



JUVENILE JUSTICE DELINQUENCY
PREVENTION COMMISSION

MINUTES OF MEETING
January 15, 2020

PRESENT: Mark Bacciarini, Kelly Bentz, Joe Hoffar; Lori Minor, Kalisa Rochester

ABSENT: Patricia Anguiano; Jeff Kettering; Sandra Stevens

A. CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 5:37 p.m.

B. INTRODUCTIONS

Introductions were made around the table.

C. PUBLIC COMMENT

There was no public comment.

D. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Kelly moved to approve the minutes for November 20, 2019. Lori seconded. Motion was carried unanimously.

E. NEW BUSINESS

1. Swearing in Lori Minor

Judge Bacciarini swore in new Commissioner Lori Minor. Welcome Lori and thank you Judge.

2. Updating By-Laws and Mission Statement

Joe handed out a sample of by-laws. He has communicated with eight different Commissions to get ideas. He is in the process of speaking with each Supervisor to let them know about our Commission. Here are some points of interest that came up in the round table discussion, some off topic but still pertinent:

- El Dorado County has taken four years to build up its Commission.
- Mark asked about the Board of Supervisors (BOS) and their involvement. Joe explained that he was trying to move forward with this task. He asked the team to approve the one sheet handout to show people what we are doing. There was discussion and some changes suggested but no official vote took place.
- Kelly suggested meeting less often, perhaps four times annually. She felt this may increase attendance. She gave examples about setting the next meeting at the current meeting instead of a set schedule. Joe is concerned that if we go to less meetings with no set schedule, there may be consistency issues.
- Kelly suggested we can assign sub-committees to accomplish tasks in between regular meetings.

- Mark shared that the Grand Juries work in a similar way to the model Kelly described.
- Kelly would like to see the Commission more involved with the community. It was suggested that the team attend some community meetings as well. Kalisa suggested getting involved with Career Fairs and the Criminal Justice Club at Stanislaus State to get interest and possible attendance up. She also suggested looking into unusual places to get our name out there. Any community exposure will help.
- Kelly would like to add more support services for the youth once they are released from the facility. Kalisa explained that there are some programs available that are doing well. The Department is focusing on programs that will help resolve some of the issues that arise when youth are discharged. Some of the programs are based on assessments.
- The kids need a hand up and a place to hang out.
- Lori suggested a drop-in center for the kids.
- Kalisa discussed Prop 47 ending in August. She explained the new vision for the Westside, which would include a drop-in center.
- Kelly suggested the Commission needs to have a focus.
- Someone felt the community is not connected to Probation.
- Kalisa suggested conversations take place with the Deputy Probation Officers (DPOs) and the kids to get the kids on the Commission. The DPOs know what they need as the kids have successfully completed the program(s).
- Kelly feels we need some diversity.

3. Updated member list

Joe handed out a new Commissioner list.

F. OLD BUSINESS

1. Title 15 Inspection progress

The report is completed and waiting to be presented into Court. Jeff will be completing this task. Once that is done and the court minutes obtained, the report will be sent to the State and the BOS.

2. Training Reimbursement

Funding is available at the discretion of the group.

3. Recruitment Plan

This was previously discussed in the meeting.

4. Photo ID Badges

It was decided to use the smaller badges as they look more professional.

5. Sharing Critical Incidents and Updates

Kalisa shared that yesterday two youth has to be taken to the Emergency Room via ambulance due to a gang fight. There is a lot of movement in C wing. One youth is on medical observation. They other youth was released as the District Attorney (DA)

did not file charges. Kalisa reminded the team that the medical provider practices on the side of caution.

The Facility is temporarily housing a youth from Tuolumne County. He has a serious charge and it is safer for those involved to house him here. He is being closely monitored.

She also reported on the food situation. We still have the same provider but we have increased the food allotment in order to provide better meals. The Sheriff's Department agreed to allow the upgrade. However, on the negative side, the sodium count is over the recommended allowance.

6. Grievances filed by youth

The grievances were reviewed from November 15, 2019 through January 14, 2020. Kalisa answered any questions and explained any followed up needed to resolve the issues. She also explained some programming changes and consequences.

7. Fund Raising Ideas

Some discussion happened earlier in the meeting regarding fund raising. Kelly suggested a Wine and Cheese Fall event. Further discussion was tabled.

G. ROUND TABLE DISCUSSION

Topics for round table discussion included:

- Topics were covered earlier in the meeting.
- It was noted that Stefanie Hiser resigned on December 18, 2019. She accepted a position with a State agency out of the area.
- Joe asked that each team member to have two suggestions in mind for the group to discuss at the next meeting. The team will then decide which items will be targeted, totaling no more than three from all the groups suggestions.

H. ADJOURNMENT

Meeting adjourned at 6:59 p.m.

NEXT REGULAR MEETING: PLEASE MARK YOUR CALENDARS FOR WEDNESDAY, March 18, 2020 AT 5:30 P.M. THE MEETING WILL BE HELD AT THE ADULT PROBATION, 3191 M STREET IN MERCED.