.						
Recommendations:	N/A						
		A	NCIL	LLARY SERVICES			
Education	Х			Provided by Mendocino County Office of Education			
Mental Health	Х			Provided by County Dept of Behavioral Health, Mendocino County Youth:Project, Redwood Services			
Medical Care	Х			Pacific Redwood Medical Group			
Dental Care	Х			Hillside Clinic, Ukiah			
Nutrition	Х			LVN counseling and			
	Administration does an excellent job on maintaining youth's needed health care services.						
Comments:		ers wo	rk hard	taining multiple providers for mental health care, but I to build relationships that continue once a youth is released			

Recommendations:	N/A					
				STAFFING		
Does facility maintain mandated awake ratios?	Х	X				
Does facility maintain mandated sleeping ratios?	Х			ratio lower than required 1-3; two staff are on site.		
Staff/Youth interactions/	Х			multiple opportunities on-site, coaches, mentors, guides, a lot of interaction.		
Are there enough supervisors to supervise staff?	Х			Three supervisors, in process of hiring a fourth,		
Are there staff who speak other languages?	Х			Yes, multiple staff are fluent in Spanish. Interpreters are available in multiple languages as well.		
Is there a diverse staff workforce?	Х			Yes. Male and female, multi-racial, and age range 20-50 years of age.		
Does facility have enough staff to ensure that all programs, activities are provided as required?	Х			Programs and activities are augmented by outside organizations and contractors, and meet requirements.		
Comments:	Administration continues to work hard to maintain staffing ratios, with focus on training new staff and maintaining senior staff.  A multi-disciplinary team meet regularly to discuss how best to help youth with goals. In addition officers work on roles of being a mentor for youth. No legal advice, just positive interaction and using your voice.					
EXTERIOR (General)			PHY	SICAL PLANT		
Grass Areas and Lawns	X			Two outdoor grass quads for exercise and recreation		

Concrete/Asphalt Walkways	Х			Repairs/replacements are scheduled for fiscal year 2024-2025
Exercise/Recreation Areas	Х			
Facility Paint and Windows	Х			
Gutters, Roof, Drains	Х			
Security and Lighting	Х			
Comments:	Exterior is well maintained.  Appreciate the initiative taken to bring artist mentors into the facility, preparing and painting murals in the quad.			
Recommendations:	N/A			
INTERIOR (General)				
Living Areas	Х			
Cleanliness	Х			
Furnishings	Х			Recreation and game room is exceptional
Fixtures	Х			
Upkeep	Х			
Safe Storage of Chemicals	Х			Separately and under dual lock and key.
Sleeping Space	Х			Individual sleeping rooms with bed, mattress, blanket
Beds	Х			
Mattresses	Х			
Day Rooms	Х			Airy, clean, colorful, tables and chairs, games, books and videos.

Classrooms	Х			Very attractive, plenty of color and wall materials, full size table desks with chairs. Book cases, maps, etc.	
Restrooms	Х				
Showers	Х				
Temperature	Х			Comfortable during both days of inspection. Notice the sharp difference when we exit to outside heat.	
Lighting	Х			Adequate	
Holding Areas	Х			Adequate	
Admission/Release	Х			Adequate	
Secure Storage Areas	Х			Adequate	
Comments:	Found all areas of review well maintained. Clean, colorful and inviting. Nothing noted on lighting. Holding areas were secure. Admission and release process space clean. Materials were separate from housing. Stress room.				
Recommendations	N/A				
			INTA	KE/ADMISSION	
Searches	Х			Conducted by appropriate staff in admission holding.	
Telephone Calls	х			All youth are offered opportunity to make calls.	
Comments:	Found process to be specific and process oriented, space reflecting need prior to youth being assigned a room and placed in programming.				

Recommendations:	Establish notification protocols, in collaboration with Tribes, for informing Tribes when a Native youth enters the juvenile legal system. Although this notification does occur at the facility, it is not formalized with an internal policy.					
ORIENTATION OF YOUTH						
Are All Youth Orientated	Х			Youth are provided with an Orientation Handbook during in take process, and officers take the time to go over it, and to review it with youth.		
Do youth Understand Rules and Expectations	Х			In discussion with youth, they appeared to understand well the rules and expectations, and can readily review themselves as they each have a manual.		
Are Rules and Grievance Procedures Posted	Х			Yes, as well as forms to submit to administration.		
Youth Interview Comments	Х			Please see in comments section		

Calendar Year: 2023-2024 Youth reported staff are typically very positive, and that youth only submit a grievance form because something isn't "fair." The "point system" is very important to youth who have made it to level 3 and losing this level means losing parts of the program that they fell is the most helpful to them. Youth was willing to discuss staff, programming, and meals. Youth had nothing negative to say about staff but didn't understand the purpose of some of the programming. Youth could not tell the interviewer what the goals of the programming were (Red Road/MCYP). Youth also stated that some of the programming had been ended (Aikido), because some youth complained that what was being taught made them feel Comments: uncomfortable. Youth also disagreed with the format of other programming (Geo), stating that it was uncomfortable for youth to talk about their feelings in a group setting. Although not related to the facility, the youth also mentioned their dissatisfaction with their public defender. The youth stated that they were left uninformed and frequently felt as though they were representing themselves. The youth stated that after he was sentenced the public defender told him that she would "see him soon," which he took to mean that he would reoffend and be coming back into the legal system. Youth was also disappointed about not getting school credits for work that was being done in the facility. Youth listed several subjects that he could not get credit for while being detained. Create a system to measure the effectiveness of programming. Having Recommendations: staff provide an overview of the programming during orientation could equip youth with the goals of the various programs. Talk to school leaders to determine what needs to be done to get access to a wider array of credit opportunities. This is especially important for those youth that are detained for longer periods of time. **ACTIVITIES AND PROGRAMS** 

Available at no cost to youth, calls in evening to families

and to ombudsmen or attorneys. Open, available.

Telephone Access

(Ongoing)

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Correspondence	X			Full access; not screened unless confidential.
Visiting	Х			Visitation with families, 2-4 pm, every Saturday. Visitation daily on Zoom open to all.
Recreation	Х			Facility has both indoor recreation area, enclosed outdoor and recreation yard facilities.
Exercise	Х			Outdoor and indoor exercise programming.
Special Programs	Χ			Anger management, arts, yoga, meditation
Programs	Χ			Multiple programs
Counseling and Casework	Х			County Behavioral Health, Counseling, MCOE, Redwood Community Services, MCYP
Family Reunification and Counseling	X			Multi-disciplinary team, A-Z, modeling for All.
Substance Abuse	Х			Multiple local nonprofits with certifications provide as needed, proactively, MCYP, BH, AA and GEO
Cognitive Behavioral	Χ			GEO offers program, and group sessions, jail resources.
Victim Awareness/ Restorative Justice	Х			Programming from outside nonprofit services; the Arbor offers Restorative Justice.
Vocational Training			Х	Not currently, but in discussions with college to offer a Safe Serve program for certification.
Post-Secondary Education	Х			Option for online classes. Currently working with local Community college to set up a program.
Work Programs			Х	Not set up or offered.
Community Services			Х	Not set up or offered.
Parenting Classes			Х	First Five can come into JH for parenting classes.  Family members can be referred as well.
Sexual Harassment Classes		Х		Not specifically.
Religious Activities	Х			Volunteer religious organization
Education	X			MCOE provides classroom programming for a range of ages and grades for juvenile hall youth. Classroom is a pleasure to visit, teacher calm, cool, very engaged with youth, and very experienced with this age student.

Calendar	Year:	2023-2024

	7	The fo	llowin	g programs are regularly scheduled for youth.					
	1. Ad	olesce	nt Psy	rchiatry					
	2. Edu	ıcatior	1						
	3. Me	dical S	Service	es					
	4. Me	ntal H	ealth T	Therapy					
	5. Rel	igious	Servi	ces					
	6. Sut	stance	Abus	e Education and Counseling					
	7. ME	$\mathbf{N} = \mathbf{N}$	Iulti-E	Disciplinary Team					
	8. You	uth En	gagem	nent by Martin Martinez					
Comments:	9. Aikido								
	10.Meditation								
	11.Emotional Resilience								
	12.Books for Youth								
	13. Winter and Summer Olympics								
	14.Alcoholics Anonymous for youth								
	15. Youth Success Coaches								
	16.Bo	ys Co	uncil						
			•	Services: Handling Difficult Feelings; What Got Me sed workshop "Juvenile How to Escape Your Prison.					
	18.Lii	fe skill	S						
	Saturdays are family visitation days. Using the concept of "olympics" for their gym class activities, periodically staff host an Olympics event for youth, and invite families to be the "fans", with pizza afterwards.								

Cal	endar	Year:	2023-2024

Recommendations:		Recommend JH administration continues explore collaborating with community organizations to solidify programming for youth that can be bridged back to the community when youth is released.						
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	USE OF FORCE							
Comments:	both y of resp Verba well a defens	This is included in the Youth Orientation Handbook, which is helpful for both youth, family, community advocates and staff. There are four levels of response to escalating behaviors putting youth or others at risk. 1) Verbally addressing youth to deescalate behavior. 2) Use of arm grip as well as verbal control to lower level of behavior. 3) Control holds, defensive tactics, handcuffs. 4) Forceful take down, pepper spray.  New staff receive defensive tactics training, and staff continually work on staff to staff training to refresh on tactics.						
	Focus	is on	interv	ention work prior to escalation.				

Calendar Year: 2023-2024 Appreciate JH staff and administration keeping their training up to date, along with their philosophy of least restrictive, without risking health or safety. The first recommendation is to create a form specific to the use of force Recommendations: by staff whenever it occurs during an incident. The current policy is to complete an Incident Report and note in the narrative when a use of force event occurs. Although this is important, it also requires a supervisor to go through every incident report to determine each time a use of force event happens. Creating a separate form would make accounting for these serious events more transparent and easier to quantify. Additionally, the seriousness of a use of force event should be symbolized with its own unique form, for nothing more than to communicate to the staff that these events are being recorded ROOM CONFINEMENT This is used for youth posing risk to safety and/or the facility, including gang Comments: signs/ slurs and contraband, either on them or in their room. Four hours is the length of time, maximum, for youth confinement. However, it may need to be longer in the case of mental health review, which may lead to crisis response from provider. Goal is be released once confinement is observed and assessed to no longer be a threat. Observations for such judgement include sounds, words, room check, physical behavior vs aggression and threats. Recommendations **DUE PROCESS** Discipline Disciplinary responses as well defined, and conduct rules are listed clearly in the Youth Orientation Χ Handbook. The Facility Rules and conduct point

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Grievances

system work well for youth and staff.

rooms and forms are readily available.

Grievance process for youth are posted in communal

Comments:	Appreciate this JH's discipline and grievance processes, and youth shared they trust the process, their access to submitting a grievance and the response of the staff to meet the needs of both youth and facility to resolve differences fairly.  All youth have access to the Bill of Rights Health Line 1-844-402-1880 as well as a printed Bill or Rights handout.  Continue to maintain transparency and neutrality in this processx					
Recommendations						
	MEALS/NUTRITION					
Meal Menu Posted in Dayroom	Х					
Servings Ample, Nutritious and Appetizing	Х			Provides an uninspired but caloric/protein and carbohydrates meal.		
Staff Supervise Meal Service and are Present during service and Consumption	Х					
Cafeteria Style Service or Direct Serve	Х					
Youth Allowed to Converse During Meals	х			This is a highlight of inspection tour, having lunch with youth, and conversations are encouraged at all meals.		
Length of Time Allotted to Eat	X			Plenty of time		
Comments:	In the two meals JJC inspectors shared with youth, there was varying satisfaction.  Lack of color or excitement about meals, is balanced by healthy snacks provided during the day. One youth commented that as a vegetarian, there is basically fruit, bread and milk.					

Recommendations:				erved the same meal as that served at the Jail, fixed by aff and shipped down the block three times a day.					
	PE	RSON	IAL H	YGIENE/APPEARANCE					
Appearance	X								
Showers	Х								
Clothing	Х								
Hair Cuts	Х								
Shaving	Х								
Comments:	provio	Youth shower and shave daily, females separate from males. Clothing is provided clean, hair cuts are also kept up. Overall, youth appeared to be clean and well.							
Recommendations:		As Ukiah experiences high temperatures during the summer, youth mentioned having sport shorts would be more comfortable.							
	•		BEH	AVIOR HEALTH					
Caseload Ratio	Х			Maintain therapist/caseworker to youth ratio of 1 to 7.					
Youth Experience	Х			Youth report feeling they can access mental health help easily, and appreciate counselors and staff.					
Programming Offered	Х		П	No force to participate, though they do receive encouragement to participate.					

Comments:	Trauma assessment is done for each youth, with a cognitive behavioral health plan that provides support to both staff and youth on how to work with resident youth.							
Recommendations:	Ongoing support and recognition be given to MCJuvenile Hall to continue in their efforts to provide the best treatment and support.							
	TRAU	J <b>MA</b> ]	INF	ORMED APPROACHES				
Comments:	The Commission remains impressed with Juvenile Hall's administration's continuous work to ensure that their staff are trained in approaches to working with youth that are therapeutic and are aimed at building a youth's capacity to feel better about themselves and to be able to interact successfully with others. This includes teaching tools and choices that create positive rapport and better outcomes.							
Recommendations:				and recognition be given to MCJuvenile Hall to forts to provide the best treatment and support				

	Calendar Year: 2023-2024								
CULTURAL AND LINGUISTICALLY APPROPRIATE									
	Yes. Language and cultural programs, including recreational programs								
Comments:	Working is also supportive of Mexican-American youth, gangs, females within the overall masculine population.								
	Weekly work with a Native American leader which addresses the								
	cultural and therapeutic approaches using models that have been developed specific to N.A. youth.								
	When a Native youth is at the hall a person from ICWA is asked to meet with them.								
Recommendations:									
	Challenges remain to create programming for small numbers, but outside resources support these initiatives and should continue to do so.								
	LGBTQI								
Comments:	Identification is made at intake through interview and assessment. Staff is sensitive to subject, privacy is maintained during showers and searches by staff.								
	Staff maintains respect and care for each youth at Juvenile Hall, regardless of their identification.								
Recommendations:	Several county CBOs are resources for this population, and JH has developed connections to the Arbor youth programs.								

Comments:	TECHNOLOGY					
	JH uses online software for intake, afterwards hard copy is printed. Computers are available for use through the classroom and youth are encouraged to use them. Limited access to outside links and resources.					
Recommendations	Seek to develop relationship with tech geeks who can inspire youth to invest in their own training and learning in this ever increasing domain.					
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