

County of El Dorado

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Minutes - Draft Delinquency Prevention Commission

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Jaycee Macias, Member
America Mata, Member
Galina Melamed, Member
Teri Monterosso, Member
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Hannah Ware, Secretary
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Jennifer Delgado, Commission Secretary

Tuesday, August 17, 2021

5:30 PM

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CALL TO ORDER AND ROLL CALL

- Present:** 8 - Larry Berger, Hannah Ware, Mario Guerrero, Margaret Huscher, Amy Jackson, America Mata, Sandra Hurley and Brian Conway
- Absent:** 5 - Teri Monterosso, Jaycee Macias, Galina Melamed, Heather Anderson and Tracy Bunch

PUBLIC COMMENT

No public comment

ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA

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A motion was made by Secretary Ware and seconded by Larry Berger to Adopt the Agenda. The motion was approved unanimously.

POLICY MATTERS

1. 21-1270 Approval of the Minutes from the Meeting of July 20, 2021.

Attachments: [A. 21-1270 JJDPC Draft Minutes from 7-20-21](#)

Approval of the Minutes

A motion was made by Treasurer Hurley and seconded by Larry Berger to Approve the Minutes from the July 20, 2021 meeting. The motion was approved unanimously.

REPORTS

2. 21-1271 Judge's Comments
Juvenile Treatment Center Superintendent
Chief Probation Officer
Leadership Team
Treasurer's Report

Judge's Comments - None

Juvenile Treatment Center (JTC) Superintendent - Deputy Probation Officer Kyle Heller gave the briefing. He reported out on the average daily population, use of force incidents, intakes and releases, youth meetings, and the recent Board of Community Corrections (BSCC) inspection.

Chief Probation Officer - Chief Richart gave an update regarding the Senate Bill (SB) 823 Juvenile Justice Coordinating Council Subcommittee report, current litigation at the State level regarding SB 823, and progress with the Placerville Juvenile Hall Construction project.

Leadership Team - Mario shared that the Leadership Team would still like to have an in-person meeting at some point, but understood it might be difficult due to emergence of the COVID Delta variant.

Treasurer's Report - Sandy did not have a new Fund report to share, but wanted to remind the Commissioners that a request for reimbursement form needs to be completed in order to get paid for a Commission approved expense. She indicated that Tracy Bunch needs to complete a reimbursement form.

NEW BUSINESS

3. **21-1276** Meet Probation's new Mental Health Coordinator, Riann Giovacchini. Introduction, her vision for mental health programming at the Juvenile Treatment Center, and a brief Q&A session.

Riann Giovacchini introduced herself to the Commission and shared her thoughts regarding mental health programming at the JTC based on her first few weeks with Probation. There was also a brief question and answer period.

4. **21-1309** JJDCP Attendance (Vice-Chair Guerrero)

Vice-Chair Guerrero shared the importance of attendance as it relates to forming a quorum and moving the business of the Commission forward. There was a discussion regarding ways to increase attendance and it was agreed that Jennifer will update the Commissioner Roster to include phone numbers. Jennifer will also send a poll to the Commissioners to determine the best day and time to meet monthly, and how long the meetings should last.

5. **21-1311** Ad hoc subcommittee meetings (Vice-Chair Guerrero)

Vice-Chair Guerrero wanted to check in with the ad hoc committees to find out if they are meeting and working towards completing the committees specific goals. This item will be further discussed when the ad hoc committees report out on their progress during Item 9 (21-1273) later in the meeting.

6. **21-1312** Create a unified message for Commissioners to use when contacting the Board of Supervisors. Discussion regarding the creation of biographies for each Commissioner. (Chair Huscher)

Chair Huscher started a discussion regarding the Commission's desire to develop a relationship with the Board of Supervisors. It was noted that the website is out of date. Commissioners can provide Jennifer with a brief biography to add to the website. Chair Huscher asked the Commissioners if they had any thoughts on how they would like to approach Board members. Chair Huscher asked for Chief Richart's advice and he suggested working with the CAO's office. Brian Conway asked if it would be possible to have Judge McLaughlin introduce the Commission to the Board. Chief Richart noted that either option is a good place to start.

The Commission voted to have Vice-Chair Guerrero reach out to Judge McLaughlin and see if we would be willing to introduce the Commission to the Board of Supervisors.

A motion was made by Larry Berger and seconded by Treasurer Hurley to have Vice-Chair Guerrero reach out to Judge McLaughlin to determine if he would be open to introducing the Commission to the Board of Supervisors. The motion was approved unanimously.

7. **21-1279** Discuss the creation of an ad hoc committee regarding the possible

closure of the Juvenile Treatment Center in South Lake Tahoe and creating a day reporting center for kids in lieu of custody. (Chair Huscher)

Chair Huscher opened the discussion regarding the possible outcomes to the JTC once the Placerville Juvenile Hall is open and asked Chief Richart for his thoughts. Chief Richart shared that he supports a youth facility in the Basin; however, low incarceration numbers (which is great news) likely will not support a large facility. He appreciated the Commission's desire to have the discussion and advocated for the inclusion of experts, to include the Probation Department and the BSCC.

A motion was made by Treasurer Hurley and Seconded by Brian Conway to create a new ad hoc committee for the purpose of exploring options regarding juvenile detention in El Dorado County in the future. The motion was approved unanimously.

OLD BUSINESS

8. 21-1272 Commissioners to provide an introduction of their assigned partner (first 3 sets). The Chair requested this exercise as a way for the Commissioners to get to know each other. (Chair Huscher)

Hannah Ware/Heather Anderson
Peggy Huscher/Larry Berger
Tracy Bunch/Galina Melamed

(Continued 6-15-21, #21-0975)

Item was continued.

9. 21-1273 The Mission Statement ad hoc committee would like to report out on their work product and call for a vote. (Vice-Chair Guerrero)

(Continued 5-18-21, #21-0771)

Vice-Chair Guerrero shared two versions of the mission statement that the ad hoc committee would like to bring before the Commission for a vote.

The Commission voted to adopt Mission Statement Version #1: Our mission is to serve in the best interest of the youth in El Dorado County through collaboration, planning and evaluation of the administration of juvenile justice systems and programs to empower youth and their families to live healthy and promising lives. We are dedicated to supporting our juvenile justice system to foster a culture of integrity, equity, awareness and respect for our youth, their families and their communities.

10. 21-1274 Ad hoc committees to report out on their progress:

Delinquency Prevention/Education
Outreach
Communications
Inspections

(Continued 6-15-21, #21-0978)

Chair Huscher reported out for the Delinquency Prevention/Education committee. She shared that the committee would like to determine if the Probation Department is providing written reports to the families of justice involved youth. They also would like to know if a child in the delinquency system, who is not placed in foster care, is still receiving a case plan. A letter was sent to the Probation Department requesting the above referenced information.

Outreach ad hoc committee did not meet.

Communications ad hoc committee did not meet.

Inspection Committee has completed their task.

Mission Statement Committee has completed their task.

Two new ad hoc committees formed:

Communication with the Board of Supervisors. (21-1312)

Information gathering regarding juvenile detention in El Dorado County in the future. (21-1279)

ADJOURNMENT

Meeting adjourned at 7:08 PM.