

Juvenile Justice & Delinquency Prevention Commission

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JUNE 13, 2025 MEETING

COMMISSIONERS PRESENT: Sarah Martin, Percilla Stevenson, Vanessa Curl, Kate Gaston, Tanya Estrada-Ruiz, Scott Marsh, Libbe Madsen (Remote)

OTHERS PRESENT: John Bednar, Judge Carly Dolan, Kim Turner, Julie Whalen (CEO, Boys & Girls Club), Izen Locatelli

COMMISSIONERS ABSENT: Marquez Gibson, Bode Gower, Esperanza Montana-Culbertson, Josephine Pady

The meeting was called to order at 12:05 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:**

COMMISSIONER MARSH: Commissioner Marsh may need to step down as a commissioner. He is changing employment and is unsure if he will be able to continue as a commissioner. Commissioner Martin requested to meet with Commissioner Marsh to discuss.

UPDATE TITLE FOR ITEM 6: Commissioner Gaston requested that item 6 on the Agenda be updated to reflect "Presentation from Julie Whalen, CEO, Boys & Girls Club".

3. **REVIEW AND APPROVAL OF DRAFT MINUTES FROM THE MAY 9, 2025 MEETING**

(ATTACHMENT): After discussion, the Commissioners approved the May 9, 2025 meeting minutes. Commissioner Curl moved to approve; Commissioner Marsh seconded.

4. **PROBATION REPORT:** Chief Locatelli reported that Probation is supposed to have 23 line staff but 10 of those positions are vacant. Two are currently out on maternity leave. The county has a significant budget deficit. They tried to implement a 6% cut to every department in the personnel section. The Board of Supervisors wanted to make a uniform cut instead of looking at each department individually. After discussion, the Board agreed to let Probation continue to recruit to fill open positions. If Izen is unable to meet his required mandates, he will have to inform the county and the court. Services are limited right now and their ability to get reports out on time has been impacted. One of the 10 position vacancies is an unfunded juvenile position. The remaining positions are all in adult probation.

5. **JUVENILE HALL REPORT:** Mr. Bednar reported there are 9 youth in the facility: Eight males and one female. Five of the youth are from Lake County. The numbers are down from a few weeks ago when they were up to 20 youth. The Basketball Court project is finished. They held

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a graduation ceremony for two of the youth. The A and B Unit Facade project is also completed. They are in the process of obtaining a generator for the hall. It would run the A and B Units if the power goes out. They will be raising the fences on a portion of the facility. They are going to be starting a new project to paint the inside of juvenile hall and are planning on having this completed by the end of the year. They are preparing to go out to RFP on the Garden Project and the Culinary Project. This process could take a couple of months. Julie Whalen suggested contacting the Ukiah Garden Club, the veterans that have a garden on North Oak Street, Plowshares, and the Farmer's Market. Commissioner Stevenson commented that they have their medicine gardens up and running at the state prisons and they have the funding for it. They can work with John on the gardening project and library project as well. They are also investigating a Tablet Program for educational and vocational purposes. They are getting ready to start their second round of college classes this fall. The BSCC inspection will be August 4th through August 7th.

6. **PRESENTATION FROM JULIE WHALEN, CEO, BOYS & GIRLS CLUB (ATTACHMENTS):** After introducing herself, Ms. Whalen reported that the club serves from kindergarten through high school, however, the middle school/junior high population is the target group. During the school year, they operate an after-school program which operates from 2:00 pm to 6:30 pm. During the summer and school breaks, they operate from 7:30 am to 5:30 pm. On full days, they offer breakfast, lunch, and a snack with curriculum that integrates healthy habits by partnering with Public Health and CalFresh. They have a Smart Girls program and a Passport to Manhood program designed for the junior high aged youth. She would like to see these two programs brought into the Juvenile Hall. Many of these programs are created by the Boys and Girls Club of America for use by the local clubs. Funding comes from national partners and OJJDP grants. Most kids in the program receive some kind of assistance through NCO, UUSD, or CalWorks to attend the program. The goals of the national organization are to get every member graduated from high school, to teach integrity, and respect. They help with families of children with IEPs. They work with the older kids on learning how to handle money, future planning (ie college, trade schools, community involvement), field trips to schools and businesses, leadership and training programs. The commissioners suggested that the Boys and Girls Club implement an anonymous exit interview process for kids who leave to find out what would have kept them more engaged and interested in staying involved in the program. There are national Boys and Girls Clubs, Native Boys and Girls Clubs, and Military Boys and Girls Clubs. They serve between 120 and 140 kids daily during school. They serve between 80 and 100 kids daily during the summer. Ms. Turner asked the commissioners to think about how they will use all the information they gather from the speakers to help with planning the Truancy Summit.
7. **DISCUSSION ON SPEAKERS FOR JJDP MEETINGS:** After discussion, it was agreed that Commissioner Estrada-Ruiz will be arranging for the speaker at the July meeting. She will have Brian Williams of Weaving Wellness present. Commissioner Stevenson will be arranging for the speaker at the August meeting.

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8. **NEW BUSINESS:**

EMPTY DESKS (ATTACHMENT): Commissioner commented that the article “Empty Desks” forwarded by Commissioner Madsen points out the vulnerability of youth, especially in middle school, and shows the importance of organizations like the Boys and Girls Club.

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

UPDATE ON APRIL 18, 2025 JUVENILE HALL INSPECTION: Commissioner Gaston inquired on the status of the report from the recent inspection of juvenile hall. Commissioner Martin stated that she needs to confer with the other commissioners who attended the inspection with her. The report will be available shortly.

10. **ADJOURNMENT:** After discussion, it was agreed that the next JJDP meeting will be held on July 11, 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 1:15 p.m.

MINUTES COMPLETE

Submitted by Kim Weston