ALAMEDA COUNTY JUVENILE JUSTICE DELINQUENCY PREVENTION COMMISSION MEETING MINUTES

September 8, 2021 Microsoft Teams Teleconference 12:04pm – 1:55pm

Commissioners Present:

Palagummi, Vamsey (Chair) Hooper-Arana, Erica Mchombo, Pamela Metz, Elana (Vice Chair) Hooper, Spencer Nair, Kamal Anderson, Louise Larios, Xochtil Peralta, Gina

Collaborative Partners Present:

Barton, Crystal, Probation Department TC Supervisor
Brown, Jennifer, Probation Department Director
Buckner-Preston, Mia, Social Services
Chambers, Adrienne, Probation Department Director
Dickey, Scott, County Counsel
Fort, Jessica, Probation Department Superintendent
Golde, Matthew, District Attorney
Harris, Lisa, Library
Jones Dickson, Ursula, Presiding Juvenile Court Judge
Mance Alphonso, Public Defender

McGuire, Tammy, Probation Project Coordinator
Middleton, Natasha, Probation Specialist
Mitchell, Alicia, Probation Department Director
Moffatt, Sean, ACOE Principal
Pappas, Carissa, Probation Specialist
Pattillo, Charles, Probation Consultant
Taizan, Juan, Behavioral Health Director
Zambrana, Andrea, Court Appointed Attorney Program
Mickey, Jazmine, Probation Department (Recorder)

Approval of minutes

On a motion made by Commissioner Xochtil Larios and seconded

by Commissioner Pamela Mchombo:

"To approve the August 11, 2021, JJDPC meeting minutes."

MOTION CARRIED

Public Comment

A request was made to have an offline discussion with the Commission regarding opportunities to become more involved with Juvenile Justice.

The Commission will follow-up with the guest.

Probation

REPORT- OUT on Updates/Demographics/ Programming – Adrienne Chambers & Jessica Fort

Updates

- Probation has secured Psychological Assessments, Inc. to assist with guidance clinic evaluations.
- No youth have been adjudicated and sentenced to the SB 823 program. Waiting for programming final contracts to be provided to the Board of Supervisors.
- Staffing levels are improving.

Demographics

- Number of youth at JJC 53 (49 males; 4 females)
- Number of youth 14 -years-old and under 4
- Number of youth at Camp 8

Programming

- Developed a master calendar for each unit to monitor programming.
- Staff began a dessert baking program at Camp.

AGENDA DISCUSSION ACTION NEEDED

Has BSCC updated the Title 15 regulations for the SB 823 population?

Those details are being worked out. There are no sight and sound issues with the SB 823 population.

Have discussions taken place regarding CBO programming for the SB 823 population?

CBO's will be part of the process. Probation would need to contract with CBOs for programming and RFP's will be provided.

REPORT-OUT on Transition Center - Alicia Mitchell

Data

- Concrete Service Funds Provided nearly \$6,000.00
- Number of Service Referrals 20
- Number of Home Supervision Contracts Facilitated 4
- Number of youth released in August 36
- Number of youth transferred to placement including outof-County destinations & Camp – 19
- Number of youth that received Transition Planning 14
- Number of youth on We Rise Caseload 11

Could the Transition Center provide transportation assistance for youth to travel to and from Court?

The Transition Center provides bus passes, taxi trips, and Uber gift cards. If youth are assigned to a Probation Officer, they can provide travel assistance as well.

Are youth able to engage with the Transition Center and receive a transition plan when they return from out of County placement?

When youth are placed out of County, they are assigned to a Probation Officer who provides similar services as the Transition Center.

Social Services

REPORT-OUT on Social Services – Mia Buckner Preston

The below data is for the Assessment Center

- Number of Intakes in August 85
- Number of Repeat Clients 9
- Number of Entries 31
- Number of AWOLS 13
- Number of 5150s 3

Updates

- Beyond Emancipation will be resuming their trainings, workshops, and classes around 9/16/2021.
- IOP Building has not yet re-opened due to Covid.
 Why are youth not able to be placed with family?

Most family denials are based on criminal history.

Are family members required to become licensed foster parents for placement?

Family members need to have resource family approval. No need to obtain a separate foster parent license for placement.

Courts

AGENDA DISCUSSION ACTION NEEDED

Does the Assessment Center collect data on youth who identify as non-binary or is it a system where youth identify as male or female?

Youth have the option to write in how they identify or if they decline to state.

REPORT-OUT on Courts – Judge Ursula Jones Dickson

Updates

- Courts are experiencing difficulty determining what their representation looks like for the dependent youth that are classified as 300s and whether they are going to continue with the same organization.
- More in-person hearings have taken place for the 600 side.

When will the Courts fully re-open?

They are open for 602 evidentiary hearings. The courthouse will not be open to everyone at this time. Youth can request an inperson hearing and let the Court know they are not waiving their right to appear in person.

REPORT-OUT on the Public Defender - Alphonso Mance

Updates

- Most of their clients are out of custody.
- 50 clients detained in JJC, meeting clients virtually.
- Have not yet received a response from the OPD Chief regarding mirandizing the youth in the presence of the public defender.

JJDPC will attempt to speak with Police Chief Armstrong regarding the mirandizing concern.

REPORT-OUT on Court Appointed Attorney Program – Andrea Zambrana

Updates

- Attorneys are experiencing difficulties receiving all case information with the Courts currently being closed.
- Currently accepting applications for attorneys.

Next Meeting Date

Wednesday, October 13, 2021, at 12:00 p.m.

Location

Microsoft Teams Teleconference

Meeting Link: Click here to join the meeting