

# Juvenile Justice & Delinquency Prevention Commission

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## **JANUARY 10, 2025 MEETING**

COMMISSIONERS PRESENT: Vanessa Curl, Marquez Gibson (Remote), Libbe Madsen (Remote), Bode Gower, Esperanza Montana-Culbertson, Scott Marsh, Tanya Estrada-Ruiz, Kate Gaston (at 12:30 pm)

OTHERS PRESENT: John Bednar, Izen Locatelli, Judge Carly Dolan, Kim Turner, Kim Weston, Darius Parakh (OYCR Bay Area Liaison), Francisco Ruiz

COMMISSIONERS ABSENT: Sarah Martin, Josephine Pady

The meeting was called to order at 12:05 pm by JJDPC Vice-Chairperson, Marquez Gibson.

1. **CALL TO ORDER**
  - a. Welcome and Introductions
  - b. Additions or Corrections to Agenda
2. **PUBLIC COMMENT FOR ITEMS NOT ON THE AGENDA:** None.
3. **REVIEW AND APPROVAL OF DRAFT MINUTES FROM THE DECEMBER 13, 2024 MEETING (ATTACHMENT):** After discussion, the Commissioners approved the December 13, 2024 meeting minutes with requested changes. Mr. Marsh moved to approve; Ms. Estrada-Ruiz seconded.
4. **PROBATION REPORT:** Chief Locatelli reported that CPOC is waiting for the Governor to release his updated budget so they can begin the review for any impacts to funding. He is working on finalizing an agreement with Shasta, Merced, and Sonoma Counties for placement of any Mendocino County youth on a secure track. Mendocino County currently houses youth on a non-secure track for Mendocino, Siskiyou, Lake, and Del Norte counties. He will be attending a Chief Retreat at the end of the month in Sacramento. They will discuss the DJJ closure and mental health treatment. They want to close any loopholes in this closure. They will be drafting a face sheet to provide to Senator McGuire to help draft a formal response. He announced that he is serving as the CPOC Secretary in 2025, CPOC Vice-President in 2026, and CPOC President in 2027.
5. **JUVENILE HALL REPORT:** Mr. Bednar reported there are nine youth in the facility: eight males (one from Lake County), and one female. They are going to begin working on remodeling the intake area to make it more accessible for staff. Current work on Units A and B includes removing/replacing fencing with cork board. They are also in the process of contracting for work on a basketball court. He reported that Judge Dolan inspected the facility last week and it went well. The Civil Grand Jury is scheduled to visit the hall on 1/31/25 to determine a focus, if any, for their reports. Kim is planning on looking into this as she does not believe that the Civil Grand Jury can have access to the hall without going through the same background checks as

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JJDPC members. John reported that they are exploring options with NCO for both the garden program and the culinary program.

6. **DISCUSSION ON SPEAKERS FOR JJDPC MEETINGS:** After discussion, the commissioners agreed upon the following questions regarding truancy to ask Ms. Gentzler:
1. What data do the schools keep?
  2. What to the schools do with kids who simply do not attend school/stop coming to school?
  3. Where do they see kids falling off the path?
  4. How do the various schools handle the problem?
  5. Is there a written protocol that schools are supposed to follow? Do they follow it?
  6. Are there kids that aren't even being enrolled in school?
  7. Why has truancy court been eliminated in many counties?
  8. What are the rules for home schooling? Do they have to register with the district? How are home school kids tracked?
  9. How are the children in the district identified?
  10. How do we change the culture regarding school?
  11. Does the need for immunizations effect attendance?

Supplemental questions should be forwarded to the court by 1/31/25. Ms. Turner reported that she has a meeting scheduled with the CEO of Santa Clara Court to discuss their program.

7. **INFORMATION FROM OYCR REGARDING TRUANCY PROGRAMS (ATTACHMENT):** Mr. Parakh reviewed the list of funding opportunities provided. He reported that Dr. Michael Massa of his office is leading the efforts to track absenteeism in schools. Dr. Massa is excited to work with the commission and Mr. Parakh will see if he can attend next month's meeting.
8. **TRUANCY AND PROPOSED TRUANCY SUMMIT:** After discussion, it was agreed that the commissioners are still in the information gathering phase and it is too early to schedule the summit. The commission needs to decide on the goal/outcome of the summit. The timeline for the summit will be decided at the February or March meeting.
9. **NEW BUSINESS:**
- LUCKY DEUCE SHOWER PROGRAM:** Ms. Curl reported that Lucky Deuce will be enhancing its services to the community. A new program allowing showers to the homeless will be held on Sundays by appointment only starting in March. There is no age limit to this program. There will be additional programs in the future.
10. **REVIEW AND DISCUSS REQUESTS FOR ITEMS TO BE INCLUDED ON FUTURE AGENDA, INCLUDING AGENDA DATE(S) AND PROVIDE DIRECTION:**

None.

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11. **ADJOURNMENT:** After discussion, it was agreed that the next JJDPC meeting will be held on February 14, 2025 at 12:00 p.m. in the Jury Assembly Room at the Ukiah Courthouse. A Zoom link will be provided for Commissioners who cannot attend in person and for any members of the public to attend.

MEETING ADJOURNED AT 1:12 p.m.

MINUTES COMPLETE

Submitted by Kim Weston