

**ALAMEDA COUNTY
JUVENILE JUSTICE DELINQUENCY PREVENTION COMMISSION
MEETING MINUTES
September 14, 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:

Burke, Yasmin, ACPD	Long, Ian, ACPD
Chambers, Adrienne, ACPD	Mance, Al, Public Defender
Crawford, Earl, ACOE	Rivers, James, ACPD
Dawal, Marcus, ACPD	Ross, Javay, ACBH
Ford, Brian, ACPD	Vaughan, Monica, ACOE
Gerchow, Christine, ACBH	Zambrana, Andrea, Conflict Counsel
Konover, Kimberly, ACBH	Kane, Anna, Secretary, ACPD (Recorder)

AGENDA	DISCUSSION	ACTION
Approval of minutes:	Minutes were not reviewed.	
ACOE	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • ACOE has continued to work with the 18 school districts through countywide Student Services Council to improve the outcomes for students who are released from JJC. • A new strategy is being piloted this year. 10 participating school districts have identified personnel who will visit students while detained in an effort to strengthen the connection with home schools/districts. • Mr. Crawford will be organizing the effort to be integrated into the school day at Butler Academic Center. Probation is coordinating with Education to ensure all district visitors are cleared and operations are smooth. • Ms. Jimenez is retiring • STEAM activities such as the egg drop are being incorporated into the classroom • Financial/budgeting lessons are on going <p style="text-align: center;">Please provide an update on staffing.</p> <p>There are several positions open and we are recruiting. Temporary staff are in place until permanent staff is hired. Still looking for additional substitute teachers. The rate of pay has been increased.</p> <p>Hattie Tate is in the Transition Center working with OUSD. Monica Vaughan will confirm if there will be additional staff through OUSD.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Are the temporary staff credentialed?</p> <p>Most have some permits and one staff is credentialed in special education.</p>	
Conflict Counsel	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Need attorneys to handle high level juvenile cases (one attorney is retiring) • Looking to hire a managing social worker 	

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- There are changes in the legislation that have to do with youth who were tried as adults when they were minors. The juvenile courts are reviewing their sentences.

Do you partner with law schools for internships?

All our attorneys are independent contractors.

What are the long-term ramifications of the resentencing?

An adult can end up at the Juvenile Hall. It has happened in other counties.

Probation

SB 823 Update

- 17 youth in SB 823
 - 7 of the youth are DJJ returnees
 - 10 were sentenced to secure track as their original order
 - 10 youth are enrolled in college through Laney College Restoring Our Communities (ROC)
 - One youth enrolled in an online vocational program
 - Four youth are enrolled in high school
 - Two youth earned their high school diploma in the last 30 days
 - Youth are receiving the following programming:
 - Family Spring
 - ROP
 - Anger Management
 - Financial Literacy
 - MC3
 - Gang Intervention and Restorative Justice
 - GROW
 - CBT
 - Brotherhood Network
 - Youth Beat – Multi-media arts
 - Imbedded clinician supports Units 1 & 3
- Probation is continuing to meet with ACOE

Camp Update

- 9 youth, including the 2 youth who were stepped down from JJC
- 3 youth are working (2 at golf club and 1 at Amazon)
- Services provided by
 - Family Spring
 - True Academy
 - GROW
 - Blue water sailing, golfing
 - Podcast program
 - Training activities at DSAL
 - Youth preparing for camping trip

Have in-person activities resumed in the SB 823 Units? Are there any restrictions?

In-person activities resumed September 3. There are restrictions for youth who have been found with contraband. For some youth, the in-person visiting

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has been suspended for 30 days. They are allowed non-contact or virtual visitation.

Have you considered taking youth in secure track to activities outside the hall?

Opportunities for temporary releases are being discussed on a case-by-case basis.

Who decides whether youth is ready to step down?

Probation can make a recommendation, but it's the court's decision.

Who writes the recommendations for Probation?

A probation officer by the name of Tiffani Dyke.

Juvenile Hall Update

- 66 youth of which 17 are in secure track
- 5 are female
- Two are 12-year-olds
- JJC experienced a power outage last week; the generator did not work as designed. Working with GSA for resolution. The power was out for 30 minutes

FLY Presentation Youth Advisory Council presentation (attached)

- The training phase is near completion and the planning phase is next

The council members have one-year terms. Do you anticipate being able to renew the terms? Will you have classes in the units?

This is a two-year contract, which we hope will be continued. The council members can come back. They can be on the council until they turn 26. The council members decide whether they want to work in the units.

Medical

- Total 725 visits in August, including care coordination, dental, nurse & physician visits
- 48 admissions and 49 discharges
- COVID vaccines are available to those who want them
- Working on the sleep protocol
- Working in conjunction with the Bridge Clinic at Highland
- Educating about monkey pox

What are you using for the opioid detox?

Buprenorphine.

How often is there a need for detox and what is the process?

It depends on what the youth are using. We follow a protocol. For opioids, we work with the Bridge Clinic for support.

Courts (Al Mance)

- Court is now in-person, but the kids will now miss school for court

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- There is an increase in youth involvement in violent crime; need more prevention services
- There have been reports that OUSD has lost a lot of students; PD is seeing youth that have stopped attending school. It is important to get the kids back to school
- Concerned about the mental health care available to youth in the system. Has observed that counselors are in the units.
- Guidance Clinic unable to do most evaluations; Crossroads evaluations are not as good. Would like to see more discussions.
- There are some funds available to youth with serious situations, but they are difficult to access. There is a need for a coordinator to help match youth to the available services.

Are you having difficulty requesting evaluations during the adjudication process?

Yes

Are adult transfer hearings are increasing? What is your take?

They are all represented by Conflict Counsel. Kids are getting excellent representation.

Why are the transfer hearings dragging out?

There have been scheduling issues at Court. There are only two judges.

Please discuss the much younger kids committing very serious crimes.

It is speculated that this was caused by the pandemic and youth not being supervised due to school closures.

Behavioral Health

- Alameda County Behavioral Health had made a decision that the Guidance Clinic was no longer able to provide the some evaluations
- Working on creating a panel of psychologists for referrals
- Guidance Clinic hired one clinician; two more coming in October
- Working on improving the sleep protocol. Piloting the process within the next few weeks.
- Covid – draft response has been distributed for review and then will be implemented
- Guides (topic of mental health) for JIOs - drafts are done; under editorial review; will eventually become a training for JIOs
- UCSF contract – On the BOS agenda
- Bridge Clinic – working on a partnership to support youth in and out of custody
- The Guidance Clinic is close to being fully staffed; new staff will be trained by new year
- Staff registered for family engagement training
- While the count at JH has gone down, the acuity of cases has gone up. Seeing more kids with significant developmental delays; kids are also presenting much younger than their chronological age
- Care coordination meetings are essential
- 136 referrals, 5 were crisis referrals

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- 61 youth are open to clinicians
- Groups on units 4 & 5 started up again; working on life skills and non-violent communications

What do the guides cover?

The goal is to train JIOs to recognize various mental health symptoms and how to best support the youth in their care.

What is the Regional Center doing to support you?

When the Court orders an assessment, the regional center gets it done quickly. The Guidance Clinic reaches out to the attorneys to ask the court to order assessments. If they can get the assessment and qualify by age 18, they will have services for the rest of their lives.

Assessment Center Social Services – not available

Public Comment: None

Next Meeting Wednesday, October 12, 2022 at 12:00 p.m.
Date:

Location: **Zoom Teleconference**
Meeting adjourned at 1:47 p.m.