

**Stanislaus County  
Juvenile Justice Commission  
October 23, 2018**

**Members Present:** Darin Gharat, Chair, Vicki Maldonado, Sharma Uma, and Teresa Guerrero

**Members Excused:** Richard Breshears, Stephen Ashman, Miranda Scoles, Capt. Bill Duncan, and Jeffrey Graham

**Probation Department Present:** Mike Hamasaki, Chief Probation Officer and Leticia Ruano, Assistant Chief Probation Officer

**Guest Present:** Lt. Marc Nuno

**Call to Order:** Chairman 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: CPO Mike Hamasaki. SECOND: Teresa Guerrero. The minutes of the April 18, 2018 meeting were approved unanimously. Chairperson Darin Gharat introduced Lt. Marc Nuno from the Stanislaus County Sheriff's Department who will be sworn in as a new member of the Juvenile Justice Commission at the next meeting.

**Probation Department Report: CPO Mike Hamasaki**

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

- The population at the Juvenile Institutions as of today is 69 boys and 13 girls for a total of 82 youth with 15 of these boys housed in the Juvenile Commitment Facility (JCF). He noted that the population number of 82 youth has been consistent over the last two months.
- The Civil Grand Jury toured the Juvenile Institutions on October 9<sup>th</sup> and were impressed with both facilities and, in particular, the culinary arts program offered to the youth.
- Probation Manager Chris Griffin retired from the department after 21 years of service to the department and SPCO Brent Rabe was promoted to Probation Manager effective September 1, 2018. PCO III Carlos Quezada was promoted to the position of Supervising Probation Corrections Officer effective October 27, 2018.
- The 2017 Probation Department Annual Report is being finalized and will be available soon.
- A community event was held at the after-school program at Robertson Road School. These students wrote letters to probation officers and, in response, probation officers wrote responses and delivered the letters to the youth in this after-school program on October 18<sup>th</sup>. CPO Hamasaki noted that a Christmas season event will be planned to strengthen the bond being developed with this school. Ms. Uma advised that the K9 officers gave a presentation at the May SARB awards event. CPO Hamasaki advised that K9 Bear retired in July 2018

and the department has two K9 officers at the present time. Both these K9 dogs (Java and Riley) are trained on detecting ammunition and firearms along with drugs.

- Staffing Update: DPO position has 10 vacancies. Three DPO's recently took positions with the State Parole system because of higher salaries.
- SB10 bail reform: Probation Department will be responsible for doing risk assessments and non-sworn staff will be hired for this unit.

The next Juvenile Justice Commission meeting is scheduled for November 27<sup>th</sup> and this meeting will be the annual inspection of the Juvenile Institutions. The group discussed attendance issues with meetings and annual inspections. Commission members must be available for scheduled meetings and the required inspections. Excused absences are necessary at times, however, members must communicate their availability for scheduled events.

Group home inspections was discussed and Commission members expressed an interest in visiting local group homes, even if not utilized, in order to provide a report to counties utilizing this service. ACPO Ruano noted that local group homes are not utilized by this department because of services provided and the needs of the youth. At the January JJC meeting, Division Director Dave Chapman and SPO Melissa Marley will be invited to present information on group homes utilized by the department as well as group homes in Stanislaus County.

The meeting adjourned at 12:50 p.m.