

**ALAMEDA COUNTY
JUVENILE JUSTICE DELINQUENCY PREVENTION COMMISSION
MEETING MINUTES**

June 8, 2022

**Microsoft Teams Teleconference
12:00 p.m. – 2:05 p.m.**

Commissioners Present:

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

Collaborative Partners Present:

Axe, Holly, ACPD	Konover, Kimberly, ACBH
Badiey, Naseem, ACPD	Lacy, Shahidah, BOS D5
Barton, Crystal, ACPD	Lee, Sherron, ACPD
Brown, Jenifer, ACPD	Middleton, Natasha, ACPD
Buckner-Preston, Mia, Social Services	Mitchell, Alicia, ACPD
Chambers, Adrienne, ACPD	Pappas, Carissa, ACPD
Chavez, Laura, ACPD	Pattillo, Charles, ACPD
Dawal, Marcus, Interim Chief Probation Officer	Rivers, James, ACPD
Emmons, Craig, ACPD	Vaughan, Monica, ACOE
Ford, Brian, ACPD	Walton, Robert, ACPD
Fort, Jessica, ACPD	Wegley, Rebecca, ACPD
Garcia, Alex, ACPD	Winn, Rownee, ACPD
Gerchow, Christine, ACBH	Kane, Anna, Secretary, ACPD (Recorder)
Jackson, Scott, Judge, Superior Court	

AGENDA

Approval of minutes:

ACOE

DISCUSSION

Minutes not reviewed.

- A graduation ceremony was held for three students: two from Unit 5; and another who had graduated at placement
- Quest Academy, Parenting Teen, and Camp Sweeney graduations are tomorrow
- There will be an intersession led by artists and then summer school will start July 1
- New teachers coming onboard for summer school

ACTION NEEDED

QUESTIONS & RESPONSES

Tell us more about the intersession.

Intersession will take place during the break between regular school and summer school. It begins June 21 and goes for two weeks. The focus of this intersession is around music.

Tell us more about summer school.

There will be several regular teachers. Summer school teachers are in the process of being hired.

What do you consider as highlights of this year?

The ACOE partnership with Laney College and the success of launching the first in-person college classes. Building the online college enrollment. Providing more post-graduate educational options. Would like to focus more efforts on finding substitutes next

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ACTION NEEDED

year. Looking forward to offering more CTE training at Sweeney and the SB 823 units.

How aggressively will you be pursuing funding for CTE?

We are always looking at possible funding opportunities. We will know more about our budget soon.

How are you balancing the CTE with the types of jobs that would be available to youth after they leave the facilities?

It is important to hear from the students regarding their career interests and adjust as their interests evolve over time.

ACBH

- Staffing
 - Currently short-staffed
 - Clinicians needed; Actively recruiting
 - Working on a partnership with UC Berkeley
- Evaluations
 - As of June 1, the Guidance Clinic will no longer provide evaluations such as competency and mental health
 - The reasons were based on confidentiality, objectivity, and capacity of the team
 - A panel of psychologists will be created to do the evaluations; several have already been interviewed
- Care Resources
 - Creating workbooks or guides for the JIOs
 - There will be Care meetings with JIOs

Provide more details on Guidance Clinic coverage.

Coverage is provided 8:30 a.m. - 8:00 p.m. Groups are running in every unit. We provide coverage on the weekends.

We have had a positive experience working with interns in the past. They had to be reassigned due to COVID.

ACBH to provide staffing breakdown and time studies to the JJPC.

How are we treating youth that have experienced trauma?

Clarifying that the panel that is being created is only for the court-ordered evaluations.

The Guidance Clinic clinicians will continue to do clinical evaluations. They can render a diagnosis and create treatment plans. Our clinicians focus on health, healing, and well-being. An example of collaboration with Probation will be bringing music and arts and things such as weighted blankets into the JJC which will help youth with their trauma.

There are currently two groups that are close to being done that have been focusing on grief. Receiving positive feedback. Using creative approaches with art, such as clay and music.

Another example of collaboration with Probation are Care meetings where ACBH meets with JIOs to advise them of mental health issues they may encounter when working with youth and explain the best ways to deal with youth who are exhibiting certain behaviors.

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Probation is also scheduled to have (ART) Aggression Replacement Therapy certification training. The clinicians will participate in this.

Where are the community partnerships?

When youth are exiting custody, ACBH works with Seneca, Lincoln, and La Familia.

What can be done to get more people to work at JJC?

It would not hurt to mention salary and benefits to decision makers.
It would be helpful to have an internship program.

Have the competency evaluations always been done in-house? Is it holding youth up in their process?

Previously it was done entirely in-house, and the evaluations could be done by either psychologists or social workers. It was then changed to where only psychologists could do them. All the evaluations are post-finding; not sure if it's holding anything up.

Will there be just a manual for the JIOs, or will there be an in-person component? What is the time frame for the manuals and/or training?

Ten workbooks are done. They are being reviewed. Anticipate they will be done by early September.
The plan is for the staff assigned to each unit to work with the corresponding JIOs. Want to take a small group relationship development approach.

How can we make sure the information is distributed to all staff that work at the hall, including subs and floaters?

We will think about a larger training.

Where are we with the number of clinicians and where do we want to be?

It would be best to write a detailed email with the information.

ACBH to email V. Palagummi with staffing numbers

Have you had training in indigenous practices, or would you be willing to have that training?

Yes, I've had training and I'm open to having more training.
The guides can be reviewed for bias.
We also have peer specialists.

- There are 92 youth being seen by clinicians
- In May, there have been:
 - 17 crisis calls
 - 39 regular intakes
 - 85 other referrals
- Highlights include:
 - Don't Call It a Grief Group
 - Restarting many groups in March
 - Current team is excellent
- Having a family partner would be great

AGENDA	DISCUSSION	ACTION NEEDED
Probation JJC	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• We have a need for after-hours coverage• Working on a time study <ul style="list-style-type: none">• 72 youth in custody• 13 committed to secure track• 3 are female• 4 youth in Covid isolation• Aggression Replacement Training starts next week where 30 staff will be trained; 5 will become trainers <p>What do you think is the reason for the higher population? 13 youth are in Secure Track. The average daily population in 2020 was in the 50's.</p>	<i>Provide time study to JJPC</i>
SB 823/Secure Track	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• 13 youth in SB 823 unit• 5 or 6 youth have returned from DJJ• 6 youth are high school graduates; attending college courses• Youth program 6 days a week• The number of youth projected to be in secure track has increased• A second unit will be opened <p>Provide an explanation how the projections went from five youth per year to 25-30 youth in the program. Projections were based on historical data. Had not considered the number of youth at Juvenile Hall that were already there for very serious offenses.</p> <p>Concern expressed about potential net widening expressed. There are 13 youth already in Secure Track. There are 7 that will be returning from DJJ. Additionally, 14 youth have not been adjudicated yet but have been detained for murder or attempted murder charges. There are also other youth in for charges that may end up at secure track as well.</p> <p>Can Camp be used instead of JH for long-term stays? There will be a Public Protection Committee meeting in July where securing Camp will be discussed. Free Our Kids will also be doing a presentation to the SB 823 Subcommittee.</p>	
Camp	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• 11 youth at Camp• A variety of programming is available to the youth	
Transition Center	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Daily NDTs are being done; Transition plans are being created• Staff meet on daily basis to support youth in their transition• Implemented biweekly meetings with ACOE and OUSD partners; goal to re-enroll youth in school as quickly as possible	

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DISCUSSION

ACTION NEEDED

Social Services/
 Assessment Center

- Implemented a follow-up process for youth who are released after-hours; there is a consultation with a DPO to review the transition plan and assist with any referrals and services
- Have used feedback from families to provide additional services, such as concrete services for the laundromat, vouchers for Mancini Sleepworld, and CVS to help youth get medications
- Implemented a successful incentive program for youth who call in daily

- Census has been low. Most are teens 13-17; uptick in new intakes of 17-year-olds
- Intakes are mostly female, and mostly African American youth
- Had a meeting with the State; State did not renew our license for the 1–3-year-olds; the State will review the Assessment Center license on a quarterly basis. The State placed the following “guardrails” on the AC:
 - Reduce reliance on the Assessment Center; intake numbers can’t stay high; must explore all other options prior to allowing the child to come to the AC
 - Eliminate overstays; youth must not stay past 72 hours; working to build housing capacity as quickly as possible; State is requiring us to bring back emergency Foster Home placement; working with 3 STRTP providers to develop a contract for guaranteed beds
 - AC is no longer allowed to care for children 0-6; must exhaust all options before allowing the AC to take a child in
- The state’s ultimate goal is to close the Assessment Center, but not at this time
- Progress is being made. In March, there were 124 youth. In April, there were 46 youth with 6 overstays. In May, 68 intakes with 3 being overstays.
- Next meeting with State is in July
- JJDC to meet with M. Buckner-Preston within the next week

Where can the recommendations be found in writing?
 M. Buckner-Preston to send information to V. Palagummi.

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Update from Xochtil Larios

The JJC event for youth will take place on June 22. Xochtil to provide a flyer to Probation.

Public Comment:

No public comment

Next Meeting Date:

Wednesday, August 10, 2022 at 12:00 p.m. (No meeting in July)

Location:

Microsoft Teams Teleconference

Meeting adjourned at 2:05 p.m.