
Juvenile Justice Commission

San Diego County

Annual Report

Fiscal Year 2011-2012

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JUVENILE JUSTICE COMMISSION MISSION AND MANDATE

The legal authorization for the establishment and operation of the Juvenile Justice Commission (JJC) of San Diego County is set forth in the California Welfare and Institutions Code, Sections 225 through 231. These policies are intended to supplement the governing provisions of State Law and aid the Commission in effectively fulfilling its statutory duties and responsibilities. The Welfare and Institutions Codes states that, "It shall be the duty of the Juvenile Justice Commission to inquire into the administration of Juvenile Court Law in the county or region in which the Commission serves."

The San Diego County JJC was created in 1965 through a mandate issued by the State of California. The Commission inquires into activities surrounding the administration of juvenile justice regarding children in both the delinquency and dependency systems. This includes conducting inspections of publicly administered institutions in which youth who are incarcerated or in foster care are housed. The Commission consists of between seven and fifteen Commissioners appointed by the presiding judge of the juvenile courts to a term of not more than four years.

2011-12 OFFICERS

Chair
Kathleen Edwards

1st Vice Chair
Kimberly Allan

2nd Vice Chair
Charlie Cleaves

2012-13 OFFICERS

Chair
Kimberly Allan

1st Vice Chair
Melanie Delgado

2nd Vice Chair
Nicole Lo Coco

COMMISSION MEMBERS as of June 30, 2012

Richard Alderson
Kimberly Allan
Lisa Charukul
Charlie Cleaves
Melanie Delgado
Kathleen Edwards
Marc Gotbaum
Joan Hiser

James Howard
Amy Lansing
Nicole LoCoco
Eileen Madigan
Henry R. Mann
Ryan Trabuco
Arlene Young

Rich Alderson, appointed May 21, 2010, is a career educator who holds a Master's Degree in Educational Administration from the University of San Francisco. He taught at the high school level for 18 years and recently completed an 18-year career as a school administrator. Throughout his career, he has worked closely with students with special needs. He taught in the various alternative programs and received an *Outstanding Teacher Award* for his work with special education students.

Kimberly Allan, appointed May 17, 2010, is an attorney and former San Diego federal prosecutor. Ms. Allan received her Bachelor's degree in economics with honors from UC Berkeley and her law degree from UC Davis. She was an attorney at the US Department of Justice in Washington, D.C. for over seven years and an Assistant US Attorney in San Diego for over nine years. Her interest in juvenile justice is based on her service as a Board Member and Site Coordinator for the San Diego Juvenile Court Book Club.

Lisa Charukul, appointed February 29, 2012, is a law student at the University of San Diego School of Law earning a concentration in child advocacy and criminal law. In law school, Lisa continues to work with at-risk youth in her community. Lisa interned with the Education Law Project at the San Diego Volunteer Lawyer Program, assisting disabled foster youth with special education issues, and at the San Diego Public Defender's Juvenile Delinquent Division. Lisa also works closely with the Children's Advocacy Institute at the University of San Diego conducting research on issues related to foster youth and child welfare law. Lisa also founded Advocates for Children and Education (ACE), a USD Law student organization. ACE runs two main programs that benefit youth in the community: the Youth Empowerment Clinic and the Education Liaison Program.

Charlie Cleaves, appointed February 10, 2009, has been with U.S. Marshals Service for 20 years as a Criminal Investigator and former long-time member of the Violent Crimes Task Force Fugitive Group. A San Diego native, Mr. Cleaves has worked closely with at-risk kids in San Diego County for many years as a volunteer for STARPAL/Police Athletic League working as Camp Director for summer camp and Coordinator for their soccer camps.

Melanie Delgado, appointed May 17, 2011, is an attorney at the Children's Advocacy Institute at the University Of San Diego School Of Law. She is a graduate of the USD School of Law where she was a co-recipient of the James A. D'Angelo Outstanding Child Advocate Award in 2006. Ms. Delgado works on issues involving transition-age foster youth and she directs CAI's Homeless Youth Outreach Project.

Kathleen Edwards, appointed July 3, 2008, is an advocate for students with special education and mental health needs. She holds a Doctorate in Curriculum and Instruction with emphasis in Special Education Administration. For the past 35 years, she has worked as a teacher, administrator and trainer dealing with special education and mental health issues. Her interest in the JJC is fueled by the high percentage of adjudicated youth with special education and mental health needs. Ms. Edwards is a former member of the Mental Health Association of San Diego County and was an Arizona Special Education Teacher of the Year.

Marc Gotbaum, appointed May 17, 2010, is currently the Director of Vista Hill's Juvenile Court Clinic which serves delinquent and dependent youth with psychiatric medication stabilization and counseling. He continues in private practice as a Critical Incident/Trauma Specialist, providing on-site disaster counseling and consulting, locally and around the globe. Mr. Gotbaum has served on the Child Sexual Abuse and Victim Assistance Coordination Councils. He has been an adjunct Professor/lecture at SDSU, USD, and National Universities.

Joan Hiser, appointed July 19, 2011, is currently a marketing consultant within the San Diego community. She has over 20 years' experience in marketing for both media and non-profit organizations, as well as extensive experience with the production and analysis of focus group research data for various clientele. She serves as a board member for the San Diego Broadcasters Association,

Mission Hills Heritage Association, and Big Brothers and Big Sisters of San Diego, where she also sponsors a “little sister”.

James Howard, appointed January 19, 2011, joins the Commission with several years of hands-on experience working with diverse children in juvenile detention facilities, including those with learning disabilities. He has worked at Mi Casa Group Homes as a Child Care Counselor and with juveniles through the Sarah Anthony Juvenile Court and Community Schools at the Kearny Mesa Juvenile Detention Facility, assisting teachers in the classroom. Mr. Howard recently graduated from San Diego State University where he received a Bachelor of Science in Criminal Justice, with a pre-major in Social Work, and a minor in Counseling and Social Change.

Amy Lansing, appointed September 23, 2009, is a member of the faculty at the University of California, San Diego, in the School of Medicine, Department of Psychiatry, and is also an adjunct professor in the Sociology Department, Division of Criminology, at San Diego State University. She holds a Doctorate in Clinical Psychology, with specializations in Neuropsychology, Developmental Trauma and Forensic Epidemiology. In addition to the JJC, Ms. Lansing is an independent contractor for the State of California, providing assessments of mentally disordered adult offenders.

Nicole LoCoco, appointed March 7, 2011, is a recent graduate from San Diego State University where she graduated with honors and received a Bachelor of Science in Criminal Justice with a concentration in Economics. As a student, she volunteered as an Investigative Intern for the County of San Diego Office of the Alternate Public Defender where she worked closely with the Juvenile Delinquency division in the Kearny Mesa Courts and also the Adult Offices Downtown. Ms. LoCoco plans to attend law school and work in the public sector as a prosecutor or public defender for the County of San Diego to continue to have an impact on many lives.

Eileen Madigan, appointed February 10, 2009, was the Coordinator for the Juvenile Justice Information System program for the State of Hawaii from 1990 to 2008. In that capacity, one of her primary responsibilities was the development of the first statewide information system to allow juvenile justice agencies to share information regarding juvenile offenders. All law enforcement, Family Court, and juvenile correction agencies participate in the program, tracking juvenile offenders through the justice system and making informed decisions that balance community safety with the objective of restoring as many juveniles as possible to productive citizenship. Ms. Madigan is retired in the San Diego area and continues to be active in the areas of law enforcement and juvenile justice.

Henry R. Mann, appointed April 24, 2009, is a retired probation officer, prosecutor, and priest. He joined the U. S. Coast Guard and served a four-year enlistment before he completed a Bachelor’s Degree at San Diego State College. He worked as a Probation Officer for ten years before joining the Office of the District Attorney in 1968. Rev. Mann retired from the County in 1983 as Assistant Chief of the Appeals and Motions Division. He then received a Master’s Degree from the Claremont School of Theology in 1988 and was ordained a Priest in The Episcopal Church. After serving in various churches, he was appointed Assistant to the Episcopal Bishop of San Diego, a position held until retirement in 2002.

Ryan Trabuco, appointed July 18, 2011, has dedicated countless hours to public and community service. Since 2009, he has served on the County Alcohol and Drug Advisory Board where he provides oversight of the County’s treatment and rehabilitation programs, and helps advise on alcohol and drug prevention policy matters. In 2010, he was elected to serve on the Clairemont Town Council which helps promote civic, commercial, educational and cultural activities within the community of Clairemont. Mr. Trabuco serves on the Board of Directors for several non-profit, community advocacy organizations and is completing his Bachelor’s degree in Public Administration.

Arlene Young, appointed June 9, 2010, has worked with children and families for over 50 years. Her first career was in Early Childhood Education. She was a Center Director in Headstart Programs

in Colorado and in San Diego, and started a school committed to Cultural Diversity after the death of Dr. Martin Luther King; it has recently celebrated its 40th anniversary. While earning her Master's and Doctoral degrees in Clinical Psychology, she has conducted research in Child Development. She is currently in private practice with offices in Hillcrest and Chula Vista, where she treats children, adolescents, couples and families.

For more information on Active Commissioners, please visit us [online](#).

COMMITTEES

The Juvenile Justice Commission has established several committees to focus and carry out the efforts of the Commission. Committees formed to date are described below.

- Critical Incident Committee. The JJC has formed a committee to review critical incident reports received from the Probation Department and Child Welfare Services.
- Court Observation Committee. This committee aims to observe juvenile court proceedings routinely. Observing court proceedings on a regular basis helps to ensure that the JJC has a comprehensive understanding of the needs of children affected by the juvenile court, as well as court procedures.
- Membership Committee. This ad-hoc committee discusses strategies for commissioner recruitment and reviews applications for commission membership.
- Awards Committee. This committee is responsible for planning the annual awards recognition event and reviewing award nominations.
- Mental Health Committee. This committee reviewed annual facility inspection reports for trends in the provision of mental health services to detained youth.
- Education Committee. This committee reviews annual facility inspection reports for trends in the provision of education services to detained youth.

JAIL AND LOCKUP INSPECTIONS

Section 209 of the Welfare and Institutions Code contains several requirements for juvenile court judges and juvenile justice commissions. The Board of State and Community Corrections (BSCC) is responsible for inspecting all local detention facilities, juvenile halls and camps in California and is also responsible for monitoring jails and lockups that securely detain minors in California.

Pursuant to WIC Section 209(a), a judge of the juvenile court shall annually inspect each jail or juvenile hall in the county that held one or more minors for more than 24 hours during the preceding calendar year. Additionally, this code requires the judge to promptly notify the operator of the facility of any observed noncompliance with minimum standards for juvenile facilities adopted by the CSA (Title 15, California Code of Regulations).

WIC Section 209(b) requires the juvenile court judge or a delegated member of the juvenile justice commission to inspect each law enforcement facility that contains a jail or lockup for adults in which one or more minors was securely detained for any length of time.

As the designee to the Presiding Judge of the Juvenile Court, the Juvenile Justice Commission of San Diego County inspected 20 jail and lockup facilities where minors are temporarily detained. These facilities are listed below. One common recommendation was made for most of the facilities to post signage explaining the procedures for the secure and non-secure detention of juveniles.

Police Departments:

Carlsbad
Chula Vista
Coronado
El Cajon
Escondido
La Mesa
National City
Oceanside

Sheriff:

Alpine Substation
Encinitas Station
Fallbrook Substation
Imperial Beach Station
Lemon Grove Station
Poway Station
Ramona Substation
San Marcos Station
Santee Station
Valley Center/Pauma Substation
Vista Station
4s Ranch Substation

Excerpts from the 2012 lock-up facility reports are noted below. Additional inspection detail can be found in the complete reports on the JJC [website](#).

Carlsbad Police Department:

The facility was well organized and has an excellent program for diverting first-time offenders. No minors were securely detained over the six-hour time limit.

Chula Vista Police Department:

No concerns were reported. No minors were securely detained over the six-hour time limit.

Coronado Police Department:

No concerns were reported. The report notes that this is a model facility. No minors were detained over the six-hour time limit.

El Cajon Police Department:

The new facility was well thought out; records were well organized and complete. No minors were securely detained over the six-hour time limit.

Escondido Police Department:

The inspecting commission member noted the facility has excellent conditions and technologies. No minors were securely detained over the six-hour time limit.

La Mesa Police Department:

The inspecting commission member noted the facility provides excellent detainee visibility at all times. No minors were securely detained over the six-hour time limit.

National City Police Department:

The facility was reported to be clean and well maintained. No minors were securely detained over the six-hour time limit.

Oceanside Police Department:

No concerns were reported. The Department was going to conduct a follow-up training to reinforce the policies regarding the handling of minors under the influence. No minors were securely detained over the six-hour time limit.

Sheriff - Alpine Substation:

No concerns were reported. Inspecting commission member noted the facility was physically clean, records were well organized, and staff were cooperative. No minors were securely detained over the six-hour time limit.

Sheriff - Encinitas Station:

No concerns were reported. The facility's records were well maintained. No minors were securely detained over the six-hour time limit.

Sheriff - Fallbrook Substation:

The inspecting commission member commended the Sergeant in charge for an exceptionally well-run and organized facility, with excellent record keeping. No minors were detained over the six-hour time limit.

Sheriff - Imperial Beach Station:

No concerns were reported. No minors were detained over the six-hour time limit.

Sheriff - Lemon Grove Station:

The inspecting commission members found the facility operating smoothly, exceptionally clean, and well organized. No minors were detained over the six-hour time limit.

Sheriff - Poway Station:

No concerns were reported. The facility was clean and all procedures were being followed. No minors were detained over the six-hour time limit.

Sheriff - Ramona Substation:

No concerns were reported. No minors were detained over the six-hour time limit.

Sheriff - San Marcos Station:

No concerns were reported. No minors were detained over the six-hour time limit.

Sheriff - Santee Station:

The inspecting commission member had many positive comments about the facility. No minors were detained over the six-hour time limit.

Sheriff - Valley Center/Pauma Substation:

No concerns were reported. No minors were detained over the six-hour time limit.

Sheriff - Vista Station:

One minor was security detained over the six-hour time limit, and this violation went unnoticed until pointed out by the commission member.

4S Ranch Substation:

This was the first year the Commission inspected this facility. No concerns were noted. No minors were detained over the six-hour time limit.

JUVENILE INSTITUTION INSPECTIONS

In 2011, the JJC inspected three juvenile detention facilities and two juvenile camps maintained by the County of San Diego Probation Department. In addition, the Commission inspected Polinsky Children's Center, a temporary housing facility for children who must be separated from their families for their own safety, and the San Pasqual Academy, a residential education campus designed specifically for foster teens. The recommendations of the Juvenile Justice Commission for each facility are included below. Additional inspection detail can be found in the complete reports on the JJC [website](#).

Facility Name: CAMP BARRETT

Inspection Date: 11/29/2011

Last Inspection Date: 10/19/2011

Superintendent: James A. Seal
Address: 21077 Lyons Valley Road
Alpine, CA 9190

Telephone Number: (619) 401-4900
Fax: (619) 401-4921

Type of Facility: Juvenile Camp

Presiding Juvenile Court Judge:
Honorable Cynthia Bashant

Commission Inspection Team:
Richard Alderson
Joan Hiser
Kathleen Edwards

Facility Capacity: 135
Average Daily Population: 135

Current Recommendations:

The 2011-12 Juvenile Justice Commission recommends that the County of San Diego Probation Department:

1. Post rules and procedures in housing units in accordance with Title 15 regulations, in addition to the rule book provided to each minor.
2. Upon completion of room inspections, staff should ensure every room is returned back to the previous condition. Anecdotally, the inspection team heard that this procedure was not always followed.
3. Offer groups for survivors of abuse/maltreatment/violence counseling and victim awareness. Although the percent of male minors who have been victims of abuse is not as high as their female counterparts, it is still estimated to be around 25 percent.

The 2011-12 Juvenile Justice Commission recommends that the San Diego County Office of Education (SDCOE):

1. Ensure that SDCOE staff working in the juvenile detention court schools document incident reports and grievances following the facility's policy regarding documentation.
2. Provide all teachers in-service training on identification of students with possible learning disabilities, attention deficit problems, emotional issues and autism spectrum disorder. Statistics indicate that approximately 70% of students entering the juvenile justice system suffer from a learning or behavioral disorder, yet less than half of students in the facilities are on an IEP. Three to five minors were referred for assessment in the past year.

Progress Update for 2010 inspection report recommendations:

1. The introduction of electronic medical records would make a significant and positive impact on managing the wards' healthcare, especially considering their frequent transitions.
 - ✓ The Probation Department has indicated that the California Forensics Medical Group (CFMG), the medical provider for the Probation Department, will begin to implement the use of electronic records in 2012 with completion by 2014.
2. The Commission recommends that all efforts be made to ensure that standards-based instructional practices are used throughout the instructional program at Camp Barrett by all teachers. Working with instructors to ensure that each student is held to high standards of academic achievement by utilizing an outcomes-based instructional model can help achieve this goal.
 - ✓ The San Diego County Office of Education is now utilizing a data system which allows for the implementation of a differentiated educational delivery system is easier (e.g. four levels of math are now being taught in one class).
3. The Commission recommends that all teachers be provided in-service training on identification of students with possible learning disabilities, attention deficit problems, emotional issues and autism spectrum disorder. Statistics indicate that possibly 70% of students entering the juvenile justice system suffer from a learning or behavioral disorder. With such a small number of students receiving special education services within the camp seems to indicate that further assessment procedures may be needed.
 - ✓ This recommendation will be continued, as noted above.

Facility Name: EAST MESA JUVENILE
DETENTION FACILITY

Inspection date: 11/21/2011
Last Inspection Date: 11/22/2010

Superintendent: Dan DeLeon, Director
Address: 446 Alta Road
San Diego, CA 92154

Telephone Number: (619) 671-4418
Fax: (619) 677-9482

Type of Facility: Detention Facility

Presiding Juvenile Court Judge:
Honorable Cynthia Bashant

Commission Inspection Team:
Kimberly Allan
Mitzie Gonzalez

Facility Capacity: 290
Average Daily Population: 247

Current Recommendations:

The 2011-12 Juvenile Justice Commission recommends that the County of San Diego Probation Department:

1. Build and develop mentoring programs prior to reentry to community and or adulthood. Invite community mentoring programs into the facility to develop mentors and relationships prior to discharge and reintegration.
2. Continue to build relationships with faith-based and other community organizations to start programs prior to discharge into community.

3. Continue to increase parental involvement in programs when appropriate.
4. Continue to work with the San Diego County Office of Education to ensure staff are more connected with the minor's school of record.
5. Continue staff development to provide more counseling and mentorship programs and provide more interactive staff versus a purely correctional officer mentality.

Facility Name: **GIRLS' REHABILITATION FACILITY**

Inspection Dates: 11/18/2011
Last Inspection Date: 11/4/2010

Superintendent: Craig Stover, Prob.
 Leann Kowalski, Supv. Prob. Off.
Address: 2861 Meadow Lark Drive
 San Diego, CA 92123

Telephone Number: (858) 694-4510
Fax: (858) 514-8488

Type of Facility: Juvenile Hall

Presiding Juvenile Court Judge:
 Honorable Cynthia Bashant

Commission Inspection Team:
 Melanie Delgado
 Nicole LoCoco
 Arlene Young

Facility Capacity: 50
Average Daily Population: 42

Current Recommendations:

The 2011-12 Juvenile Justice Commission recommends that the County of San Diego Probation Department:

1. Expand programs for treatment of youth in prostitution. Youth in prostitution are victims, but there is also a need for rehabilitation. This particular issue has been garnering a lot of attention and study in recent years. GRF is doing a good job providing some programs for these young women. The facility should continue this while they look for new and innovative ways to help these young women deal with what has happened, get out of the lifestyle, and move on with their education and their lives.
2. Continue efforts to find more committed mentors in the community. GRF provides mentors for the young women it serves. There is a need, however, for mentors who are more committed. Many of the young women in the facility have experienced a great deal of instability in their lives. It is important to find mentors who can be a consistent, regular presence in the lives of these women.

Facility Name: **JUVENILE RANCH FACILITY**

Inspection Date: 11/16/2011
Last Inspection Date: 10/28/2010

Superintendent: Supt. James Seal
Address: 957 Forrest Gate Rd.
 Campo, CA 91906

Telephone: 619-401-3500
Fax: 619-401-3512

Type of Facility: Juvenile Camp

Presiding Juvenile Court Judge:
 Honorable Cynthia Bashant

Commission Inspection Team:
 Charlie Cleaves
 Joan Hiser

Facility Capacity: 135
Average Daily Population: 130

Current Recommendations:

The 2011-12 Juvenile Justice Commission recommends that the County of San Diego Probation Department:

1. Carefully monitor general funds to adequately repair, paint, and update facility needs despite historical site designation, and continue to address San Diego County Grand Jury findings of 2009-2010 that the exterior maintenance has been neglected and is deteriorating, including replacing all worn carpets throughout the facility.
2. Monitor East Mesa Juvenile Detention Facility residents for suitable transfer to the Juvenile Ranch Facility to better utilize the facility.
3. Build and develop mentoring programs prior to reentry to community and/or adulthood. That community mentoring programs be invited into the facility to develop mentors and relationships prior to discharge and reintegration.
4. Build relationships with faith-based and other community organizations to start programs prior to discharge into the community.
5. Increase parental involvement programs, when appropriate, despite distance and remoteness of facility.
6. Use Tele-Mental and Tele-Psychiatry Services to support the onsite psychologist, Dr. Nelson, at the facility and Stabilization Treatment and Transition (STAT) Team.
7. Continue work the San Diego County Office of Education to ensure staff are more connected with the minor's school of record.
8. Implement the Probation Department's Aftercare Program to begin six months prior to release to support successful transition into the community and completion of probation.
9. Upgrade the thickness of mattresses in residential areas.
10. Install video cameras throughout the facility to protect residents from Prison Rape Elimination Act (PREA) incidents and to protect staff from false allegations.
11. Conduct orientation for all wards stressing the dangerousness of escaping into the desert environment.

General Comments:

Director Seal and his staff run a great facility. It has the feel of military boot camp with residents following instructions and policies without problems and displaying mental discipline. The kitchen was clean and in good condition. Dietitian Marlene Tutt and her staff take pride in providing quality foods equaling 3,000 calories a day with no fried foods. Milk is served at every meal and snacks are available before bedtime. Correctional staff was very professional and those interviewed stated that they loved working there and would work nowhere else. Positive attitudes were evident in their direct communication with residents.

Facility Name: KEARNY MESA JUVENILE
DETENTION FACILITY (KMJDF) **Inspection Date:** 11/29/2011
Last Inspection Date: 10/25/2010

Superintendent: Craig Stover, Probation Director
Address: 2801 Meadow Lark Drive
San Diego, CA 92123 **Telephone Number:** (858) 694-4500
Fax: (858) 694-4333

Type of Facility: Juvenile Hall **Presiding Juvenile Court Judge:**
Honorable Cynthia Bashant

Commission Inspection Team:
Kathleen Edwards
James Howard **Facility Capacity:** 247
Average Daily Population: 270

Current Recommendations:

The 2011-12 Juvenile Justice Commission recommends that the County of San Diego Probation Department:

1. Work with Education staff to allow grievance/complaint forms to be filled out by students. These grievance/complaint forms need to be recorded and responded to in accordance with facility standards. Work with Education staff to ensure monthly reports are shared with Director and Supervisor.
2. Explore the complaint procedures of the medical services provider. Of the 28 Medical complaints recorded from April to June, 2011, there were no sustained complaints compared with 10% for the other facilities.
3. Ensure only qualified medical personnel triage juveniles in the facilities in accordance with Title 15 code regulations. It was stated that every minor is seen after a sick call slip is turned in; however, it was relayed to the Inspection Team that, in some instances, a child is advised to try Tylenol first, but if the problem persists, they are seen.

The 2011-12 Juvenile Justice Commission recommends that the San Diego County Office of Education:

1. Education staff should allow grievance/complaint forms to be filled out by students. These grievance/complaint forms need to be recorded and responded to in accordance with facility standards. Monthly reports need to be shared with facility Director and Supervisor.

Facility Name: POLINSKY CHILDREN'S
CENTER (PCC) **Inspection date:** 11/18/2011
Last Inspection Date: 11/12/2010

Superintendent: Cathi Palatella, Asst. Deputy Dir.
Address: 9400 Ruffin Court
San Diego, CA 92154 **Telephone Number:** (858) 514-4601
Fax: (619) 514-4619

Type of Facility: Shelter Care **Presiding Juvenile Court Judge:**
Honorable Cynthia Bashant

Commission Inspection Team:
Kathleen Edwards
Henry Mann

Facility Capacity: 204
Average Daily Population: 56

Current Recommendations:

The 2011-12 Juvenile Justice Commission recommends that the County of San Diego Health and Human Services Agency, Child Welfare Services:

1. Consider a study to determine any trends within the cycles. It is recognized that PCC is not locked and that minors cannot be detained against their will, though AWOLs continue to be an issue. During the FY 2010-11, there were 573 duplicated AWOLs and 141 unduplicated AWOLs.
2. Consider a study that may reveal any precursor events which could be helpful in reducing the number of serious assaults on youth. During FY2010-11, there were 96 duplicated and 61 unduplicated incidents.
3. Ensure servers are adequate to support the technology available; school staff noted that the PCC server is not adequate. Many computers and types of software are available which cannot be used due to server inadequacy.

Progress Update for Previous Inspection's Recommendations:

Continue efforts, including collaborating with Probation, Health and Human Services Behavior Health System to identify effective strategies in working with the "change-of-placement" youth.

- ✓ Polinsky staff has a very strong transition plan in place and they continue to work on the transition/placement change issues with other agencies.

Facility Name: SAN PASQUAL ACADEMY
(SPA)

Inspection date: 12/2/2011

Superintendent: Tia Moore, Academy Director
Address: 17701 San Pasqual Valley Road
Escondido, CA 92025-5301

Telephone Number: (760) 233-6005
Fax:

Type of Facility: Residential Education Campus
For Foster Youth

Presiding Juvenile Court Judge:
Honorable Cynthia Bashant

Commission Inspection Team:
Amy Lansing
Marc Gotbaum

Facility Capacity: 184
Average Daily Population: 102

Current Recommendations:

The 2011-12 Juvenile Justice Commission recommends that New Alternative, Inc.:

1. Provide for better tracking of self-harm incidents, assaults and grievances, which allow SPA staff and inspection committees to review grievances and incidents in a systematic way. This includes

a record of written grievances, the SPA response(s) and action(s) taken to resolve them, remarks and statements from youth and SPA personnel at resolution of grievance or complaint.

2. SPA permits dating, allowing for some dates to occur off grounds, as long as the individuals involved are of an appropriate age and level of maturity. Dating is both critical and normative developmental experience during adolescence. SPA policy understandably does not, however, permit sexual relationships either on or off campus. This is a considerable challenge with an adolescent population. For youth who go off site for dating purposes, clarification of how safety is encouraged or maintained would be useful, particularly given that it is not possible to prevent sexual activity except, perhaps, directly on SPA grounds.

The 2011-12 Juvenile Justice Commission recommends that the County of San Diego Health and Human Services Agency, Child Welfare Services:

1. Continue to provide oversight of New Alternative, Inc., as the responsible party for the facility, to ensure appropriate reporting and tracking of grievances and incidents.

GUEST SPEAKERS

The San Diego County Juvenile Justice Commission is committed to ongoing training for its members. Commissioners strive to stay informed of current juvenile justice trends, programs, and practices. The JJC often invites speakers from County agencies, the academic world, and community organizations to share information and insights. During Fiscal Year 2011-2012, the JJC was pleased to welcome the following speakers to present during regular business meetings:

- Regina Brandon, Ph.D.
- Hon. Cynthia Bashant
- Mary Glover, Wendell Callahan, Michael Thompson, and Carolyn Nunes, County Office of Education/JCCS
- Chief Probation Officer Mack Jenkins
- Patrick Hunter, Citizens Law Enforcement Review Board (CLERB)

ANNUAL AWARDS

Each year, the JJC recognizes outstanding professionals and volunteers working within the juvenile justice community. Nominees and award recipients were honored at an Awards Luncheon held on July 12, 2012 at the University of San Diego Joan B. Kroc Institute for Peace and Justice. The Guest Speaker was Tim Shelton, Senior Forward with the Aztec Men's Basketball Team and Lead of the "26 Seconds" Campaign at San Diego State University. The following individuals received awards from the Juvenile Justice Commission in 2012:

Probation:	Linda Rodriguez, Deputy Probation Officer
Child Welfare Services:	Mary Sharkey, Protective Services Supervisor
Law Enforcement:	Det. Randy Avila, San Marcos Substation Officer Ryan Welch, San Diego Police Department

Educator/Court Schools:	Leslie Smith, Teacher
Volunteer:	Erica Marina-Alicia Ward, SAY San Diego, Reflections Program
Former Youth in Care or Probation:	Juan Carlos Crystal
Judge:	Hon. Cynthia Bashant, Juvenile Court
Juvenile Court:	Tanya Starkweather, Attorney
At-Large:	Juvenile Forensic Assistance for Stabilization and Treatment (JFAST) Program Staff

2010-11 ACCOMPLISHMENTS

The JJC made progress in the following areas during the prior year:

1. Completion of inspections of five camps and detention centers.
2. Completion of inspections of sheriff's departments and police stations which securely detain youth.
3. Execution of Memorandum of Understanding to allow JJC access to Critical Incident Reports initiated by Probation regarding detained youth.
4. Awards Banquet to honor two populations who have made significant progress in the delinquency and dependency systems: youth who matriculated successfully through system and adults working with these youth who have gone above and beyond to assist with goal of rehabilitation.

2011-12 GOALS

The Commission identified the following goal areas for the upcoming fiscal year:

1. Increased attention to provision of college prep curriculum in all facilities for detained and dependent youth.
2. Increased attention to program provision to improve outcomes for detained youth.

CONTACT INFORMATION

For more information on the Juvenile Justice Commission, please visit our website at www.sdcounty.ca.gov/jjc. Comments regarding the content of this report may be submitted via email to jjcomm@sdcounty.ca.gov.