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## **Response to 2016 JJC Juvenile Facility Inspection – Camp Barrett**

Ms. Allan,

The Probation Department/Camp Barrett is in receipt of the 2016 Inspection Report by the Juvenile Justice Commission. The Juvenile Justice Commission noted the follow-up recommendations as follows:

1. **RECOMMENDATION:** Physical plant improvements are obvious. The restrooms, offices, dorms, and classrooms are more livable and less institutional. The JJC remains concerned about the lack of recreational space for minors and the fact that this recreational space is not shaded.

**RESPONSE:** Improvements at Camp Barrett are ongoing. The Department is working on landscaping the upper soccer field and has been in contact with community partners regarding this endeavor. Camp Barrett is also in the process of creating an indoor Recreation Hall. We have recently purchased a foosball table, air hockey table, large screen television for movies, and are in the process of acquiring more games. This hall is air conditioned and will be used for recreation as well as part of incentives that are offered to the youth.

2. **RECOMMENDATION:** The grounds of Camp Barrett are barren. While the need to preserve water is obvious, it would seem that the horticultural CTE program could improve the current grounds. Enlisting the Master Gardener Program which serves GRF might also be an option.

**RESPONSE:** The horticulture instructor has created a vegetable garden and is currently in the process of creating another garden space in the open area of the camp, near the dining hall. We have also acquired the use of Work Projects to assist with weed abatement for fire safety.

3. **RECOMMENDATION:** Although the security camera system is much improved, there still seem to be a few "hidden corners" which would benefit from additional security cameras.

**RESPONSE:** Additional cameras are part of the planned upgrades for Camp Barrett. When the new pre-fabricated buildings are put into place, more cameras will be installed. The Camp grounds

are expansive and staff are aware of blind spots and are mindful to not allow youth in those areas whenever possible.



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