
Juvenile Justice Commission

San Diego County

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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.

2012-13 OFFICERS

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Melanie Delgado

2nd Vice Chair
Nicole Lo Coco

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COMMISSION MEMBERS as of June 30, 2013

Richard Alderson
Kimberly Allan
Margie Cameron
Charlie Cleaves
Melanie Delgado
Kathleen Edwards
Mary Sue Glynn

Marc Gotbaum
Joan Hiser
Amy Lansing
Nicole LoCoco
Thomas Nelson
Ryan Trabuco

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.

Margie Cameron, is a retired Supervisor with the San Diego County Probation Department. She holds a bachelor's degree in Criminal Justice from San Diego State University. She has worked at almost all of the facilities run by the Probation Department during her career, as well as working with the Placement Unit, which places children out of county. She also worked with the Family Violence Project, a program where Probation Officers and CPSA workers work together with families. She is a native San Diegan who has also worked with Boy Scouts, Girl Scouts, and the International Order of the Rainbow for Girls, a fraternal group for teenage girls. She has volunteered in a reading program for children, as well as a Domestic Violence Shelter since her retirement. Mrs. Cameron has been married 37+ years and has two children and one grandchild.

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.

Mary Sue Glynn, is the former Director of Special Education for both San Diego Unified School District and the Grossmont Union High School District. She has experience in the classroom, in human resources, and in administration. Frequently, a member of educational and parental teams, she listens to a variety of perspectives, then synthesizes the information and helps teams reveal the core issue(s) which leads to a practical resolution. Ms. Glynn worked daily with principals at K-12 schools on special education issues of law, procedures and instruction. She has made suggestions to Boards of Education and Superintendents' Cabinets. She has successfully represented the District in the longest due process hearing in the history of the Federal IDEA. She received the ACSA Special Education Administrator of the Year in 2001. Ms. Glynn is busy in retirement fostering deployed soldiers' pets, volunteering for ElderHelp of San Diego, and enjoying her son and daughter-in-law and her large extended family on both coasts.

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/lecturer 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".

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.

Thomas Nelson, a practicing attorney in California for 27 years and an adjunct professor at USD, Cal Western, Thomas Jefferson School of Law and SDSU, is passionate about assisting children and ensuring that they receive the services to which they are entitled. He works at a law firm emphasizing special education law and has experience helping children in juvenile hall receive appropriate special education services and placements. Mr. Nelson has received the Wiley W. Manual Award for Pro Bono Legal Services two times for his work with the San Diego Volunteer Lawyer Program.

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.

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.
- 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 31 jail and lockup facilities where minors are temporarily detained.

Police Departments:

Carlsbad
Chula Vista
Coronado
El Cajon
Escondido
La Mesa
National City
Oceanside
San Diego – Central Division
San Diego – Eastern Division

Sheriff:

Alpine Substation
Encinitas Station
Fallbrook Substation
Imperial Beach Station
Julian Substation
Lemon Grove Station
Poway Station
Ramona Substation
San Marcos Station
Santee Station

San Diego – Mid-City Division
San Diego – Northeast Division
San Diego – Northern Division
San Diego – Northwestern Division
San Diego – Southeastern Division
San Diego – Southern Division
San Diego – Western Division
San Diego State University

Valley Center Substation
Vista Station
4s Ranch Substation

Excerpts from the 2013 lock-up facility reports are noted below. Additional inspection detail can be found in the complete reports on the JJC [website](#).

Carlsbad Police Department:

Facility staff gave a professional, organized presentation. No minors were detained over the six-hour time limit.

Chula Vista Police Department:

The facility is clean and organized. Good snacks are available, including fresh fruit. No minors were detained over the six-hour time limit.

Coronado Police Department:

This is a nice, well-run facility that can accommodate juveniles when necessary, but most of their juvenile work is done in the field. No minors were detained over the six-hour time limit.

El Cajon Police Department:

The facility is extremely well-organized. No minors were detained over the six-hour time limit.

Escondido Police Department:

This facility is new and very well maintained. Staff need to ensure that all relevant information, including the age of the minor, is included in the detention logs. No minors were detained over the six-hour time limit.

La Mesa Police Department:

The inspecting commission member mentioned that this is a great facility that is clean and meets standards. No minors were detained over the six-hour time limit.

National City Police Department:

The facility was reported to be clean and well maintained with visible signage detailing minor's rights. Daily and monthly logs are well-organized and accessible in a single binder. The commission member who inspected this facility suggested staff create a written policy regarding intoxicated minors. No minors were detained over the six-hour time limit.

Oceanside Police Department:

The inspecting commission member said that Oceanside PD does an "outstanding job" in order to remain compliant in all area of juvenile detention. Issues with signage postings noted in a previous inspection had been resolved. No minors were detained over the six-hour time limit.

San Diego – Central Division

This is a relatively new facility with a small Juvenile Unit. Staff advised the inspector that SDPD does not condone the use of secure detention for minors at any time so no secure-detention logs or policies pertaining to secure detention were available for review. No minors were detained over the six-hour time limit.

San Diego – Eastern Division

Staff at this facility were helpful, organized and well-versed in the Welfare and Institutions Code. No minors were detained over the six-hour time limit.

San Diego – Mid-City Division

There are no facilities at this lockup where a minor could be put into secure detention. The commission member who inspected this site recommended that minors be informed of the six-hour maximum time for detention. In addition, there needs to be some clarification about written policies on the handling of minors who are under the influence of intoxicating substances. No minors were detained over the six-hour time limit.

San Diego – Northeastern Division

This is an older facility but rooms were very well-maintained and the interview area was clean and safe. All locks have been removed from the rooms in the building and there are no secure rooms at the substation. No minors were detained over the six-hour time limit.

San Diego – Northern Division

The logbooks are kept electronically and very well-organized, with monthly reports sent on time. Signs were posted within view of everyone in the office. No minors were detained over the six-hour time limit.

San Diego – Northwestern Division

This is a new facility with no secure rooms in the building. Signage is present but best placement is still being decided. The commission member who inspected this facility recommended that when the electronic logs are printed, secure custodies should be printed on a different colored paper. No minors were detained over the six-hour time limit.

San Diego – Southeastern Division

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

San Diego – Southern Division

This facility does not conduct secure detention of minors. Logs related to minors are maintained electronically and are not separate based on WIC300/777 and WIC 601/602 designation. The commission member who inspected this facility recommended separating the electronic logs based on the WIC codes listed above. The inspector also mentioned that signage informing minors of their rights during detention should be posted in a visible location. No minors were detained over the six-hour time limit.

San Diego – Western Division

This facility is relatively small, with only two (side-by-side) holding cells to accommodate secure and unsecure detentions of both minors and adults. There is a solid wall between the rooms and doors which affords some reduction of sight or sound contact between adult and minor detainees. The commission member who inspected this facility recommended posting a sign with secure and non-secure requirements as well as a sign regarding intoxicated minors. In addition, it was recommended that a log containing both secure and non-secure information be created. Supplies or warm blankets and appropriate clothing articles for minors was also mentioned. No minors were detained over the six-hour time limit.

San Diego State University

This is an extremely pro-active department that works hard with the community from the neighborhood, as well as those families that live long distances away. The commission member who inspected this facility recommended that secure custodies should be printed on a different colored paper than the rest of the log. No minors were securely detained over the six-hour time limit.

Sheriff - Alpine Substation:

This facility is well-organized and maintains excellent documentation of Juvenile Detention. Staff was very cooperative and wanted to ensure that all JJC recommendations from previous years, including signage postings, have been corrected. No minors were detained over the six-hour time limit.

Sheriff - Encinitas Station:

Facility staff gave a prepared, organized presentation. No concerns were reported. No minors were detained over the six-hour time limit.

Sheriff - Fallbrook Substation:

This facility is well-organized and maintains excellent documentation of Juvenile Detention. No minors were detained over the six-hour time limit.

Sheriff - Imperial Beach Station:

The commission member who inspected this facility recommended that staff develop written policies and procedures pertaining to intoxicated minors. It was also recommended that signage explaining the handling of secure/non-secure detention of minors be posted. No minors were detained over the six-hour time limit.

Sheriff - Julian Substation:

This facility is very clean and neat. There is very infrequent presence of juveniles at this facility. Signage should explain secure/non-secure detention procedures for juveniles and should be placed in a location that is visible to detained minors. No minors were detained over the six-hour time limit.

Sheriff - Lemon Grove Station:

The inspecting commission member reported that this facility continues to maintain high standards and that log sheets are organized with protocols available in a nearby location. Yellow sheets are used for secure custodies. No minors were detained over the six-hour time limit.

Sheriff - Poway Station:

This facility is well-organized and maintains excellent documentation of Juvenile Detention. Signage is "outstanding" and the commission member who inspected this facility recommended that it be used for all SDSO facilities. No minors were detained over the six-hour time limit.

Sheriff - Ramona Substation:

This facility is well-organized and maintains excellent documentation of Juvenile Detention. Command and officers do a great job with Juvenile Detention issues and compliance. No concerns were reported. No minors were detained over the six-hour time limit.

Sheriff - San Marcos Station:

This facility is in excellent condition and is well-maintained. All procedures and regulations conform to existing laws. No concerns were reported. No minors were detained over the six-hour time limit.

Sheriff - Santee Station:

This facility is well-organized and maintains excellent documentation of Juvenile Detention. Staff should be commended for the many improvements that have been made since the previous inspection. No minors were detained over the six-hour time limit.

Sheriff - Valley Center

This facility is in excellent condition and is well-maintained. All procedures and regulations conform to existing laws. No minors were detained over the six-hour time limit.

Sheriff - Vista Station:

This facility is in excellent condition and all necessary reports were presented in an orderly and organized manner. The commission member who inspected this facility recommended that signage explaining detention procedures be posted in a visible location. No minors were detained over the six-hour time limit.

4S Ranch Substation:

This facility has a “great” sign posted where minors are given orientation. Detention logs are well-organized. No minors were detained over the six-hour time limit.

JUVENILE INSTITUTION INSPECTIONS

In 2012, 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: 11/27/2012
	Last Inspection Date: 11/29/2011
Superintendent: James A. Seal	
Address: 21077 Lyons Valley Road	Telephone Number: (619) 401-4900
Alpine, CA 9190	Fax: (619) 401-4921
Type of Facility: Juvenile Camp	Presiding Juvenile Court Judge:
	Hon. Cynthia Bashant
Commission Inspection Team:	Facility Capacity: 135
Eileen Madigan	Average Daily Population: 133
Henry Mann	

Recommendations:

The 2012-13 Juvenile Justice Commission (JJC) recommends that the County of San Diego Probation Department:

1. Reinstitute the Fire Science Academy program and find a qualified instructor to teach. Based on SANDAG research, the program has been effective and popular with both staff and wards. The environment of Camp Barrett makes it an ideal location for the program. In addition, the facility should consider training sessions in response to forest fires in the area.
2. Investigate Skype as a potential aide to increased family contact. The wards at Camp Barrett would benefit from increased family contact. Several factors contribute to limiting that contact. It may be possible for Camp Barrett to partner with organizations like the Boys & Girls Club to provide Skype-friendly sites where parents can sign up to communicate with their sons in a safe environment. If Camp Barrett is limited by old equipment, the JJC would be happy to assist the facility in locating and applying for suitable grant funding.
3. One of the 2011 recommendations was to offer groups for survivors of abuse/maltreatment/vio-

lence counseling and victim awareness. In response to the recommendation, the Probation Department agreed to research the possibility of adding a group session at Camp Barrett. The JJC continues to believe that the recommendation has merit and encourages the establishment of the group.

4. One of the 2010 recommendations was the introduction of electronic medical records. The proposed timeline appears to be slipping and the JJC wishes to reiterate the need for the program and to stress the significant and positive impact on managing the wards' healthcare that should result from electronic medical records.

Facility Name: EAST MESA JUVENILE
DETENTION FACILITY

Inspection date: 11/29/2012
Last Inspection Date: 11/21/2011

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:
Hon. Cynthia Bashant

Commission Inspection Team:
Joan Hiser
Nicole LoCoco

Facility Capacity: 290
Average Daily Population: 242

Recommendations:

The 2012-13 Juvenile Justice Commission recommends that the County of San Diego Probation Department:

1. Continue communication with the San Diego County Office of Education (SDCOE) and continue to help the minors/students track their school credits that they accumulate as wards of the Court. The Department has been doing a great job and the JJC feels this is an important factor for the youth, since it is so difficult to keep track of and because it is necessary for the road to success. The JJC also feels that the East Mesa Juvenile Detention Facility (EMJDF) is a great example for other facilities for tracking school credits.

Additional Comments:

The JJC Inspection Team was extremely impressed with the overall organization, professionalism, security provisions, academic framework, medical facility and state of the art structure. The attitude and demeanor of the managing staff is serious, positive and motivational.

The facility functions as a conduit and intake location for several other detention facilities. The comprehensive medical facility serves a variety of inmates and needs due to its staffing, preventive care focus, special needs, psychiatric and dental focus. The facility is somewhat unique in its 24-hour access.

Many inmates from other facilities are allowed to make regular as well as urgent doctor appointments here. Security and transportation are well heeded.

The educational structure appears progressive, organized and motivational. Small, attractive classrooms and full-time/long-term teaching staff present a very mainstream approach to learning. There are sufficient staff to insure that appropriate class credits are transferred to community high schools, as well as a solid GED program.

East Mesa provides a hands-on apprenticeship program for qualified inmates. They offer supervised experience in the areas of horticulture, hotel/restaurant work, as well as the building industry. Their work assignments program appears to be effective in providing useful job training.

Security conditions are well thought out and managed. Rules and regulations, as well as disciplinary functions, are clearly presented. OC spray is used sparingly but is not considered controversial.

East Mesa does not track all youth in their system by program and, therefore, do not have statistics for the camp programs. East Mesa does, however, track YOU (Youthful Offender Unit) youth. In the period 7/1/10 to 11/30/12, 128 youth have completed the San Diego County Probation YOU program. The Department examined these youth after they completed the program and have terminated from probation to determine if they continue to commit crime. Probation's definition of recidivism is a conviction for a new crime (felony or misdemeanor). Crimes committed in the juvenile and the adult systems are counted. Eighty percent (80%) (74 of 93) of the youth who have been terminated for six months have not been convicted of a new crime; 71% (49 of 69) of youth who have been terminated for 12 months have not been convicted of a new crime; and 63% of the youth who have been terminated for 18 months have not been convicted of a new crime.

There were 14 High School Diploma recipients and 28 GED recipients in the 2011-12 school year. There have been 31 youth with "senior" status and the Graduates were from within the YOU program, while the GED recipients are from YOU as well as the other units.

Facility Name:	GIRLS' REHABILITATION FACILITY	Inspection Dates: 11/16/2012
		Last Inspection Date: 11/18/2011
Superintendent:	Craig Stover, Probation Director Leann Kowalski, Supv. Prob. Officer	Telephone Number: (858) 694-4510
Address:	2861 Meadow Lark Drive San Diego, CA 92123	Fax: (858) 514-8488
Type of Facility:	Juvenile Hall	Presiding Juvenile Court Judge: Hon. Cynthia Bashant
Commission Inspection Team:	Rich Alderson Lisa Charukul	Facility Capacity: 50 Average Daily Population: 43

Recommendations:

The 2012-13 Juvenile Justice Commission recommends that the San Diego County Office of Education:

1. The Commission would like to see a documented effort to call each minor's previous school requesting their transcript. The school on site at GRF, Sierra Vista, does the best it can with limited resources, but many issues remain unaddressed. Some students enter Sierra Vista without a transcript, but transcripts are received by the second week in order to continue education.

Additional Comments:

GRF works on a rewards system to encourage good behavior. Rewards range from "kudos," which includes extra food and extra personals, to time off from the commitment.

In 2011, approximately 30% of the girls were on psychotropic medications. The Inspection Team believes that a better understanding of the diagnostic process could facilitate better results. GRF staff should be commended for their efforts to address a recommendation from the previous inspection report to develop a program to address the number of girls who are exposed to sexual

trafficking, prostitution, and sexual abuse. This program is now in place and has provided counseling and intervention strategies for any girls exposed to these issues.

It was also evident that staff take pride in the excellent condition of the facility.

Facility Name: JUVENILE RANCH FACILITY	Inspection Date: 12/17/2012
Superintendent: Supt. James Seal	Last Inspection Date: 11/16/2011
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: Hon. Cynthia Bashant
Commission Inspection Team: Kim Allan Melanie Delgado	Facility Capacity: 135 Average Daily Population: 122

Recommendations:

The 2012-13 Juvenile Justice Commission recommends that the County of San Diego Probation Department:

1. If at all possible, move from the current site to a site closer to San Diego.
2. If at all possible, the windows in the cafeteria should be repaired or replaced. There is quite a lot of etching on the windows where the youth have their meals and where visits take place.

The 2012-13 Juvenile Justice Commission recommends to the County Office of Education:

1. That the educational resources and staffing at JRF be maintained throughout the year to ensure that incarcerated youth are able to successfully transition back to their neighborhood schools.

Additional Comments

The JRF facility is too far away from San Diego to get good support services for the youth. It is at least an hour drive from most parts of San Diego. As a result, parents have a long commute, either by car or public transit, and staff from Probation and San Diego County schools may have a long commute. However, the JJC Inspection Team is pleased to note that even given the location of the JRF facility, Probation has done an excellent job of securing talented and experienced staff who are extremely committed to the youth in the facility. Likewise, we were impressed with the commitment and capabilities of the on-site Phoenix House staff. Unfortunately, JRF has had trouble recruiting consistent teaching staff in place over the past year following the retirement of two of their long-term teaching staff.

Facility Name: KEARNY MESA JUVENILE
DETENTION FACILITY (KMJDF) **Inspection Date:** 12/4/2012
Last Inspection Date: 11/29/2011

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

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

Commission Inspection Team: **Facility Capacity:** 359
Marc Gotbaum Average Daily Population: 261
Ryan Trabuco

Recommendations:

The 2012-13 Juvenile Justice Commission recommends that the County of San Diego Probation Department:

1. Additional clarification of terms such as “concern, grievances, and complaints” should be discussed and agreed upon such that the intended JJC inspection information can be more accurate and consistent.

Additional Comments:

The Kearny Mesa Juvenile Detention Facility (KMJDF) appears to be well run and competently staffed. Significant staffing changes have been made this year, and command and control structures seem to be stable, even as many new managers orient to their new duties.

Facility Name: POLINSKY CHILDREN’S
CENTER (PCC) **Inspection date:** 12/14/2012
Last Inspection Date: 11/18/2011

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

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

Commission Inspection Team: **Facility Capacity:** 204
Amy Lansing Average Daily Population: 52
Charlie Cleaves

Recommendations:

The 2012-13 Juvenile Justice Commission (JJC) recommends that the County of San Diego Health and Human Services Agency, Child Welfare Services:

1. Continue with a strong Government presence and oversight on all private contracts. While the JJC commends the PCC for holding weekly meetings with contractors, it recommends that PCC have more frequent, direct contact (in person or by phone) with the COTR than once a month to better insure that the Statement of Work and other Contract obligations are being met. This would better protect the County of San Diego given that many services are contracted out.

2. PCC continues to be faced with the challenge of preventing AWOLs while working with multiple collaborative systems to reduce AWOLs and minimize the risk to youth when they are not on PCC grounds. This is a complex and difficult task because youth may leave on their own accord, but they are also very vulnerable to both victimization by others and their own engagement in risky behaviors. The JJC hopes that reducing AWOLs will always remain a top priority and collaborative systems will continue to be responsive to PCC and the youth under their care.
3. Resolutions related to all Grievance Slips should be documented, even if the youth complainant has already left the facility, for both transparency and best practices.
4. Duplicate donations might be shared throughout the Health and Human Services Agency.

Additional Comments:

The JJC encourages PCC to continue to be proactive in building a strong relationship with law enforcement for placement of youth to family and neighbor connections prior to being admitted to PCC. While we recognize the need to be able to accommodate significant and unpredictable swings in occupancy demands as well as regulations safeguarding youth under PCC Care, careful ongoing consideration about alternative ways to use the other approximate 150 plus beds for other compatible youth populations would be useful given an average population of 69 this year, and continued lowering occupancy each year.

Facility Name: SAN PASQUAL ACADEMY
(SPA)

Inspection date: 12/5/2012
Last 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:
Hon. Cynthia Bashant

Commission Inspection Team:

Dr. Kathleen Edwards
Dr. Arlene Young

Facility Capacity: 184
Average Daily Population: 108

Recommendations:

The 2012-13 Juvenile Justice Commission recommends that the San Diego County Office of Education:

1. Provide California Standards Curriculum, including the grade 9-12 college prep requirements. These are commonly referred to as the a-g requirements. Minors need to have access to college prep curriculum to allow access to a four-year college.
2. Increase the number of students referred for potential special education placement. The Commission feels this population is being underserved, as only two such referrals have been made in the past year.
3. Increase the number of special education teachers from one to two teachers so that students requiring more than 50 percent of their day in Specialized Academic Instruction may be allowed to be served at SPA.

The 2012-13 Juvenile Justice Commission recommends that the County of San Diego Health and Human Services Agency, Child Welfare Services:

1. Review admission criteria to balance reunification goals with needs of individual clients. SPA is an excellent facility to meet the needs of dependent children and adolescents in San Diego County and yet had 70 openings on the day of the inspection.
2. Because the majority of the families have addiction issues, staff training should include precursors of addiction in under-age minors so that minor residents are trained and knowledgeable about the dangers of addiction.

Follow-up on 2011 Recommendations for NAI:

1. Tracking of Critical Incidents: SPA follows submission of all Incident Reports as required by CWS and State of California Community Care Licensing.
2. Dating of Residents: SPA monitors appropriate relationships between residents. Couples therapy is available as is information on birth control and STDs.

Commendations

1. All staff were cooperative, open, and prepared for the inspection. There was a spirit of cooperation during the inspection process;
2. Facility and adjoining grounds were well kept, clean, and a homey environment for residents was well established;
3. Especially impressive was the Workforce Partnership efforts and staff. Encouraging he dependency to independence growth in residents is enhanced by this program;
4. Mental Health services provided to residents through NAI are comprehensive and responsive to the evolving needs of the residents;
5. Staff does training in methods of reducing violence;
6. There is excellent college attendance after high school graduation;
7. There are excellent relationships between staff and residents after graduation;
8. One prior resident who is 26 works on site in the kitchen;
9. There is excellent training in dealing with issues of self care, financial management, seeking and maintaining work and school performance;
10. Good family involvement with most residents having some contact with family;
11. When a weapon was found, residents received help in violence diversion.

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 2012-2013, the JJC was pleased to welcome the following speakers to present during regular business meetings:

- Chief Probation Officer Mack Jenkins
- East Mesa Juvenile Detention Facility Director Lisa Southwell
- Deputy Chief of Probation Kim Allen
- Probation Director Natalie Pearl

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 18, 2013 at the University of San Diego Joan B. Kroc Institute for Peace and Justice. The Guest Speaker was Josh Morse, Student Body President at San Diego State University. The following individuals received awards from the Juvenile Justice Commission in 2013:

Probation:	Craig Stover, Probation Director Naomi Eddy, CDPO2
Child Welfare Services:	Kim Ranson, PSS, Court Unit
Law Enforcement:	Acting Detective Tony Carter, San Diego Police Department Officer Jeffrey Hughes, Chula Vista Police Department Detective James Chappie Hunter, San Diego Police Department Detective Jason Rouse, San Diego Sheriff
Educator/Court Schools:	Kurt Christopher, Teacher, Sarah Anthony School Greta Hulley, Teacher Katherine Mackos-Naples, Teacher Cathy O'Reilly, Teacher
Volunteer:	Pam Medhurst, Search & Rescue, San Diego Sheriff
Former Youth in Care or Probation:	Danielle
Judge:	Hon. Carol Isackson, Juvenile Court
Juvenile Court:	Michele Linley, Chief, District Attorney's Office
At-Large:	Dale Carlsen, CEO, Sleep Train, Inc. San Diego County Truancy Court Collaboration

2012-13 ACCOMPLISHMENTS

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

1. All Police Stations and Sheriff Departments which securely detained youth were inspected and recommendations made for improved record keeping and posting of rights of minors.
2. Five detention/camp inspections completed with recommendations for specific improvement by facility.
3. Increased emphasis on provision of college prep curriculum highlighted with some classes now offered.
4. Previous year's recommendations for increased mental health programming has occurred at GRF.
5. Annual Awards Banquet recognized adolescents who graduated from delinquency/dependency systems with good outcomes. Also honored were staff working with these adolescents who have gone above and beyond assigned duties to improve outcomes.

2013-14 GOALS

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

1. Continue emphasis on diploma bound/college prep curriculum in all institutions.
2. Continue emphasis on mental health issues of youth in detention.

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