



**SOLANO COUNTY
JUVENILE JUSTICE COMMISSION**

**MEETING MINUTES
May 1st 2019**

Commissioners Present:

Lawrence Barnes
Andre Davis
Rhonda Green, **Vice Chair**
Kayla Harris
Paul Ligda
Frances Nelson, **Acting Secretary**
Rhonda Renfro, **Chair**
Damian Spieckerman

Absent Commissioners:

None

Excused Commissioners:

Cynthia Phillips

Non-Members:

Dean Farrah, Superintendent of JDF
Robert Fracchia, Presiding Juvenile Court Judge

May 1st, 2019 MEETING CALLED TO ORDER 3:35 PM

WELCOME & INTRODUCTIONS:

- Honorable Judge Robert Fracchia was in attendance and shared four (4) important statistical documents with Commissioners that provided critical reasons/outlook data for implementing Diversion Programs; statistical information was based on youth housed at JDF from 2007-2008, 2015 and 2018. The data showed the yearly population totals based on monthly data reflecting a decrease in population growth at JDF.
- Seven (7) JDF youth are presently facing murder allegations.
- **Commissioner Rhonda Green was presented with a “Certificate of Appreciation” for her outstanding work on the JJC Commission.**

APPROVAL OF April 3rd, 2019 MINUTES:

- Com. Ligda moved to approve the April 3rd Minutes/Com. Barnes 2nd; 8 in favor, 0 (zero) opposed. Unanimous

APPROVAL OF MAY 1st, AGENDA:

- Com. Barnes moved to approve May 1st Agenda and Com. Ligda 2nd. 8 in favor, 0 (zero) opposed. Unanimous

PUBLIC COMMENTS:

- Supt. Dean Farrah, shared two (2) handouts on JDF for March/April 2019.
- Discussion on staffing mandate needs for JDF in areas for viable change.
- Recruitment for three new (3) staff members has been ongoing for the last five (5) months; 175 applicants sought JDF positions; 22 interviewed; 10 made it through the background process and two (2) made it; one position is being filled asap.
- A JDF effort in recruitment reflects that there is a “critical mass” in finding qualified individuals; efforts toward filling 12 vacancies is ongoing.
- Challenge has a new Garden/Master Gardener; a Mural project will be painted by JDF youth.
- 2.0 Training will be implemented in the summer for JDF staff; this is the 3rd Phase.

- BSCC Inspections are expected – (1) pre-inspection on May 14th; (2) Federal inspectors are coming to JDF to review 601's regarding not housing kids.
- May 10th, 2019 Santa Barbara County Juvenile personnel will visit JDF to observe and learn about JDF's policies and practices on the non-use of Pepper Spray.

DISCUSSION CALENDAR: (No Action)

1. 2018-2019 JJC Year in Review (Com. R. Green)

- ***How can we improve the involvement of all commissioners?***
- Commission members being more cognitive/dedicated to assignments.
- **Youth Recruitment** needed/other individuals/direct link to schools.
- Community outreach/more opportunities needed; recruitment of youth that have been prior JDF detainees.
- **Collaborate** with existing Diversion Programs/ individuals that have received services, shown success and know the rehabilitative process for Diversion.
- **Implement** a “PILOT” Diversion Program with community groups.
- **Budget Status** – Judge reviewed and deemed it modest.
- **Research** if the downtown Fairfield Substation Jail facility is being used as a detainment facility for youth before transporting them to JDF; Are juveniles also being held in Suisun City, and Rio Vista before going to JDF?

ACTION ITEMS: (None)

COMMUNITY INITIATIVES:

- **Com. Davis shared the following community events:**
- **North Bay Health Center** – establishing a Violence Prevention Program; May 31st, 2019 a Violence Prevention event for the community will be held at the Performing Art Center downtown Fairfield, CA.
- **“Youth Alive”** program in Oakland, CA is a community event that focuses on efforts of defusing tensions in communities and is worth Commissioners attending.
- **Com. Spieckerman** requested a proxy vote of “yes” for the new incoming Youth Commissioner (due to excused absence from June meeting).

WORKING SESSION: (NONE)

FUTURE AGENDA: (NONE AT THIS TIME)

REMINDERS:

- The next Regular JJC Meeting is scheduled June 5, 2019 - TBA
(Location/Time)

ADJOURNED: 4:45 PM