

Juvenile Justice & Delinquency Prevention Commission

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MAY 9, 2025 MEETING

COMMISSIONERS PRESENT: Sarah Martin, Kate Gaston, Scott Marsh, Libbe Madsen (Remote), Marquez Gibson (Remote), Bode Gower (Remote)

OTHERS PRESENT: John Bednar, Judge Carly Dolan, Kim Turner, Kim Weston, Bonnie Boek (Raise and Shine Family Resource Empowerment Center)

COMMISSIONERS ABSENT: Esperanza Montana-Culbertson, Vanessa Curl, Tanya Estrada-Ruiz, Josephine Pady

The meeting was called to order at 12:02 pm by JJDPC Chairperson, Sarah Martin.

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 APRIL 11, 2025 MEETING (ATTACHMENT):** After discussion, the Commissioners approved the April 11, 2025 meeting minutes. Mr. Marsh moved to approve; Ms. Gaston seconded.
4. **PROBATION REPORT:** None.
5. **JUVENILE HALL REPORT:** Mr. Bednar reported there are 17 youth in the facility: 13 males and four females. Eight of the youth are from Lake County. They have started working on the Basketball area. They are working on demolishing the area this week and next week will be leveling and doing concrete work. They are on schedule to finish as expected. The youth are using the south quad during this time frame. The contract for the work in Units A and B has been approved. They are currently running backgrounds on the workers and choosing paint colors. They have been celebrating staff this week since it is National Corrections Week.
6. **PRESENTATION FROM BONNIE BOEK, RAISE & SHINE FAMILY RESOURCE EMPOWERMENT CENTER (ATTACHMENTS):** Ms. Boek reported that the Raise & Shine program is under the umbrella of First 5. The program uses an upstream approach to solving issues that families are having today. They look at the current problem the family is experiencing and look for the root cause of that problem. They focus on dealing with the root cause of the problem ultimately resolving the problem. They use the Community Resiliency Model and the HOPE (Healthy Outcomes Positive Experiences) in working with families. They provide peer to peer support, perinatal support, play groups, bilingual classes, parenting classes (remotely and in person), Triple P classes (5 week and 8 week programs), early start programs, and special needs programs. The majority of their programs are available to families with children under age eight. The special needs program is available to all ages. The special needs siblings' class is open to

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children up to age 12, however, they are always open to having groups for teens. The Empowerment Center helps families in dealing with 504 Plans and IEP's. They host parent support groups and sibling workshops. They assist with the complex nature of managing and navigating educational assistance and care through the school systems, Redwood Coast Regional Center, and other agencies. The programs are offered throughout the county remotely. In person programs are only offered in Ukiah currently. There is a representative in Covelo that works with special needs families only. The program has not worked with any families on truancy issues as there are no referrals to programs based just on truancy. They will be working more with and in schools next year, so this could become more of an area they address in the future.

7. **DISCUSSION ON SPEAKERS FOR JJDPc MEETINGS:** After discussion, it was agreed that Ms. Gaston will arrange for a speaker for the June meeting. She is planning on contacting the head of the Boys and Girls Club in Ukiah.

Mr. Gower reported that truancy has decreased and there has been an increase in social and emotional well-being. This information was reported to the board. Mr. Gower will share the data with the Commissioners and will contact Deb Kubin to obtain additional data to share.

8. **NEW BUSINESS:**

REPORT ON APRIL 18, 2025 INSPECTION OF JUVENILE HALL: Ms. Martin reported that the inspection of Juvenile Hall went well. Everything looks great. The final report will be completed before the next meeting.

JUVENILE JUSTICE COORDINATING COUNCIL POSITION UPDATE: Ms. Martin agreed to contact Katie Ford to obtain additional information on the vacancy and the process for appointing a commissioner to the Council. Ms. Martin has agreed to attend these meetings. The next meeting is 9/26/25.

POLICY COUNCIL ON CHILDREN AND YOUTH POSITION UPDATE: Ms. Pady is absent from the meeting. She will provide an update on the status of the appointment/application process for the council. The next meeting of the council is 5/15/25.

9. **REVIEW AND DISCUSS REQUESTS FOR ITEMS TO BE INCLUDED ON FUTURE AGENDA, INCLUDING AGENDA DATE(S) AND PROVIDE DIRECTION:**

REVIEW OF APRIL 18, 2025 JUVENILE HALL INSPECTION: The final report will be attached to the agenda for all commissioners to review before the meeting.

PLAN FOR THE COMMISSION: Ms. Gaston requested that the commission discuss the goal of the commission and start working towards that goal. Ms. Turner suggested that the commission is still in the information gathering stage and it might be too early to create the master plan. It was agreed that the commission needs to decide its ultimate goal and describe the problem they want to work towards resolving. The commission needs to continue on with the various presentations and create a list of standard questions to provide to all presenters to start to

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formulate the data in order to create the master plan. It was agreed that the commissioners will work on a list of standard questions at the next meeting.

UPDATE FROM DATA SUBCOMMITTEE: Mr. Gibson reported that the committee has had their initial meeting and been brainstorming ideas for the data review. They are deciding whether to pivot from quantitative data to qualitative data. They will work towards having an update at the next meeting.

10. **ADJOURNMENT:** After discussion, it was agreed that the next JJDPC meeting will be held on June 13, 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 1:05 p.m.

MINUTES COMPLETE

Submitted by Kim Weston