

**ALAMEDA COUNTY
JUVENILE JUSTICE DELINQUENCY PREVENTION COMMISSION
MEETING MINUTES
February 10, 2021
Microsoft Teams Teleconference
12:00pm – 1:53pm**

Commissioners Present:

Palagummi, Vamsey (Chair)	Galvis, George	Larios, Xochtil	Mchombo, Pamela
Anderson, Louise	Hooper, Spencer	Metz, Elana	Norris, Zachary

Collaborative Partners Present:

Brooks, Rodney, <i>Public Defender</i>	Middleton, Natasha, <i>Probation Specialist</i>
Brown, Jane, <i>Public Defender</i>	Mitchell, Alicia, <i>Probation Department Director</i>
Buckner-Preston, Mia, <i>Social Services</i>	Moffatt, Sean, <i>ACOE Principal</i>
Dickey, Scott, <i>County Counsel</i>	Renato, Hayden, <i>CURYJ</i>
Ford, Brian, <i>Assistant Chief Probation Officer</i>	Rivers, James, <i>Probation Department Superintendent</i>
Fort, Jessica, <i>Probation Department Superintendent</i>	Ross, Javay, <i>Public Health Medical Director</i>
Konover, Kimberle, <i>Guidance Clinic Manager</i>	Still, Wendy, <i>Chief Probation Officer</i>
Long, Ian, <i>Deputy Chief Probation Officer</i>	Taizan, Juan, <i>Behavioral Health Director</i>
Low, Megan, <i>Court Appointed Attorney Program</i>	Tate, Hattie, <i>Oakland Unified School District</i>
Mance, Alphonso, <i>Public Defender</i>	Vaughan, Monica, <i>ACOE Chief of Schools</i>
Marques, Julie, <i>Probation Dept. Asst. Superintendent</i>	Kane, Anna, <i>Probation Department (Recorder)</i>
McGuire, Tammy, <i>Probation Project Coordinator</i>	

Approval of minutes On a motion made by *Commissioner Elana Metz* and seconded by *Commissioner Louise Anderson*:
 “To approve the December 9, 2020 JJDPC meeting minutes.”
 MOTION CARRIED

Guest Speaker Monica Vaughan and Dr. Sean Moffat from ACOE were introduced to discuss education for system-involved youth.

ACOE’s Presentation – Monica Vaughn

- ACOE
- ACOE is taking a lead in Alameda County in regards to vaccinations.
 - The ACOE work force would like to be vaccinated prior to returning to work.
 - Public schools are continuing to work remotely.
 - Phase 1B includes teachers and has started, however, there’s a vaccine supply shortage.
 - ACOE to present about court schools in the spring. Date to be determined.
 - Alameda County was an early pioneer in establishing the Transition Center; Oakland invested in Oakland Unite to provide support with students transitioning back to school.
 - There is room for growth and ACOE and Probation are working together to have better outcomes for youth.
 - The following are clarifications and answers to questions that arose in the December 9 meeting:
 - ACOE provides up to date curricula for youth at

Set a date for ACOE presentation.

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DISCUSSION

ACTION NEEDED

Juvenile Hall and Camp Sweeney.

- Credit recovery is available for all students.
- Grade-level placement is not applicable in high school. Students' transcripts are evaluated, and students are enrolled in classes they need for graduation.
- Students get partial credit for their work if they do not stay long enough to complete the course.
- There are currently 15 students with IEPs at JH.
- Special Education staff were listed and their roles described.

QUESTIONS & RESPONSES

Probation and ACOE are on different networks. Any thoughts on that?

It is important for them to be separate. IT can provide more information. There is a balance between giving students access and keeping them safe.

IT to provide further information.

There are separate networks for ACOE and Probation programming. Probation recently completed a wi-fi project. There is a separate network for the APBS tablets for youth. IT is working on addressing any safety/security concerns.

Can the IEP process be initiated while a youth is detained?

ACOE provides initial assessments. If student leaves before it's completed, ACOE will follow up and complete the assessment after the student has transitioned to their regular school.

Are Probation/ACOE using the large screens that have been set up at Juvenile Hall and Camp?

The TVs on carts were set up and working properly. IT is still working on configuring the larger wall-mounted screens.

Would like to see improving capacity to track youth education and alignment across platforms as well as enabling more outside supporters of youth education and expansion of college programs.

Expansion of college and CTE classes is being planned, especially in response to SB 823 effort.

Most youth are in the Hall for a short stay and there are challenges when they transfer to their new school. Parents and administrators don't know who to talk to. Can a phone list be created to facilitate their transfers?

There is a person in the Transition Center that works on the transfers. ACOE can start to work on the transfers prior to youths' release.

Are there any efforts to align the ACOE grade placement policies with the local school district grade placement policies through an MOU?

In high school it's not critical to be associated with a grade, it's more about the credit accumulation. Court students graduation

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requirements differ from regular school graduation requirements.

For many students, it's not about getting credit, but learning so they can successfully transition to regular school.

Most court school's students have skill deficiencies. These students have been underserved by schools for many years.

What efforts are being made to improve students' reading skills?

About 30% of our current students have IEPs. Dr. Moffat will provide more detail in his presentation this spring. We try to provide one-on-one support.

Transition Center Update:

- Poor connection – to send presentation to group

Social Services Update:

- STRTPs – all but one have been approved with a provisional license by the state.
- They are also working with Behavioral Health Services for Medical certification.
- Assessment Center
 - 24/7 facility; 72 hours to complete assessment and find placement.
 - Fewer youth are brought to the assessment center due to COVID; youth are not being identified.
 - Fewer calls to the emergency hotline number.
 - Youth that are brought in receive medical and mental health screening.
 - Youth can connect with advocates.

Can Social Services provide a phone list so other departments know who to call?

Will share the message with Michelle Love. Best to call hotline.

Will share roster.

What happens to youth who do not qualify to go to the hall, but parents cannot be reached?

Law enforcement can 300 a minor, bring them to the Transition Center, and start an investigation.

How is social services supporting very young youth?

If the youth is a dependent, Social services attempts to connect them to services; if not a dependent, social services has no legal right to intervene.

Public Defender Update:

- The law has changed so that anyone arrested under age of 18 is entitled to an attorney. This has led to a higher volume of calls.
- Preparing for holding trials in person.
- Probation has been helpful in giving Public Defenders

