

County of San Diego – Juvenile Justice Commission

Annual Report

Fiscal Year 2009-2010

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Juvenile Justice Commission Mission and Mandate

The legal authorization for the establishment and operation of the Juvenile Justice Commission of San Diego County, California, 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 County of San Diego - Juvenile Justice Commission (JJC) was created in 1965 through a mandate issued by the State of California. The JJC inquires into activities surrounding the administration of juvenile justice regarding children in both the delinquency and dependency systems. This includes conducting inspections of county-operated facilities 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 four years.

Juvenile Justice Commission Officers for 2009-2010

Chair

Jessica St. Clair

1st Vice Chair

Sally Cox

2nd Vice Chair

Kathleen Edwards

Juvenile Justice Commission Officers for 2010-2011

Chair

Kathleen Edwards

1st Vice Chair

Kriste Draper

2nd Vice Chair

Charlie Cleaves

Biographical Information for Active Commissioners as of June 30, 2010

Rich Alderson – Appointed May 21, 2010

Rich Alderson 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

Kimberly Alan 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. Ms. Allan currently practices estate planning law and lives in Coronado with her husband and daughter.

Charlie Cleaves – Appointed February 10, 2009

Charlie Cleaves 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, who graduated from Kearny High School, 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. He is married with four children.

Kriste Draper – Appointed February 28, 2007 – February 28, 2011

Kriste Draper is an attorney with the Children's Advocacy Institute at the University of San Diego School of Law. She developed and implemented the Homeless Youth Outreach Project (HYOP) in 2006 and has been providing legal and advocacy services to San Diego's homeless youth ever since. Many of the youth she serves have been touched by the juvenile system in some capacity, making her participation in the JJC very valuable.

Kathleen Edwards – Appointed July 3, 2008

Kathleen Edwards 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 Juvenile Justice Commission is fueled by the high percentage of adjudicated youth with special education and mental health needs. Edwards is a former member of the Mental Health Association of San Diego County and was an Arizona Special Education Teacher of the Year. She lives in San Diego with her husband and son.

Marc Gotbaum – Appointed May 17, 2010

Marc Gotbaum, LMFT, 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.

Andrew Haden – Appointed February 10, 2009; Resigned March 28, 2011

Andrew Haden is an attorney and a law clerk for a federal judge in the Southern District of California. Mr. Haden was formerly an officer in the U.S. Navy and met a staggering number of sailors who had been affected by the juvenile justice system when they were children or teenagers. His interest in juvenile dependency law continued to grow while in law school. He is a San Diego native and has worked with children and youth in a variety of ways since he was a teenager.

Amy Lansing – Appointed September 23, 2009

Amy Lansing is on 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 Juvenile Justice Commission, she is an independent contractor for the State of California, providing assessments of mentally disordered adult offenders. Her interest in the JJC stems from the significant number of delinquent youth with cognitive deficits, neurological and mental health needs.

Eileen Madigan – Appointed February 10, 2009

Eileen Madigan 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

Reverend Mann 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 BA 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 an MA 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. He currently serves as needed in a local church and throughout the Diocese and is married with three grown children.

Kellie McKenzie – Appointed June 24, 2009; Resigned September 9, 2010

Kellie McKenzie is an education specialist at Monroe Clark Middle School. She received her bachelor's degree from the University of Massachusetts-Amherst in Psychology. She holds an Education Specialist Certificate (Mild/Moderate Disabilities) and is certified in elementary and middle school instruction. Prior to her position at Monroe Clark, she worked as a youth counselor and coordinated programs at a residential facility in northern California. She has also provided

research assistance on a variety of projects. She is a member of the National Teacher's Association and the International Networking Group.

Jessica St. Clair – Appointed August 7, 2008; Resigned July 13, 2010

Jessica St. Clair is an attorney and the legal education coordinator for UC San Diego - Student Legal Services (SLS). SLS provides counseling, legal education and referrals for UC San Diego students. In addition to her full-time position at UC San Diego, she works in the education department at the San Diego Natural History Museum, where she leads science and nature education programs for children. Ms. St. Clair received her bachelor's degree from the University of San Diego and her law degree from Creighton University School of Law. She is a member of the State Bar of California. She also holds a Master of Forensic Sciences degree with an emphasis in Investigation from National University. She has worked with children, young adults and families in a variety of contexts since 1999.

Arlene Young – Appointed June 9, 2010

Arlene Young, Ph.D., 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 JJC has continued to explore whether a committee structure will best facilitate the JJC's efforts. The JJC had committees with different focus areas in the past. Committees formed to date are described below.

- Inspection Committees/Teams. The JJC puts inspections teams in place during each institution inspection cycle. The composition of these teams vary from year to year.
- Critical Incident Committee. The JJC has formed a committee to review critical incident reports 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.
- Commission on Children, Youth, and Families Fatality Review Committee Membership. CCYF continues to permit a JJC member to attend Fatality Review Committee meetings.

Jail and Lockup Inspections

Section 209 of the Welfare and Institutions Code contains several requirements for juvenile court judges and juvenile justice commissions. The Corrections Standards Authority (CSA) 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 §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. Only one minor was detained over the six-hour time limit.

Police Departments:

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

Sheriff:

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

The following comments were noted by inspecting commissioners for the lock-up facilities in 2009:

Fallbrook Substation:

The number of secure detentions was higher than the number reported by the facility. The inspecting Commissioner determined that all of the non-secure detentions reported should be reported as secure because of the manner in which minors were held.

Imperial Beach Station:

Although Imperial Beach is only four square miles, the population is approximately 29,000. There are only two officers in the field and two others in unincorporated areas (Bonita). This can sometimes be difficult when an officer has to monitor a juvenile for any length of time because it takes officers out of the field.

Julian Substation:

This is a relatively small substation. There is no cuffing rail or bench for youth to sit on; they are placed in empty office chairs. A few youth were held under Section 300 of the Welfare & Institutions Code who were runaways from a nearby placement camp and were released to CPS. There is direct access to outside doors which are unlocked.

Lemon Grove Station:

It was suggested that details on secure detentions (time limits, etc) be posted near the location where juveniles are placed.

Ramona Substation:

One minor was detained over the six-hour time limit; no explanation given on the inspection form.

Santee Station:

A concern was raised regarding the amount of time required to transport a minor to Sharp Hospital for medical clearance prior to booking in Juvenile Hall. One solution would be to assign Probation staff to evening and night shifts to assist with transport.

The following comments were noted by inspecting commissioners for the lock-up facilities in 2010:

Alpine Substation:

Information provided by the CSA showed three minors were held in secure detention at this substation; however, a review of the log books and a report sent by the Sergeant in charge showed zero detentions. A similar difference occurred last year. This issue was discussed with the Sergeant who said he would investigate the matter further.

Due to a recent question raised about locked doors in the non-secure detention area, the Sergeant removed the lock from the door to the non-secure area. There is now no lockable door from the inside area to the outside.

The inspecting Commissioner suggested that a supply of cookies, crackers, or other non-perishable snacks be kept on hand to avoid having to leave the substation to provide snacks to detained minors, as required by Article 14 of the California Code of Regulations.

Fallbrook Substation:

Concerns of the 2009 inspection, which were inconsistent log sheets, locked doors, and the reporting confusion of secure/non-secure, were all corrected, and the leadership command was very concerned with the compliance of the substation. In addition, staff had undergone training on all aspects of juvenile detention to insure that everyone was on the same page. Despite a Sheriff's Department internal memo dated May 21, 2010 stating otherwise, Fallbrook has continued to maintain a separate, non-secure area near the front desk and away from the jail area that has no locked doors and direct access to the street if necessary.

Imperial Beach Station:

Missing documentation and liberal record keeping made an actual determination of how many youth had been securely detained under six hours unknown; best estimate is 21 minors. At the time of inspection, the documentation on four or five minors detained in March of 2009 is missing. Due to the lack of thorough record-keeping, it is unknown if any minors were detained over the six-hour time limit.

Julian Substation:

The low number of non-secure detentions and detentions in general appear to be due to the close-knit community. When a minor is detained in the area, a parent will soon show up at the scene. Of the three incidents of non-secure detention of minors, two were the same juvenile detained on different days. Doors to the outside of the detention area were fire doors, which are always opened from the inside.

Lemon Grove Station:

In the 2009 inspection, the JJC suggested that details on secure detentions (time limits, etc.) be posted near the location where juveniles are placed. Due to a planned move to a new facility, this sign has not been created. There is a continued recommendation to post signs in regards to rules. The facility was clean and organized. Logs and records were well kept and easy to read.

Ramona Substation:

Secure and non-secure areas were the same in most of the substations the commissioner inspected. If a minor is required to be secured, he or she is cuffed to a bench. It appeared that the doors leading to the outside of the building had locks which are permanently unlocked on the inside due to fire regulations. It was mentioned to the commissioner that the six-hour time limit caused some problems in complicated cases, especially in substations in remote areas of the county.

Valley Center/Pauma Substation:

This small sub-office works hard to establish relationships with tribal government and Indian Child Services Office, which accounts for the majority of children in its custody. The facility completes a Log Sheet each day, whether a minor is in custody or not, a good practice to keep. All fire alarms and building codes were up to date, and there were no incident reports during the last year involving minors. Also noted was that the actual secure number of juveniles was three not seven, as listed on a report provided to the JJC by the CSA and verified by the log books.

Vista Station:

The Sergeant in charge discussed the substantial efforts the facility has undertaken in the last year to ensure that minors held in non-secure detention were being held in a manner that complies with federal legislation and the California regulations that describe the State's interpretation of that legislation. The exit route with unlocked doors to the outside that enables the non-secure detentions to be classified in that way is certainly not obvious; however, the inspecting commissioner was satisfied that it fulfills the required characteristics to classify the detentions as non-secure. Essentially, the only difference in the detention conditions when minors are held in secure vs. non-secure detention is whether or not they are cuffed to the cuffing rail or whether they are permitted to sit on the bench without being handcuffed.

Three minors under the age of 14 were held in secure detention (two of these detentions were in March 9, 2009, and the third was October 28, 2009). The inspecting commissioner discussed these detentions with the sergeant in charge. He acknowledged that this practice is contrary to the requirements for secure detention (minors must be 14 to be held in secure detention). The inspecting commissioner spoke with the officer responsible for the October detention who shared that the minor posed a safety risk when he would not comply with directions from the officer. The secure detention lasted only a few minutes.

Juvenile Institution Inspections

Facility Name: CAMP BARRETT

Inspection Date: 12/03/2009

Last Inspection Date: 2/18/2008

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 Susan Huguenor

Staff Interviewed:

James Seal, Superintendent
Evette Davis, Principal
Ruben Delacruz, Teacher
Pynne Loper, Clinic
Vicki Bentner, Clinic
Denise Fitz, Nurse
Art Ortiguerra, Kitchen Supv.
Lori Crockett, Maintenance

Facility Capacity: 156

Population on inspection date: 150

Average population: 150

***New cap for 2010:** 135

Commission Inspection Team:

Kriste Draper
Andrew Haden

Recommendations

1. The Probation Department should explore whether there might be volunteer-based organizations that would be well-positioned to provide occasional transportation to parents with wards at Camp Barrett who do not have access to transportation. The Juvenile Justice Commission is also researching this possibility.
2. School counselor to assist wards in transitioning from school at Camp Barrett to school in the community.
3. Better salary for teacher's aides to incentivize people to work at Camp Barrett.
4. More vocational training programs.

Facility Name: EAST MESA JUVENILE
DETENTION FACILITY

Inspection date: 11-23-2009

Last Inspection Date: 08-01-2009

Superintendent: Dan DeLeon, Director

Address: 446 Alta Road
San Diego, CA 92154

Telephone Number: (619) 677-4400

Fax: (619) 677-9482

Type of Facility: Detention Facility

Presiding Juvenile Court Judge:

Honorable Susan Huguenor

Staff Interviewed:

Dan DeLeon, Director
Barry Calabrese, Supervisor
Jackie, Nurse
Food Services Staff

Commission Inspection Team:

Charlie Cleaves
Jessica St. Clair, JJC Chair

CDPOs on duty (informally)
Roberto Carrillo, Principal
Dr. Sanchez, MH Clinician

Recommendations

The inspection team recommends the following for 2009:

1. Probation staff should consider tracking trends or patterns in the nature/type of incidents that lead to wards being placed on Administrative Segregation.
2. School program staff should continue to look for ways to engage youth who have completed their GED/High School Diploma/Certificate of Completion.
3. The Probation Department should explore whether there might be volunteer-based organizations that would be well-positioned to provide occasional transportation to parents with wards at EMJDF who do not have access to transportation. The Juvenile Justice Commission is also researching this possibility.
4. EMJDF and Probation staff should expand on the training that probation officers receive regarding California mandatory child abuse reporting requirements pursuant to California Penal Code §§ 11164 et seq.

The inspection team recommends that the following two recommendations from 2008 remain priorities:

1. Probation should continue to monitor the budget for opportunities to hire staff for vacant positions.
2. EMJDF should work closely with SAY San Diego to ensure that the new programming contracts adequately meet the needs of the wards in the facility, especially needs related to gang prevention/intervention and parent classes.

Facility Name: GIRLS' REHABILITATION FACILITY **Inspection Date:** 11/23/09

Superintendent: Yvette Klepin, Probation Director
Address: 2861 Meadow Lark Road
San Diego, CA 92123

Last Inspection Date: 3/4/09
Telephone Number: (858) 694-4510
Fax: (858) 514-8488

Type of Facility: Juvenile Hall

Presiding Juvenile Court Judge:
Hon. Susan Huguenor

Staff Interviewed: Yvette Klepin, Superintendent
Leann Kowalski, Supv. Prob. Officer

Commission Inspection Team:
Sally Cox
Eileen Madigan

Recommendations

The inspection team recommends the following for 2009:

1. Identify and provide specialized services for wards who have been exposed to sex work or human trafficking.
2. Replace existing washer and dryers with industrial quality and capacity laundry facilities.
3. Moving GRF may have a serious negative impact on the program due to the reliance on volunteer services. Decision makers should give strong consideration to the impact when weighing moving options.

The inspection team recommends that the following recommendations from 2007 and 2008 are still in need of attention:

1. Rehabilitate the Annex's (dormitories between Unit 400 and GRF) flooring, electrical outlets, lighting and replacing metal bunk beds and desks.
2. Replace existing washer and dryers with industrial quality and capacity laundry facilities.
3. Expanding services to wards who are survivors of sexual assault.

Facility Name: JUVENILE RANCH FACILITY

Superintendent: Supt. Craig Stover

Address: 57 Forrest Gate Rd.
Campo, CA 91906

Inspection Date: 11/19/2009

Last Inspection Date: 1/9/2008

Telephone: 619-401-3500

Fax: 619-401-3512

Type of Facility: Juvenile Camp

Presiding Juvenile Court Judge:

Hon. Susan Huguenor

Staff Interviewed:

Superintendent

Principal

Special Education Coordinator

Food Service Director

RN supervisor

Staff Psychologist

Two Minors

Total Bed Capacity: 250

Population on Inspection date: 133

Commission Inspection Team:

Kathleen Edwards

Henry Mann

Recommendations

The inspection team recommends the following for 2009:

1. That wards with identified mental health or developmental disabilities need to be referred to County Mental Health (AB2726) or Regional Center while they are incarcerated to provide some appropriate level of care upon release.
2. Screening requests for medical care by non M.D. medical staff are still occurring. Only M.D. staff should be making these decisions about the need for immediate medical care.
3. Transition to community needs to be strengthened. At times, a ward is to attend Reflections or another Probation program. However, if there is no room in this program, transition to another program or a regular school program needs to happen. Transportation to these programs is a barrier at times. Additional staffing resources need to be added to the outreach program funded through Prop 63 to assure stability of mentally ill minors who are back in the community.
4. The number of attempted escapes seems excessive. The fact that the acreage surrounding JRF is not fenced needs to be considered when examining this date. A study of when and where the attempted escapes are occurring may allow staff to change their approach to supervision to help deter the attempted escape.

The inspection team recommends that the following recommendations from 2008 remain priorities:

1. Remote location of facility continues to be a barrier to family involvement. In response to this recommendation from last year, Chief Probation Officer Mack Jenkins stated that "public busses operate regularly along Highway 94."

2. Continuing care or case management of wards with significant mental health problems has been partially addressed by funding from Prop 63 monies. To date, the program has not seen a significant impact on recidivism. The number of community contact hours and quality of these contacts needs to be tracked. Additional resources need to be added to this service.
3. Referrals to County Mental Health (AB2726) services or Regional Center Services during period of incarceration still need to occur.

Facility Name: KEARNY MESA JUVENILE
DETENTION FACILITY (KMJDF) **Inspection Date:** 11/18/2009
Last Inspection Date: 7/15/2009

Superintendent: Yvette Klepin, 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:**
Honorable Susan Huguenor

Staff Interviewed: Yvette Klepin, Superintendent **Total Bed Capacity:** 359
Registered Nurse
Education Staff
Dietary Staff **Commission Inspection Team:**
Kellie McKenzie
Francisco Garcia

Recommendations:

1. It is recommended that the hallway in Unit 60 be resurfaced; it has deteriorated and now poses a safety hazard.
2. Replace beds with platform-style beds to reduce suicide attempts via asphyxiation. Superintendent Klepin is pursuing all avenues to obtain "safe beds." (continued from 2008 recommendation)

Comments: Yvette Klepin, Superintendent, was organized and accommodating. All staff to be interviewed were present. Dietary staff, medical staff, education staff, and probation staff, mental health staff were interviewed. All expressed concerns about the budget reductions. Dietary staff reported some changes had to be made to the menu to accommodate the children's preferences. Education staff is evaluating the possibility of additional funding from eScrip program to make up for budget cuts.

Facility Name: POLINSKY CHILDREN'S
CENTER (PCC) **Inspection date:** 11-06-2009
Last Inspection Date: 07-01-09

Superintendent: Cathi Palatella, 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:
Honorable Susan Huguenor

Staff Interviewed:

Tuan Pham, Manager, PCC Administration
Adrian Camacho, RCW, Recreation/Training Coordinator
Nancy Graff, M.D., PCC Clinic Medical Director
My Tran, PSS, Duty Officer/Staffing Coordinator
Kelly Samuel, RCS, Quality Assurance/Safety/
Licensing Coordinator
Peggy Onstott, Utilization Review Quality
Improvement Specialist, Day Rehab Program

Commission Inspection Team:

Miguel Blanco
Amy Lansing

Recommendations

The Polinsky Children’s Center (PCC) is child-centered, with a structural design that is non-institutional, warm, inviting, cheerful and well maintained. The following concerns were discussed with the staff:

The inspection team recommends that the following recommendation from 2008 remain a priority:

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

Comments

Critical Incident Reports were reviewed for appropriateness of response and documentation prior to the completion of this inspection report.

PCC staff should be commended for instituting policy to divert children within the first 23 hours who have an alternative placement.

PCC provides an excellent family-type environment that is quite well suited for younger children and accommodates pregnant teens/new mothers in an exceptional manner. PCC is, however, faced with the challenge of supervising older youth who attempt or successfully complete AWOLs, given that PCC is not a locked placement. After reviewing PCC's responses to such incidences and their policies (e.g., contacting agencies, SDPD, Social Services etc. within the hour), PCC appears to balance the competing mandates to supervise youth yet not restrain them. However, as the critical incident reports reflect, youth are at risk for victimization and substance and alcohol use during their time off of PCC property. We hope that policies will be identified in the future to reduce these situations, although we acknowledge that there are no clear or immediate solutions.

PCC administrative staff note that, although the recent budget cuts have not had substantive direct consequences for the facility, there is an ongoing review through Business Process Reengineering to determine if changes in the model of mental health service delivery are needed to reduce duplication and identify any potential gaps. The Juvenile Justice Commission would like to take this opportunity to highlight the vital role and importance of these services to the well being of youth at PCC. The need for mental health services for youth serviced by PCC cannot be overstated.

Guest Speakers

The County of San Diego 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 and the community to share information and insights. During Fiscal Year 2009-2010, the JJC invited the following speakers to present during regular business meetings:

- Dr. Phillip Hanger, County of Mental Health. Dr. Hanger met with the JJC on two occasions to discuss the mental health needs of youth under the supervision of the Probation department and the funding streams available to provide services to meet these needs.
- Charlene Aboytes, Correction Standards Authority. Ms Aboytes traveled from Sacramento to provide training regarding jail/lock-up inspections and the underlying federal legislation that gives rise to many of the regulations that determine the conditions of detention for youth in a jail or lock-up facility. Ms. Aboytes provided invaluable assistance and support to the JJC's efforts to improve its inspection practices throughout the year.
- Judge Cynthia Bashant, Presiding Judge of the Juvenile Court. The JJC met with Judge Bashant shortly before she became appointed as the Presiding Judge of the Juvenile Division.
- Representatives from the Orange County Juvenile Justice Commission. The County of San Diego JJC again invited members of the Orange County JJC to meet and share information, best practices, and resources. This year, the conversation focused particularly on redrafting Commission bylaws and building relationships with juvenile justice stakeholders.
- Chief Mack Jenkins and Director Dan DeLeon, Probation Department. The Commission met with Probation Department leaders to discuss trends noted during the juvenile institutions and concerns raised by media coverage of the Probation Department following a survey conducted by an independent researcher.
- Daniel Hernandez, Orange County Probation Department, Juvenile Detention Alternatives Program. Mr. Hernandez discussed Orange County's success with reducing the number of incarcerated youth in Orange County after implementing a JDAI program with help from the Casey Foundation.

Juvenile Justice Commission Awards 2009

The JJC presents awards each year to recognize outstanding juvenile justice professionals. The 2009 awards were presented during the July 2009 public meeting. Susan Golding, President and CEO of Promises2Kids, was the key note speaker. The following individuals received Juvenile Justice Commission Awards in 2009:

Probation:	Irma Betancourt, Deputy Probation Officer, Teen Watch
Children Welfare Services:	Rachel Hulse, Protective Services Worker, Residential Services
Law Enforcement:	Deputy Marion Genera and Deputy Earnell Sease, School Resource Officers, Vista Unified School District
Court Schools:	Kurt Christopher, Teacher, and Joe Naradazy, Counselor, STAR Program, Sara Anthony School
At-Large:	Jennifer Mendel, DPS Coordinator, Grossmont Union High School District
Volunteer:	Steve "Pops" Blocker, Reserve Deputy Probation Officer, Youth Day Center

Accomplishments for 2009-2010

The JJC made progress in several areas during Fiscal Year 2009-2010:

- Completed all of its inspections in a timely manner.
- Reviewed inspection practices for institutions and lock-ups. The JJC implemented a new institution report format and is continuing to develop a report format and inspection protocol that is thorough, effective, and manageable.
- Reviewed current bylaws and drafted major revisions.
- Added a volunteer category to the Annual Awards.
- Continued to research best practices implemented in other counties, particularly in Orange County.
- Initiated and implemented a successful recruitment campaign for new members.
- Continued to cultivate relationships with juvenile justice stakeholders.

Goals for 2010-2011

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

- Mental Health
- Education
- Transitional Services
- Delinquency Prevention/Deterrence

During the remainder of the current year, Commissioners will gather information and data on the objective goal areas in order to focus and define the goals for the upcoming year.

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.