

JUVENILE JUSTICE COORDINATING COUNCIL
Meeting Minutes of January 18, 2012

Members Present: Terry Davis, Jean Donaldson, Rick Feldstein, Amanda Gibbs, Marc Grodner, Elizabeth Habkirk, Mark Luce, Connie Moreno-Peraza, Barbara Nemko, Randy Snowden, Pat Wells

Others Present: Miriam Ladrigan, Marjorie Lewis, Charles Rose, Gail Blair

INTRODUCTIONS

Introductions were made of the two community member applicants, Miriam Ladrigan and Charles Rose, and Marjorie Lewis from HHS.

APPROVAL OF OCTOBER 3, 2012 MINUTES (SPECIAL MEETING)

Motion: Barbara Nemko

Second: Terry Davis

Motion Approved

JUVENILE JUSTICE COORDINATING COUNCIL APPLICANTS

Miriam Ladrigan has applied to be the Community at Large member for the new term. She is a retired Napa County employee who began work at Juvenile Probation, then later moved to Health and Human Services' Child Protective Services. Prior to that, she worked at Kern County and at a San Francisco Youth Guidance facility. She is a mother of three, a part-time bookkeeper for the family business, and substitute teacher at Shearer School.

Charles Rose has also applied for the Community at Large position. He is an attorney and currently serves on the Napa County Superior Court Juvenile Justice Commission, which makes inquiry into juvenile law administration in Napa County. He also serves on the Board of Directors of the Wolfe Center, an alternative drug treatment method for juveniles. Additionally, he has been appointed to the new Napa County Gang and Youth Violence Commission, which has had its first meeting recently. He is interested in the overview of all juvenile justice issues and how to best use current resources.

Saanan Rachel Kerson also applied for the Community at Large position, but was unable to attend this meeting.

After review of all three applications and discussion outside of the presence of the applicants, it was decided a recommendation would be made to the Board of Supervisors to select Miriam Ladrigan to serve as the *Community at Large* member for the next term.

Motion to select Miriam Ladrigan as the Community at Large member

Motion: Elizabeth Habkirk

Second: Rick Feldstein

Motion Approved

UPDATE FROM CHILDREN'S TRUST FUND

(Handouts provided) Marjorie Lewis, from Napa County Health and Human Services, gave a mid-year overview of the Children's Trust Fund. There are two contracts funded by the Children's Trust Fund under the umbrella agency, the Cope Family Center: CAPC (Child Abuse Prevention Council of Napa County) and CAPP (Child Assault Prevention Project). HHS is pleased with the programs so far, as the contracted goal of contact with 800 parents and children has already been exceeded. So far this year, 37 workshops have been held for 1st, 3rd, and 5th graders and parents, where last year only 24 were held. Excellent work is being done with a small amount of funding (\$33,985 for CAPC and \$18,000 for CAPP). Marjorie will return to the JJCC April meeting with a plan for next year.

JUVENILE SERVICES AND FUNDING

This money is now part of the Realignment account, and funds services at Chamberlain High School, the Wolfe Center, mental health staff at Juvenile Hall, and Peer Court. The number of juveniles who have contact with our agency is down significantly, so there will be a subsequent decrease in the number served. Drug Court funding remains an issue; therefore, Juvenile Drug Court is on hiatus. Drug Court did play a significant role in keeping kids engaged in treatment for a longer period of time, and for that reason, there is a desire to reinstate Drug Court. It is possible that funding in the Realignment account could roll into the next fiscal year if not spent this year; this is being investigated. Peer Court, overseen by Isadora Ashe, may not be completely funded next fiscal year. Mary Butler is working on this.

YOUTH OFFENDER BLOCK GRANT (YOBG)

This grant, along with funding from foundations, funds the Evening Reporting Center (ERC), a five-day per week after school program that recently received an award from CSAC. This program is currently being temporarily run in a meeting room in Juvenile Hall; however, the Board of Supervisors will be asked January 24th to approve the lease of a space on Soscol Avenue, in the building behind Walmart. The minors do appreciate and enjoy having their own space.

GANG UPDATE

Per Jean Donaldson, there are no major issues to report in American Canyon. The County's new Gang and Youth Violence Commission had its first meeting in October, with the next meeting scheduled for mid-February. The Commission is to make Master Plan recommendations to law enforcement, County and city representatives, and the general public. As previously stated, there has been a lull in activity lately, with low populations in Juvenile Hall.

FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

Children's Trust Fund
Juvenile Drug Court

Meeting adjourned to Regular Scheduled Meeting April 18, 2012