

**Stanislaus County
Juvenile Justice Commission
September 22, 2016**

Members Present: Darin Gharat, Chair, Vicki Maldonado, Sharma Uma, Richard Breshears, Teresa Guerrero, Lt. Mike Dailey and Jorge Contreras

Members Excused: Capt. Bill Duncan, Miranda Scoles, Jeffrey Graham, and Steve Ashman

Probation Department Present: Jill Silva, Chief Probation Officer

Superior Court Present: The Honorable Valli Israels, Juvenile Court Judge

Call to Order: Chair Darin Gharat called the meeting to order at 12:05 p.m.

Public Comment: No public individuals were present. The public comment period was dispensed with.

Approval of Minutes: MOTION: Lt. Mike Dailey. SECOND: Vicki Maldonado. The minutes of the May 5, 2016 meeting were approved unanimously.

Judge Underwood Scholarship Program

Gail Kittel advised that approximately \$1,500 was received in contributions as a result of Judge Underwood's obituary notice and the total in the fund is approximately \$21,000. The commission members reviewed the Judge Underwood Scholarship information sheet, application, and interview evaluation process utilized in the past for this scholarship. For future scholarships, the commission members approved utilizing the proposed application and interview process for granting a scholarship to eligible students.

MOTION: Teresa Guerrero. SECOND: Vicki Maldonado. The scholarship amount will be increased to up to \$500 per semester per student.

Information will be presented to Juvenile Field Services Units and Juvenile Institutions for potential applicants. Applicants must have been or are involved in the juvenile justice system.

Probation Department Report: Chief Jill Silva

Chief Silva updated the members on the status of the following areas:

- The juvenile institutions are presently experiencing a low population and there are only two girls in custody in both facilities. This trend is being seen throughout the State.
- Recruitment and hiring are ongoing in the Probation Department. Staff has to be mandated at times and DPO's are being utilized on an overtime basis to fill some shifts at the juvenile facilities.

- The first PCO CORE class was conducted at the department. One of the State's STC representatives observed the sessions on three separate dates, and certified this course. Eleven staff members from the juvenile institutions attended the class including part-time staff. The next CORE session is scheduled to start next month.
- A juvenile graduate from the Culinary Arts Program prepared his exit dinner which is a requirement of the program. Chief Silva noted an invitation will be sent to the commission members for the next dinner graduation event.
- State revenue has been used to fund two community DPO's in both the juvenile and adult field service offices. These officers will focus on prevention work and community engagement with attendance at community events and meeting community members.
- The juvenile institutions is preparing for PREA standards for 2017 when staffing ratios will be 1:8 for juveniles. Positions have been added because in 2017 units will have 16 youths instead of 20 youths.
- The medical accreditation process was recently completed and the juvenile institutions passed. There have been changes in mental health staffing at the facilities, however, these services remain very strong.

Juvenile Court Report: Judge Valli Israels

Judge Israels reported that Juvenile Drug Court is being revamped and there have been no recent graduates.

The Honor Roll continues to be very well received. More youth are receiving certificates and time off their sentences.

The Juvenile Court has been attending the RED Grant meetings and the detention risk assessment tool is being utilized. The goal is to eliminate racial bias and changes have been noticed.

Judge Israels discussed some of the law changes for juveniles such as record sealing. Juvenile records can be sealed upon completion of probation.

Juvenile Institutions and Law Enforcement Facilities Inspections

The date for the annual inspection of the juvenile institutions will be scheduled for Thursday, November 3rd. Commission members will be sent potential dates in October to inspect the law enforcement facilities recorded as holding juveniles in 2016. The facilities requiring inspection are Modesto Police Department, Oakdale Police Department and Turlock Police Department.

Adjournment

The Commission meeting adjourned at 1:00 PM.