

**ALAMEDA COUNTY  
JUVENILE JUSTICE DELINQUENCY PREVENTION COMMISSION  
MEETING MINUTES  
August 10, 2022  
Zoom Teleconference  
12:00 p.m. – 2:00 p.m.**

**Commissioners Present:**

Palagummi, Vamsey (Chair)	Larios, Xochtil	Mchombo, Pamela	Peralta, Gina
Metz, Elana (Vice Chair)	Anderson, Louise	Nunley, Patricia	

**Collaborative Partners Present:**

Axe, Holly, ACPD	Lee, Sherron, ACPD
Badiey, Naseem, ACPD	McGuire, Tammy, ACPD
Barton, Crystal, ACPD	Mitchell, Alicia, ACPD
Burke, Yasmin, ACPD	Pappas, Carissa, ACPD
Buckner-Preston, Mia, Social Services	Rivers, James, ACPD
Chambers, Adrienne, ACPD	Ross, Javay, ACBH
Club, Audrey, ACPD	Tate, Hattie, OUSD
Crawford, Earl, ACOE	Vaughan, Monica, ACOE
Dawal, Marcus, Interim Chief Probation Officer	Walton, Robert, ACPD
Emmons, Craig, ACPD	Wegley, Rebecca, ACPD
Gerchow, Christine, ACBH	Williams, Shahidah, BOS
Konover, Kimberly, ACBH	Kane, Anna, Secretary, ACPD (Recorder)

<b>AGENDA</b>	<b>DISCUSSION</b>	<b>ACTION</b>
Approval of minutes:	Minutes were not reviewed.	
ACOE	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• New director of the schools, Mr. Earl Crawford, was introduced</li> <li>• Working to compile a group of substitute teachers. The substitutes would come in daily and be prepared to cover any absences</li> <li>• Summer school will be over on Friday</li> <li>• Intersession will start the following week; planned activities were listed</li> </ul>	
Probation	<p>SB 823 Update</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 16 youth in SB 823               <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ 6 of the youth are DJJ returnees</li> <li>○ 10 were sentenced to secure track as their original order</li> <li>○ 10 youth are enrolled in college through ROC</li> <li>○ Some youth are working on their high school diploma and some are in dual enrollment</li> <li>○ Youth are receiving the following programming:                   <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Family Spring</li> <li>▪ Financial Literacy</li> <li>▪ MC3</li> <li>▪ Gang Intervention and Restorative Justice</li> <li>▪ GROW</li> <li>▪ Health &amp; Wellbeing</li> <li>▪ CBT</li> </ul> </li> </ul> </li> <li>• All SB823 staff will be participating in a restorative justice program in October and November</li> <li>• A new clinician has been assigned to the unit</li> <li>• An additional SB 823 unit has been opened</li> </ul>	

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DISCUSSION

ACTION NEEDED

**What are your plans to resume programming in the SB 823 Units?**

In-person programming and visiting was suspended due to issues with contraband, except for the Family Spring program. Once issues are resolved, in-person programming will be resumed.

Programming and visiting have continued either virtually or non-contact.

**How many kids were involved with contraband?**

Most of the youth were involved. The contraband included various items, beyond marijuana. The emphasis is on treatment and safety, not punishment.

**Are youth in the SB 823 unit getting to the gym and staying active?**

Youth are getting to the gym but getting them to the blacktop has been challenging. Staffing is better as there are staff coming back from CORE.

**What type of programming is available for the intersession in Unit 3?**

Vendors are providing virtual programming. Staff are also providing programming. Additionally, youth can take courses online through Udemy.

**How is the contraband getting in? What mechanisms are being put in to prevent contraband from entering the facility?**

Historically, contraband can enter the facility from providers, family, and friends. Staff had been involved in the past. In that event, staff are placed on leave pending investigation. Staff and providers are informed not to bring contraband.

**Will Unit 1 reflect Unit 3?**

Yes.

Camp Update

- 7 youth
  - 2 working at Crow Canyon Golf Course; 1 will start shortly
  - 1 working at Hayward Waste Management
  - High school is about to wrap up
  - Programming includes
    - Family Spring
    - Gardening Club
    - Workouts almost daily
    - Cooking Club
    - In-person visiting/programming

Juvenile Hall Update

- 52 Pre-disposition youth; 68 youth total with secure track
- Last week, 10 staff graduated from CORE training
- 7 staff were hired recently; 2 resigned during orientation
- Still actively hiring
- 8 open units
- In the process of opening a 9<sup>th</sup> unit for any adult that is arrested on a juvenile warrant. Anyone over age 25 needs to be housed separately
- Environmental Health inspection was completed in July; report is pending
- Medical/Behavioral Health services were also inspected

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ACTION NEEDED

**What is the unit that was opened? How was it decided which kids would go there?**

Unit 7. Different criteria were used such as age, education, gang involvement, personalities, etc. Probation has a classification process. It is better to have smaller units, which is made possible with increased staffing.

**What steps are being taken to mitigate net widening?**

This is a primary goal of the SB 823 subcommittee. The topic is discussed in greater detail at the SB 823 Subcommittee meetings. The youth being committed to secure track have a long history with probation, have received multiple referrals, and have been provided with opportunities to receive services in the community or Camp. There are also internal processes in place such as the SOS Committee. Every case is scrutinized.

**How many JIOs quit at orientation?**

2 out of 7 quit at orientation. This was unusual.

Medical

- Total 745 visits in July, including care coordination, dental, nurse & physician visits
  - At least 7 COVID vaccines
  - 25 physicals
  - 49 admissions and 55 discharges
- COVID updates
  - One youth tested positive at Camp after coming back from home visit
  - Some youth tested positive at Intake
- Title 15 review went well

**What do you attribute to the uptick in visits?**

Nothing specific. We have been trying to catch up on physicals.

**What does the annual visit entail?**

Any medical problem is discussed. We do a “head” assessment to ask them about their social circle and family. There are vision and hearing screenings.

We discuss diet, sleep, elimination, reproductive health, health goals, substance use. STI testing is offered twice a year. Various blood screenings such as for iron and cholesterol are offered annually.

**Do you have a say in probation policies such as sleep?**

The sleep protocols will be finalized soon. Probation is always open to supporting our initiatives, such as providing sleep masks. Youth are provided sleep masks as requested. Youth are provided guidance on sleep hygiene and having a good routine.

Behavioral Health

- In the process of contractual renewal with UCSF
- Interviews for Behavioral Health positions ongoing
- New full-time clinician in SB 823 unit has started
- Interviews concluded for the public health nurse position in the Transition Center; update to be provided in September or October
- Evening, weekend, and after-hours coverage is still impacted due to staffing; interviews to fill positions are ongoing

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- Sleep protocols are updated; youth provided support with their sleep issues; sleep studies are done as needed
- Groups are currently paused, to be resumed in two weeks in all units except in SB 823 where a new clinician is being trained and in Intake where clinicians are busy doing assessments.
- July numbers: 12 crisis referrals; 46 intake referrals; and 79 overall referrals for a total of 136
- The draft of the manual for JIOs have been completed; editing is the next step in the process

**Have you considered contracts with community-based organizations to alleviate staffing issues?**

Family Spring and La Familia are contracted through Probation. Yes, bringing in a CBO is on the table. An advantage to having staff at the Guidance Clinic is that they are on location and available 40 hours per week. The CBOs are also having issues with hiring staff.

**What happened to the last clinician in SB 823 Unit?**

He transitioned elsewhere. There has not been a clinician there for about a month. Kimberle has been covering the unit.

**Who is doing competency evaluations for delinquency kids?**

Probation is contracting with PAI.  
 ACBH is working with Probation to identify the next steps. ACBH is reaching out to licensed clinicians and working to create a panel. An update will be provided at the next meeting.

Assessment Center

- Still operating under state directives
- Working on reducing overstays with a goal to eliminate
- Care for children 0-6 allowed only as a last option
- June - 41 intakes and 6 overstays; July - 44 intakes and 11 overstays
- Majority of youth are 13-17; most are 16-17 years-old
- Majority of youth are female teens
- African American youth make up 54% of clients
- 4 duplicate youth; 10 entries; all of those youth overstayed
- State-wide seeing fewer placement for teens; lost ability to place in 2 STRTPs
- Fewer placement options available for female youth
- Restarted radio and TV ads to recruit foster families in the community
- Recruiting for foster homes for the CSEC population. We have a table at the Human Trafficking Walk in Oakland on 8/27

Courts

None

Public Defender

None

Conflicts Counsel

- Need attorneys to handle high level juvenile cases (one attorney is retiring)
- Recently hired two social workers

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**Have there been any discussions about a possible step-down option for youth who are returning from DJJ?**

There has been some confusion and litigation regarding release dates. Step-down has not been considered as an option at this time.

A recommendation has been made to the court for one Secure Track youth to step-down to Camp. This youth is not a DJJ returnee. Waiting for Court to respond.

Public Comment: None

Next Meeting Date: Wednesday, September 14, 2022 at 12:00 p.m.  
**Zoom Teleconference**

Location: Meeting adjourned at 2:05 p.m.

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