

COUNTY OF NEVADA

Juvenile Justice/Delinquency Prevention Commission

January 5, 2017
Minutes

I. MEETING CALLED TO ORDER:

Kitty Vaars, Chair opened the meeting at approximately 3:18 p.m.

The following Commissioners were present: Kitty Vaars, Chris Bock, David Baker, Chuck Coovert, Lynn Skrukud, Sylvia Pichitino and Megan Murphy.

Noted as absent: Richard Schwartz and Jack Meeks.

Also Present: Chief of Probation, Michael Ertola. Mike Dent, Director of Social Services and Nick Ready, Program Manager from CPS.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

The proposed Minutes for November 17, 2016 were distributed. Discussion was sought and none was requested. Minutes for the November 17, 2016 meeting were approved as written.

II. ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Chair Kitty Vaars announced that JJDPC applicant Megan Murphy is eligible to become a commissioner. A vote was taken, all in favor, none opposed.

Linda Campbell turned in her resignation in person along with her explanation for her resignation.

Chief Ertola announced CPPCA (California Probation, Parole and Correctional Association) Training in September 2017 in Long Beach. Chief Ertola to forward information to the members. <http://www.cppca.org>

IV. REPORTS:

A. JUVENILE JUSTICE:

Courts/Peer Court: Judge Candace S. Heidelberger not present.

Chuck Coovert reported the last meeting regarding starting Peer Court. Discussion whether Peer Court should be started again. As of this date, it is still pending.

Probation/Juvenile Hall:

Juvenile Hall: Total population: 4 youth.

Out-of-County contract: 2 youth (1 male, 1 female).

Local youth: 2 youth (1 male, 1 female)

Update on Tuolumne County Juvenile Hall that they are delayed in opening until late February.

Chief Ertola gave an update on the Transitional Age Youth (TAY) Program. BSCC application submitted and we should receive approval within 30 days. Hopefully within the next few weeks, Juvenile Hall should be able to get the TAY program underway.

Chief reported Juvenile referral statistics: Year 2007 – 758, 2008 - 818, 2016 - 241, Chief reported this is due to Probation; programming, juvenile crime is down, NEO (Contract with Probation– Low risk youth offenders’ pro-social activities) and WRAP Services.

Probation: Probation construction update – February 13 is the date for the Public Defender’s office to move in.

B. DELINQUENCY PREVENTION:

Schools: No Report

Youth Employment/ Alliance For Workforce Development: Lynn Skrukud reporting

602 Youth Mentoring: No report.

602 Youth Foster Parent Recruitment: Special Presentation AB 403 (Foster Youth: Continuum of Care Reform) by Mike Dent and Nick Ready from CPS. Nick Ready explained AB 403, Legislation to preserve and strengthen a child’s family ties whenever possible. How it is impacting Nevada County group homes, foster care and how it will impose training requirements on foster parents. Nevada County is offering the training to meet the needs of the foster parents by conducting the training on weekends and in their homes. The feedback has been positive. Further presentation, questions and discussion regarding AB 403.

Teen Substance Abuse/ NEO/ Youth Center : Lynn Skrukud reporting the youth center was closed during the school holiday. Not much to report. Fundraiser luncheon set for January 28, 2017 at 11:30.

C. AGENCY AFFILIATIONS:

Public Defenders Office – Keri Klein – Not Present

V. OLD BUSINESS:

- 1. Palm Tree:** Chuck Covert reported next meeting is scheduled for February 3, 2017.

VI. NEW BUSINESS:

Public Comment:

None

1. Sub Groups:

A. **Earle Jamieson/Sugarloaf Site Council** – Chair Vaars reporting no Site Council meeting until March 2017

2. Account and Stipends: Stipend checks sent out and received by commissioners. All stipends were given to Chuck Covert with exception of absent commissioner Richard Schwartz.

3. Scholarship: Chair Kitty Vaars went over the scholarship applications to be distributed in March 2017.

4. Inspection Updates – Group Homes: No Inspections scheduled at this time. All inspections in April and May.

VII. MEMBERSHIP:

Megan Murphy voted new member.

Chair Vaars opened discussion for Vice Chair of JJDC. Chris Bock nominated Chuck Covert. Vaars seconded. A vote was taken, all in favor, none opposed.

Next meeting:

Thursday, February 2, 2017 at 3:15 p.m.
Nevada County Probation Conference Room
109 ½ N. Pine Street,
Nevada City, CA 95959

ADJOURNMENT:

The meeting was adjourned at approximately 4:17 p.m.

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