

**Stanislaus County  
Juvenile Justice Commission  
November 16, 2015**

**Members Present:** Darin Gharat, Chair, Vicki Maldonado, Sharma Uma, and Steve Ashman

**Members Excused:** Richard Breshears, Teresa Guerrero, Lt. Mike Dailey, and Capt. Bill Duncan

**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:** The minutes of the October 7, 2015 meeting could not be approved because a quorum of members was not present. This item will be deferred to the next meeting.

**Probation Department Report: Chief Jill Silva**

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

- Staffing issues at the juvenile facilities continue and early releases are occurring because of staffing. The capacity is available, but early releases occur because of the ratios required. Staff has been difficult to maintain because some have been promoted to Field Services and have taken positions with other agencies and professions. The agility testing for this position is being evaluated because 400 applicants will be coming for this test next week. The long-distance running requirement will be reviewed.
- The R.E.D. grant process is progressing with the second year application approved by the State. The second year will focus on developing the Youth Leadership Council and continuing to gather data regarding the make-up of the youth in the juvenile justice system and the time spent in the Court system.
- Chief Silva discussed incidents of fighting which occurred at Juvenile Hall over the weekend. She noted that staff handled the situations appropriately. She advised that one youth assaulted other youth at the facility and the Modesto Police Department was called in for assistance. The PbS reporting results will monitor these incidents and improvement plans will be evaluated.

- Chief Silva discussed the aversion of the school shooting incident at Tuolumne County High School. The FBI is evaluating and studying the profile of the students involved.

**Juvenile Court Report: Judge Valli Israels**

Judge Israels reported the Juvenile Drug Court had one graduate this past month. She advised that more juveniles are committing violent crimes using guns and threats and more robberies. Many cases are being set for trial. Judge Israels will attend the Beyond-the-Bench conference in December.

**Adjournment**

The Commission meeting adjourned at 12:30 PM.

The Juvenile Justice Commission members conducted their annual inspection of the Juvenile Institution Facilities at 12:30 PM.