

# **STANISLAUS COUNTY JUVENILE JUSTICE COMMISSION**

## **Proposed 2015/2016 Meeting Calendar Probation Department – Training Room**

Tuesday – November 17 or Thursday – November 19  
12:00 p.m. to 1:00 p.m. (Lunch/Meeting & **inspection of Juvenile Institutions**)

Tuesday – January 12 or Thursday – January 14, 2016  
12:00 p.m. to 1:00 p.m. (Lunch/Meeting)

Tuesday – February 9 or Thursday – February 11  
12:00 p.m. to 1:00 p.m. (Lunch/Meeting)

Tuesday – March 8 or Thursday – March 10  
12:00 p.m. to 1:00 p.m. (Lunch/Meeting)

Tuesday – April 19 or Thursday – April 21  
12:00 p.m. to 1:00 p.m. (Lunch/Meeting)

Tuesday – May 17 or Thursday – May 19  
12:00 p.m. to 1:00 p.m. (Lunch/Meeting)

### **Group Home visit in February or March**

Inspection of law enforcement facilities – week of November 2<sup>nd</sup>

**Stanislaus County  
Juvenile Justice Commission  
October 7, 2015**

**Members Present:** Darin Gharat, Chair, Vicki Maldonado, Sharma Uma, Richard Breshears, Teresa Guerrero, Lt. Mike Dailey, Capt. Bill Duncan, and Steve Ashman

**Members Absent:** Jesse De La Cruz, Pedro Sorio and Jorge Contreras

**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: Richard Breshears. SECOND: Capt. Bill Duncan. The minutes of the May 28, 2015 meeting were approved unanimously.

**Probation Department Report: Chief Jill Silva**

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

- Two youths who are students in the Juvenile Commitment Facility's Culinary Arts Program participated in preparing the refreshments for the dedication ceremony of the Probation Department's new Day Reporting Ceremony in August. They were temporarily released from the Institutions to serve food during this event.
- The Probation Department held its 15<sup>th</sup> Annual Open House at the Juvenile Commitment Facility on Saturday, October 3<sup>rd</sup>. Approximately 450 attended this event and the Culinary Arts Program prepared cookies and other food items for staff and community agency participants. The Open House was publicized on a radio talk show and Sacramento's Good Day TV news program. Stanislaus County is preparing a follow-up story for the County's website.
- Staffing: The department is struggling with staffing ratios at the Juvenile Institutions. PCO's hired after graduating from college are using this position as a stepping stone to other better-paying positions. The turnover being experienced causes staffing impacts because it takes nine weeks of formal training for a new staff member to be fully functional. In order to mitigate this situation, the girls unit has shut down and an older unit in Juvenile Hall has been opened to run a split program for both females and younger males. Presently, there are 15 youth at the Juvenile Commitment Facility. There are 10 to 11 PCO vacancies and mandates are taking a toll on staff. DPO's are coming into the facilities to work overtime. Part-time staff is being utilized but their use is limited since they are not CORE trained. Various recruitment strategies are being explored and implemented including Facebook, the County website, and CSU-Stanislaus students.

- The department has received a significant number of public records act requests from offender advocates. These requests require many staff resources to complete. The requests have involved various topics, such as record sealings, use of room confinement, use of OC spray, realignment statistics, and Prop 47 statistics.
- R.E.D. Grant (Reducing Racial and Ethnic Disparities): The first year of the grant has been completed, which was the assessment phase, and Burns Institute was contracted with as the technical advisor. In year two, the contract with Burns Institute will not be renewed because of an issue with a member of their Board of Directors. The Prison Law Office and Leap & Associates will continue working with the department for year two, and Dr. Rita Cameron-Wedding will serve as one of the technical advisors. An assessment report was submitted by Burns Institute and Leap & Associates. The Year Two application has been submitted to the Board of State and Community Corrections (BSCC). The second year will involve contracting with two community based organizations to work with the Latino youth and also establish a youth advisory council.
- The department will be partnering with the Heath Services Agency to apply for a grant to conduct STD prevention classes at the Juvenile Institutions. The application is due in December.

#### **Juvenile Court Report: Judge Valli Israels**

Judge Israels discussed the work done on the competency and mental health protocol. DPO's will be trained in the competency process by the Chief Probation Officer from Mono County who is a psychologist and worked on this issue in the State of Arizona. Judge Israels explained the issues involved when a youth is declared incompetent and the process involved helping youth understand the charges being made and the Court process. She discussed the lack of mental health facilities available in the State to assist these youth.

Judge Israels reported that Juvenile Drug Court has one graduate scheduled for later this month. She noted that the Court is seeing younger offenders lately and more violent crimes are being committed.

#### **Scheduling of Inspections of Law Enforcement Facilities and Juvenile Institutions**

A "Doodle" search will be conducted to schedule the inspection of the law enforcement facilities (Modesto PD, Turlock PD, and Oakdale PD), the inspection of the Juvenile Institutions, and meeting dates.

#### **Distribute JJC ID Badges**

#### **Adjournment**

The Commission meeting adjourned at 1:00 PM.