

**Stanislaus County
Juvenile Justice Commission
April 5, 2017**

Members Present: Darin Gharat, Chair, Sharma Uma, Vicki Maldonado, Capt. Bill Duncan, Jorge Contreras, Stephen Ashman, and Jeffrey Graham

Members Excused: Teresa Guerrero, Richard Breshears, and Miranda Scoles

Probation Department Present: Mike Hamasaki, Chief Probation Officer

Superior Court Present: The Honorable Ruben Villalobos and The Honorable Ann Ameral, Juvenile Court Judges

Call to Order: Chairman Darin Gharat called the meeting to order at 12:05 p.m. He introduced Judge Villalobos (Juvenile Delinquency Court) and Judge Ameral (Juvenile Dependency Court) to the commission members and the group introduced themselves.

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

Approval of Minutes: MOTION: Capt. Bill Duncan. SECOND: Judge Ann Ameral. The minutes of the November 3, 2016 meeting were approved unanimously.

Probation Department Report: CPO Mike Hamasaki

CPO Mike Hamasaki updated the members on the status of the following areas:

- Staffing for the Probation Department in both Field Services and Juvenile Institutions remains an ongoing issue. At this time, there are 16 Deputy Probation Officer (DPO) vacancies and 20 Probation Corrections Officer (PCO) vacancies. For Juvenile Institutions, there is a 33% vacancy rate which is the highest rate experienced in the history of the department. Recruitment is a continuous process and staff members are leaving the department for various reasons.
- Juvenile Institutions Division Director Steve Jackson compiles "From the Desk of the Director" information and in March he reported:
 - Seven students at the Institutions graduated from high school since January 2017.
 - In February, a partnership was established with Modesto Junior College (MJC).
 - The third Juvenile Corrections CORE class has been completed. This class is offered internally instead of sending staff to Sacramento for this training.
- A partnership has been established with Modesto Junior College (MJC) and four Juvenile Institutions youth have applied for admission and have taken their placement tests. In March, staff members accompanied two students from the juvenile facility to MJC for a tour since they will be attending classes there upon their release. CPO Hamasaki noted that this type of event has never been done before with the youth being temporarily released from custody in order to tour the campus and they are given regular clothes to wear during the tour. In order to

participate, the youth must have their high school diploma. The department has a good relationship with MJC and this trend is expected to continue.

- 27 youth earned the Judges Honor Roll and will be recognized in a ceremony scheduled for this afternoon.
- Continuum of Care Reform (CCR): AB403 requires Probation Departments to limit their use of long-term group homes. CPO Hamasaki highlighted the following statistics:
 - 5% of foster youth are under the care of Juvenile Probation Departments in the State of California.
 - There are more than 3,000 youth in group homes throughout the State. Two-thirds of these youth have remained in these facilities for more than two years and one-third of the youth for more than five years.The Probation Department is working with CSA on a plan to limit the use of group homes; however, foster family placement is difficult with youth who have been in custody.
- The Culinary Arts Training (CAT) Program at the JCF provides youth an opportunity to earn their Safe-Service certificate. The Juvenile Probation officers are working with these youth to find employment. A recent graduate of this program, who was in custody for two years, will be attending CSU-Stanislaus next semester.
- The County Library has received a \$15,000 grant to establish a library branch at the Juvenile Institutions. Olga Contreras, the Outreach Librarian, presently brings books to the institutions in a mobile library and facilitates discussion groups with the youth on the books they have read.

Juvenile Court Report: Judge Ann Ameral

Judge Ameral reported that caseload numbers are at an all-time high and she has been working with dependency court for seven years. She noted that when she started, the number of youth was approximately 500 and today the numbers are in the 700 range. She commented on the good relationship with MJC and as presiding Judge of the Juvenile Court, she is supportive of any efforts to help youth in the criminal justice system succeed with education and job placement.

Judge Villalobos noted that he is appreciative that everyone is cooperative among Juvenile Institutions, Probation Department, District Attorney's Office, and Public Defender's Office to assist youth. He mentioned he would like to develop a program designed to put the "keys" to Juvenile Hall in the hands of the youth. He discussed a concern he has noticed regarding a gap in counseling services for detained and released youth who have domestic violence offenses. Judge McFadden will be addressing this issue with the Domestic Violence Commission to develop a program to utilize when sentencing youth with this type of offense.

Inspection of Police Department Facilities

The Juvenile Justice Commission and judges have received the annual letter from the BSCC regarding the inspection of local law enforcement facilities who have detained youth during the year. The facilities to be visited include Modesto Police Department, Oakdale Police Department and Turlock Police Department. These inspections will be arranged working with the schedules for Judge Ameal, Judge Villalobos and Commission members.

The group also discussed the annual inspection of the Juvenile Institution facilities to be scheduled as the Juvenile Justice Commission meeting in October. In addition, a group home visit will be scheduled in October or November. Judge Ameal expressed an interest in receiving statistics from the group homes being utilized. Chief Hamasaki advised that the group homes being used are located outside of the County.

Gail Kittel advised the Commission members that the Juvenile Justice Commission will be responsible for reviewing applications for the Judge Underwood Scholarship program.

The meeting adjourned at 12:55 p.m.



LINDA M. PENNER
Chair

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March 23, 2017

Attention: Presiding Juvenile Court Judges and Juvenile Justice Commission Chairs

Section 209 of the Welfare and Institutions Code (WIC) contains several inspection requirements for juvenile court judges and Juvenile Justice Commissions. The Board of State and Community Corrections (BSCC) is responsible for inspecting all local detention facilities, juvenile halls, and camps in California, and is also responsible for monitoring jails and lockups that securely detain minors.

WIC §209(a)¹ requires a judge of the juvenile court to annually inspect each jail or juvenile hall in the county that held one or more minors for **more than 24 hours** during the preceding calendar year.

WIC §209(b) requires the juvenile court judge or a delegated member of the Juvenile Justice Commission to inspect each law enforcement facility that contains a lockup² for adults in which one or more minors was **SECURELY** detained **for any length of time.**

To assist with your inspection responsibilities, we have enclosed a list of facilities in your county that reported they may hold minors in secure detention. This document also notes the number of minors held in secure detention during calendar year 2016, as reported by these facilities. **Please note that this list may not include all facilities in your county; those facilities who do not hold minors in secure detention are not included. Facilities holding minors in secure detention require inspection according to WIC §209(b).**

Additionally, if you learn of agencies that did not report the secure detention of minors to the BSCC, if you have questions regarding a particular facility, or if there are any changes or updates to your current contact information, you may reach your county's assigned BSCC field representative at (916) 445-5073.

Thank you for your cooperation. Please let us know if you have any questions or concerns.

Sincerely,

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Facilities Standards and Operations Division

Enclosure

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¹ WIC §209(a) requires the judge to promptly notify the operator of the facility of any observed noncompliance with minimum standards for juvenile facilities adopted by the BSCC (Title 15, California Code of Regulations).

² Lockup - any locked room, secure enclosure, or cuffing rail under the control of a sheriff or other peace officer that is primarily for the temporary confinement of adults upon arrest.

CALENDAR YEAR 2016 - SECURE DETENTION OF MINORS IN LOCKUPS

FACILITY NAME	# of Months Reported	STREET ADDRESS	CITY	ZIP	# of Minors Held in Secure Detention
STANISLAUS COUNTY					
Modesto PD-Operations	11	601 11th St	Modesto	95353	15
Oakdale PD	9	245 North Second Ave	Oakdale	95361	37
Turlock PD	12	244 N Broadway	Turlock	95380	0