

ALAMEDA COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS' PUBLIC PROTECTION COMMITTEE

Thursday, February 9, 2017

10:00 a.m.

Supervisor Richard Valle, Chair, excused
Supervisor Scott Haggerty

Location: Board of Supervisors' Chambers – Room 512 – 5th Fl
County Administration Building
1221 Oak Street, Oakland, CA 94612

Summary/Action Minutes

I. Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention Commission Annual Update

[Attachment](#)

Arnold Perkins, Chair, Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention Commission and Jessica Selvin, Vice Chair, Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention Commission presented a PowerPoint presentation on the annual update of the Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention Commission. Commission members in attendance introduced themselves: Jessica Selvin, Pamela Mchombo-Taylor, Louise Anderson, George Galvis, Eddie Zheng, Kamal Nair.

The Juvenile Justice/Delinquency Prevention Commission of Alameda County is a state-mandated, court-appointed authority. The general purpose of the Commission is to inquire into the administration of the juvenile court law in the County in order to ensure that the rights or physical, mental or moral welfare of children are not violated or threatened by their present circumstances or environment. The Commission is dedicated to the promotion of an effective juvenile justice system operated in an environment of credibility, dignity, fairness, and respect for the youth, their families, and their communities.

Responsibilities of the Commission include:

- Annual inspections of juvenile facilities including any jail or lockup shelters within the County, and detention facilities and group homes used for the confinement and/or placement of any minor in Alameda County
- Conducting public or closed hearings on matters relating to juvenile law in the County
- Advocating for youth and needed services for youth in the justice system
- Monthly meeting with stakeholders from Probation, Social Services, Court, ACOE, District Attorney, & Public Defender

The Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention Commission goals include:

- End treatment of juveniles as adults;
- Explore innovative practices 10-12 month probation terms
- Innovative Programming in juvenile hall
- Reducing Ethnic Disparities (RED) as the lens for all work
- Commercially Sexually Exploited Children (CSEC)
- County needs a safe place for our children

In order to implement goals and be more effective, the Commission requires a staff member, budget, to attend trainings for Commission, to provide trainings to departments, stipends for youth and supplies.

The Commission requests that the County create a separate Request for Proposal (RFP) for juvenile case workers and attorneys.

The Commission meets on the 2nd Wednesday of each month at the Juvenile Justice Center at 12 noon, meetings are open to the public.

Chief Wendy Still, Probation Department spoke to the staffing levels at the Juvenile Justice Center. The Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) is written to allow employees to bid on all 12 units for 3 shifts, which does not allow for the flexibility needed for staffing levels. The current contract expires in three (3) years. Chief Still suggested contacting Senator Nancy Skinner regarding legislation to change the code under which the MOU is structured.

Supervisor Valley requested Chief Still to submit a summary of information to forward to Board members to begin addressing some of the issues raised and will follow up at a future Public Protection Committee meeting.

Purpose:

- Report progress
- Advocacy or Education**
- Request Public Protection Committee Recommendation or Position
- Other:

This item was informational only and required no Committee action.

II. AB 109 Year Five Update

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Neola Crosby, Reentry Coordinator and Wendy Still, Chief Probation Officer, Probation Department, presented a PowerPoint presentation on the AB 109 Public Safety Realignment update for year five.

The total adult community supervision population is approximately 12,000 people. The Probation Department will look at reducing that number with possible three year county probation terms instead of five years. In addition the department will look at successfully terminating probation for individuals who have proven to be rehabilitated. There are approximately 700 out of county adults on Alameda County probation that need to be placed back in the county.

Sascha Atkins Loria and Zach Gratz-Lazarus, from the Public Defender's Office reported on their Social Worker Program. Lee Goins, a client of the Public Defender's office shared his experience with the program. Lindsay Hortsman, Public Defender's Office reported on the Clean Slate Program.

Tom Traybin, Alcohol & Drug Program, Carol Burton, Behavioral Health Care Services, reported on the Criminal Justice Related treatment programs. Jerry Bead, a client of one of the programs shared his experience with the programs.

Sophia Lai, Janet Biblin, Behavioral Health Care Services, reported on case management for in-custody clients.

Several community based organizations reported on their reentry programs. Ronald Anthony Forbes, client from Operation My Home Town shared his experience with the program.

The presentation also included input Community Development Agency, Sheriff's Office and the District Attorney's Office.

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Recommendation from Supervisor Valle: Representatives from the Sheriff's Office are required to attend all Public Protection Committee meetings.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Michelle Thomas Shaw, District Attorney's Office, reported that the District Attorney O'Malley has been working on Commercially Sexually Exploited Children (CSEC) issues for a very long time. The DA has partnered with Catholic Charities to provide housing for CSEC; in addition due to SB 1322 children under 18 are no longer to be arrested for prostitution. The DA would be pleased to work with the Commission.