County of Santa Cruz



JUVENILE JUSTICE AND DELINQUENCY PREVENTION COMMISSION AGENDA

Thursday, October 12, 2023 6:00 p.m. – 7:30 p.m. Regular Meeting

Probation Offices 303 Water St, 2nd Floor Santa Cruz, CA 95060

For questions regarding the meeting process, please contact Gerardo Leon, staff for the JJDPC, at 831-454-3105 or PRB1150@santacruzcounty.us

- I. CALL TO ORDER/ROLL CALL:
- II. CONSENT AGENDA:Approval of AgendaApproval of Minutes from September 14, 2023
- III. PUBLIC COMMUNICATIONS: Any member of the public will be allowed a maximum of 3 minutes each to address the Commission on any item listed on today's Agenda and/or any other topic within the scope of the responsibility of the Commission. If the issue or matter is not listed on today's agenda, Commissioners will not take actions or respond immediately to any public comment, but may follow up later, either individually or at a subsequent meeting.
- IV. ANNOUNCEMENTS (Including items via email on file):
- V. MONTHLY STATISTICAL INFORMATION FROM PROBATION/JUVENILE HALL (ATTACHMENTS Accept and File):
 - 1. Grievances & Incidents reports
 - 2. SB823 and Secure Youth Treatment facilities and programming for youth
- VI. ACTION ITEMS:
 - 1. Approval of Draft Bylaws (Relined and "clean" versions attached)
- VII. INFORMATION ITEMS:
 - 1. Admin support update
 - 2. Need for New Commissioners
 - 3. Juvenile Hall Inspection Update

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VIII. SUB-COMMITTEE UPDATES:

- Steering/Outreach: Kelly Chair, Brook, Druley, Brody, Rice (ATTACHMENT)
- 2. <u>Juvenile Hall Inspection:</u> Druley Chair, Kebebew, Kelly, Rice
- 3. <u>SB190/SB823:</u> Brook Chair, Gonzales, Romero (former Commissioner) (ATTACHMENT)
- 4. Delinquency Prevention: Kebebew Chair, Brody
- 5. By-Laws: Rice Chair, Druley, Kebebew, Brody

IX. ADJOURNMENT:

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JUVENILE JUSTICE AND DELINQUENCY PREVENTION COMMISSION Minutes

Thursday, September 14, 2023 6:00 p.m. – 7:30 p.m. Regular Meeting

PVPSA Offices 411 E. Lake Avenue Watsonville, CA 95076

I. CALL TO ORDER/ROLL CALL: Meeting called to order at 6:02 p.m.

Present: David Brody, Beverly Brook, Elias Gonzales, Deutron Kebebew, Kieran Kelly,

Jasmine Najera, Reyna Ruiz, Ben Rice,

Absent: Ray Diaz, Cynthia Druley, Elaine Johnson, Maria Rodriguez

Ex Officio: Judge Jerry Vinluan

Probation Staff: Gerardo Leon Garcia

Probation Representatives: Sarah Ryan

II. CONSENT AGENDA:

Approval of Agenda

Approval of Minutes from August 10, 2023

Moved: Kebebew; Second: Rice

Motion Passed

Aye: Brody, Brook, Gonzalez, Kebebew, Kelly, Ruiz, Rice

No: None

Abstention: Najera

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III. ANNOUNCEMENTS (Including items via email on file):

Rice announced that a journalist at Good Times is working on a story about the Commission. Brook suggested inviting them to future commission meeting.

Najera discussed the South County Triage group meetings that are held virtually and the role of the group. Invited Commissioners to suggest future topics.

Brook talked about the new inspector general overseeing the Sherriff's Office and suggested that he participate in a future South County Triage meeting.

Kebebew reported that he participated in an asset builders community group trip on a catamaran. He talked about the goal to keep the community going and doing self-care together. Suggested that the Commission could participate in future trips that include community members.

Brook reported on the upcoming safe school summit event for LGBTQ+ students and parents.

Najera talked about a local group that is organizing local parents interested in restricting LGBTQ+ rights. Commissioner Najera said that she would forward the organizing email to the Commission via staff. According to Commissioner Najera the group is intentionally targeting South County residents and Latinos. Discussion ensued about the group and its organizing work in South County and the importance of supporting our LGBTQ+ community.

- V. MONTHLY STATISTICAL INFORMATION FROM PROBATION/JUVENILE HALL (ATTACHMENTS Accept and File):
 - 1. Grievances & Incidents reports
 - 2. Data and Trends on low level charges

Division Director Ryan reviewed the JH data blast included in the meeting packet. She reported that there was 1 grievance last month related to a youth and a personal memorial of that was taken down from the unit and put up in their personal area. No altercations were reported. Division Director Ryan went on to report that it had been a challenging few weeks with youth in the facility due to violence that has occurred in the community. She also reported that the local health officer toured the facility, that there were 2 room confinements in the prior month and that a new nurse has been hired and JH is now fully staffed with 3 nurses as well as a new bi-lingual doctor on the JH assignment. Lastly she reported that she is now preparing for 2 inspections in the first week of October.

Discussion ensued about the JH inspection process and Commissioner Rice noted that the inspection sub-committee has lost 3 people who were originally going to participate on the inspection team and the present challenge of completing the inspection given the loss of inspection team members. Discussion continued between Commissioners and Division Director Ryan on how to appropriately complete the inspection in timely manner.

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VI. ACTION ITEMS:

1. Board retreat date change

Moved: Kebebew; Second: Ruiz

Motion Passed

Aye: All No: None

Abstention: None

Commissioners discussed moving the Commission's retreat from October to the new year and how to make the retreat meaningful and support both relationship development between Commissioners and goal setting for the Commission in 2024.

2. Participation in Children's Network

Group agreed to have an appointee from the commission.

Moved: Ruiz; Second: Kebebew

Motion Passed

Aye: Brody, Gonzalez, Kebebew, Kelly, Najera, Ruiz, Rice

No: None

Abstention: Brook

VII. INFORMATION ITEMS:

- 1. Juvenile Hall Inspection
- 2. Administrative support
- 3. Commissioner Meetings with Supervisors.

VIII. SUB-COMMITTEE UPDATES:

- 1. Steering/Outreach: Kelly Chair, Brook, Druley, Brody, Rice
- 2. Juvenile Hall Inspection: Druley Chair, Kebebew, Kelly, Rice
- 3. SB190/SB823: Brook Chair, Gonzales, Romero (former Commissioner)

Commissioner Brook reported that minutes from SB190/SB823 meeting were included in the packet. Follow-up questions and responses between Commissioners and staff were distributed at the meeting. Brook reviewed the Q&A with the group and said that she will follow up with staff for clarification. Significant discussion ensued about lack of behavioral health services for youth at Sonoma.

- 4. <u>Delinquency Prevention:</u> Kebebew Chair, Brody
- 5. By-Laws: Rice Chair, Druley, Kebebew, Brody
- IX. ADJOURNMENT: Meeting adjourned at 7:42 p.m.

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Juvenile Division Monthly Data Blast

Intake

24 Intake RAIs administered: 1 override

Held by Probation/Released by the Judge @ Detention Hearing: 0

ATD admissions: 22

Diversions: 10

EC Referrals: 7

Recidivism Rate: 0%

EPIC Sessions: 52

Field Contacts: 12

Video Contacts: 3

Secure Track Youth: 5

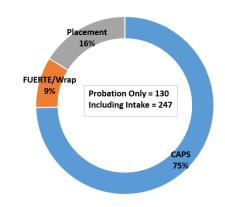
Investigations

JAIS

Court reports: 3

Transfer reports ordered: 2

August Caseload Supervision Totals



Cases Closed: 12 - 9 Successful, 1 Unsuccessful, 2 Transferred

New Supervision Cases w/Low Initial Risk Level: 7

Title IV-E (Does not include Placement IV-E)

Last Month

Reasonable Candidates: 6

August

2023

New: 1

Reassessments: 0

Overdue reassessments: 2

Reassessments due last month: 0

This Month

Reasonable Candidates: 6

New: 0

Reassessments: 0

Overdue reassessments: 1

Reassessments due this month: 1

Last Month

89% of youth eligible received a full assessment, 14 youth still needed one.

Overdue reassessments: 21

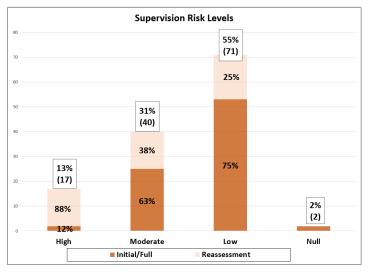
Reassessments due last month: 1

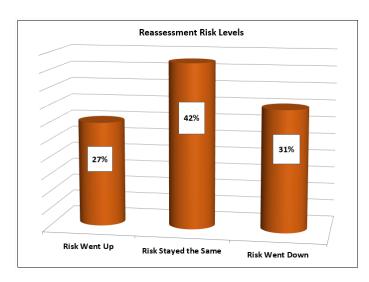
This Month

88% of youth eligible received a full assessment 15 youth still need one.

Overdue reassessments: 17

Reassessments due this month: 8





Demographics				
Probation Caseload	Probation Violations	Warrants		
 African American: 2% (2) Latinx: 71% (92) White: 22% (29) Other/Unknown: 5% (7) 	Latinx: 50% (2)White: 50% (2)	• Zero		

Juvenile Hall Monthly Data Blast

August 2023

Population Info

• IEP's: 7

504's: 2

• Graduations: 1

Youth on Psychotropic Meds: 4
Youth with drug/alcohol issues: 3
Youth open to MH services: 13

Medical Referrals: 4
Physical Altercations: 0
Room confinements: 2
Pending transfer hearing: 1

Booking Charges (most serious offense)

Bench Warrant: 17% (4)Drugs/Alcohol: 8% (2)Placement Failure: 8% (2)

• Remand: 4% (1)

Violent/Weapons: 54% (13)

Other: 8% (2)

Booking Demographics (area of residence)

North County: 17% (4)South County: 62% (15)Out of County: 21% (5)

JUVENILE HALL POPULATION

INFORMATION	BOYS	GIRLS	TOTAL
6 am count (average) 1	7.9	0.5	8.4
Population in-custody at start of time period	5	1	6
Admitted during time period	22	2	24
Released during time period	18	3	21
Population in-custody at end of time period ¹	9	0	9
Average daily attendance	7.7	0.5	8.2
Average length of stay	36.2	30.7	35.4
Average length of stay without STYF youth	36.2	30.7	35.4
Length of Stay MODE	1.0	1.0	1.0
Range of stay	1 - 855	1 - 90	1 - 855
Range of age	14 - 19	17 - 18	14 - 19
Number of "in-county" residents received	18	1	19
Number of "out-of-county" residents received	4	1	5
Percentage from out-of-county	18.2%	50.0%	20.8%
Total child care days	257	17	274
Total court commitments admitted	0	0	0
Total court commitments released	0	0	0
Total child care days for released court commit	0	0	0
Total intake to date (current year): August 2023	106	21	127
Total intake to date (prior year): August 2022	87	34	121

Overall Population Demographics					
Latinx: 25 (83%)White: 4 (13%)Asian: 1 (3%)	Boys: 27 (90%)Girls: 3 (10%)	ALOSLatinx: 35.2 daysWhite: 1.5 daysAsian: 1 day	% Youth on Probation: 53%		

There were two firearm related bookings in September:

- A 16-year-old Latinx boy from Hollister
- A 16-year-old White boy from Ben Lomond

Youth on Probation by area of residence:

Zip Code
76208 Total
93630 Total
93906 Total
93907 Total
94544 Total
95003 Total
95005 Total
95006 Total
95010 Total
95012 Total
95018 Total
95019 Total
95023 Total
95060 Total
95062 Total
95065 Total
95066 Total
95073 Total
95076 Total
95126 Total
95682 Total
95901 Total
95973 Total
98387 Total
Grand Total

SANTA CRUZ COUNTY JUVENILE HALL

STATISTICS FOR PERIOD: September 2023

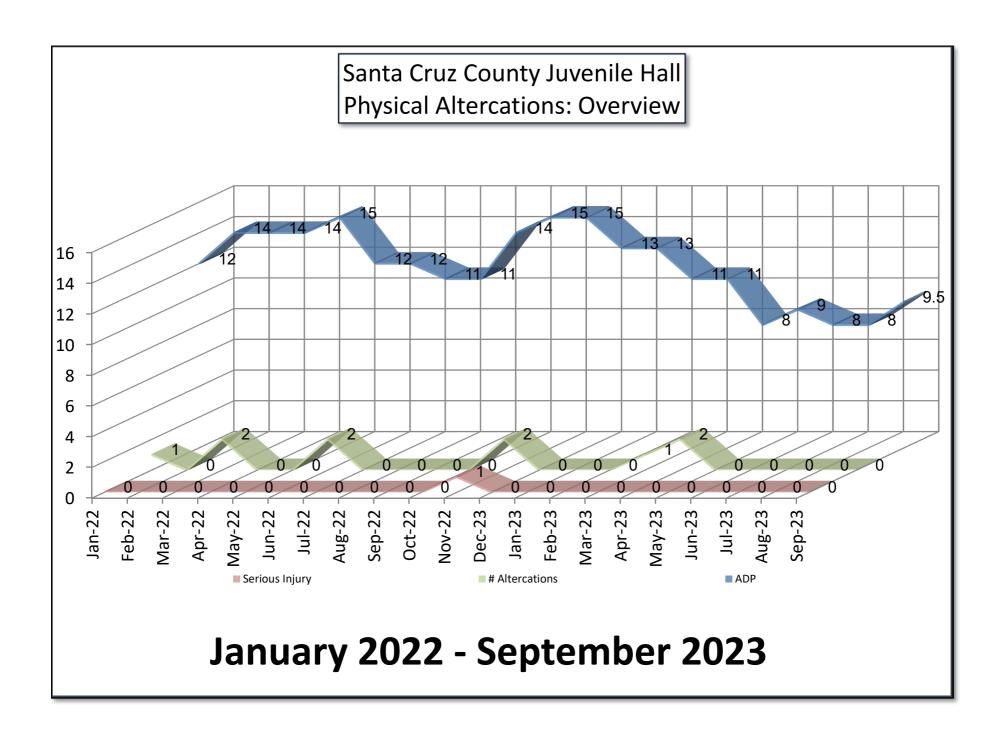
JUVENILE HALL POPULATION INFORMATION	BOYS	GIRLS	TOTAL
6 am count (average) ¹	8.7	0.8	9.5
Population in-custody at start of time period	10	0	10
Admitted during time period	16	5	21
Released during time period	18	4	22
Population in-custody at end of time period ¹	7	1	8
Average daily attendance	8.7	0.8	9.5
Average length of stay	6.6	1.3	5.6
Average length of stay without STYF youth	6.6	1.3	5.6
Length of Stay MODE	1.0	1.0	1.0
Range of stay	1 - 885	1 - 23	1 - 885
Range of age	13 - 19	13 - 19	13 - 19
Number of "in-county" residents received	12	5	17
Number of "out-of-county" residents received	4	0	4
Percentage from out-of-county	25.0%	0.0%	19.0%
Total child care days	273	28	301
Total court commitments admitted	0	0	0
Total court commitments released	0	0	0
Total child care days for released court commit	0	0	0
Total intake to date (current year): September 2023	122	26	148
Total intake to date (prior year): September 2022	103	40	143

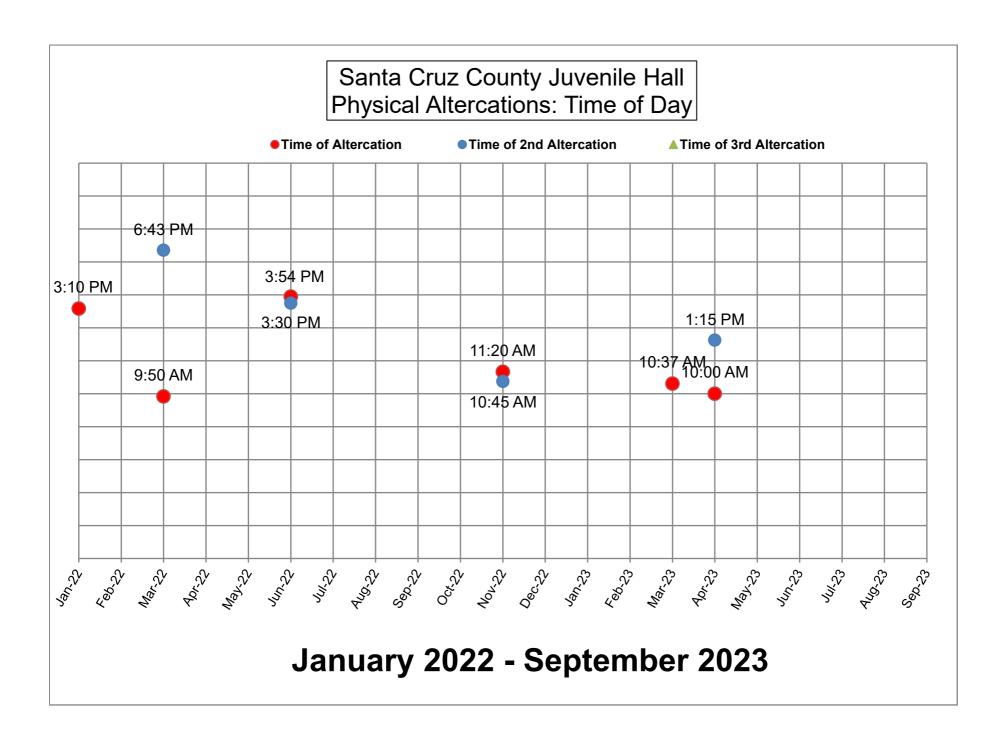
ETHNICITY - Overall Juv. Hall Population	POP.#	POP. %	AVG RAI ²	AVG LOS ³
Caucasian	9	30.0%	8.3	3.9
Latino	20	66.7%	8.1	6.6
African American	1	3.3%	10.0	4.0
Asian	0	0.0%	_	-
Other	0	0.0%	-	-
total	30	100.0%		

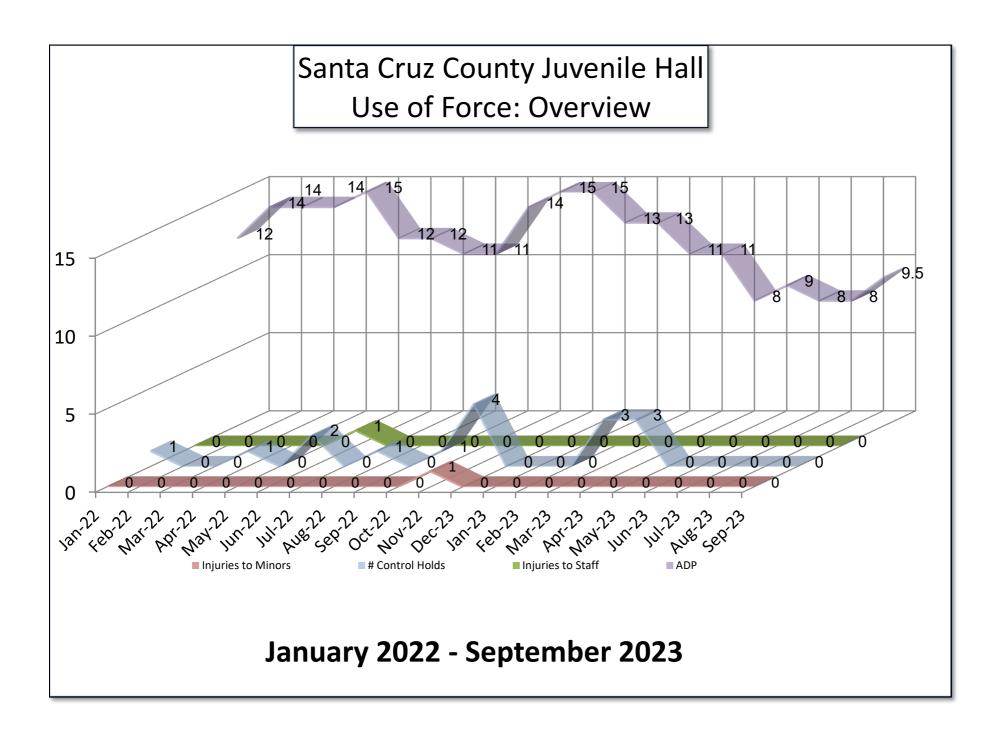
					OVERALL JH POP
ETHNICITY - Intakes only	TOTAL DAYS for released intakes	INTAKES (number)	INTAKES (percent)	INTAKES AVG RAI ²	AVG LENGTH OF STAY
Latino girls	2	2	9.5%	1.0	2.0
Latino boys	33	11	52.4%	7.8	6.9
Anglo girls	3	3	14.3%	4.0	1.0
Anglo boys	11	4	19.0%	11.5	6.0
African Am. girls	-	0	0.0%	_	-
African Am. boys	4	1	4.8%	10.0	4.0
Asian girls	-	0	0.0%	-	
Asian boys	-	0	0.0%	-	-
Other	-	0	0.0%	-	-
total	53	21	100.0%		

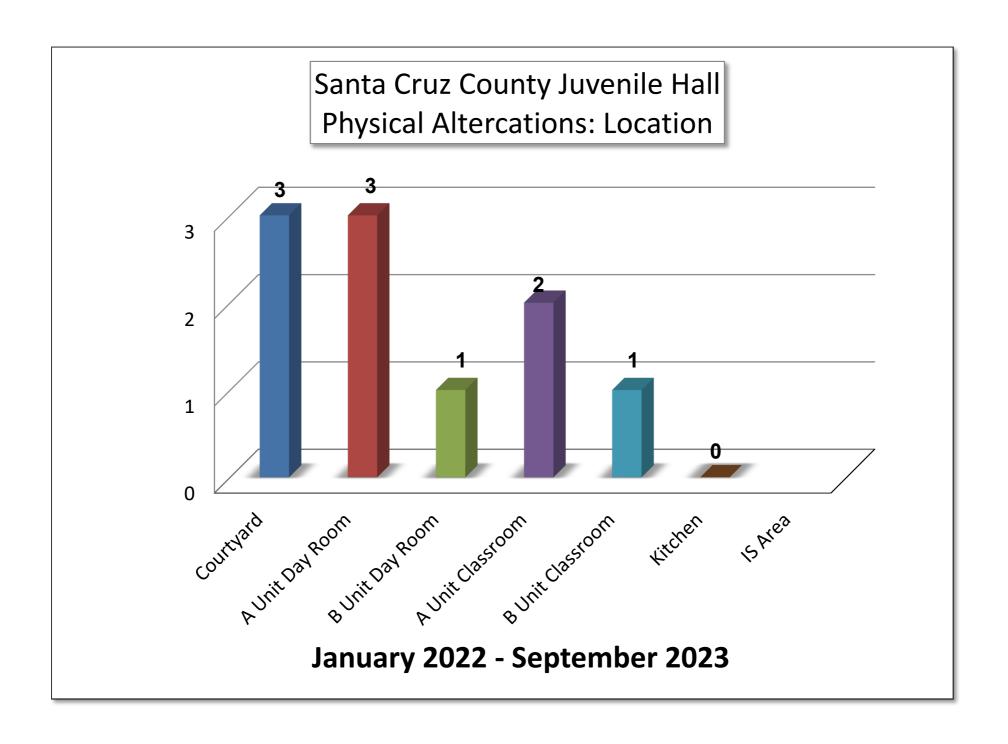
¹ 6 am count on last day of month. ² Risk Assessment Instrument Score

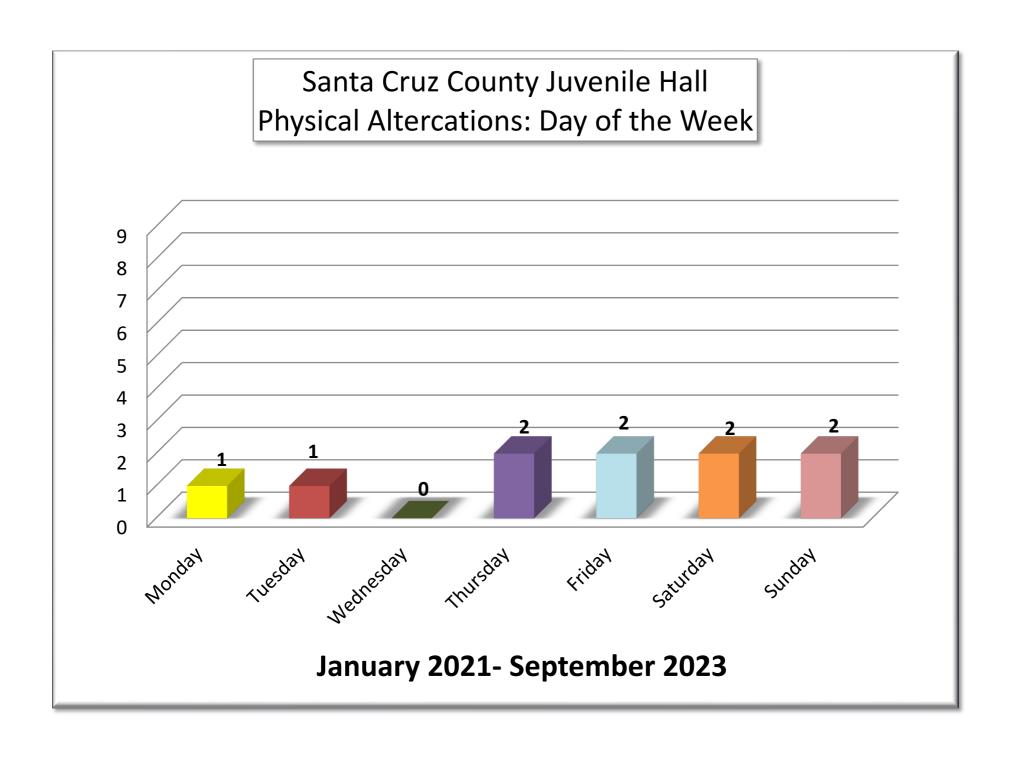
³ Length of Stay for youth released

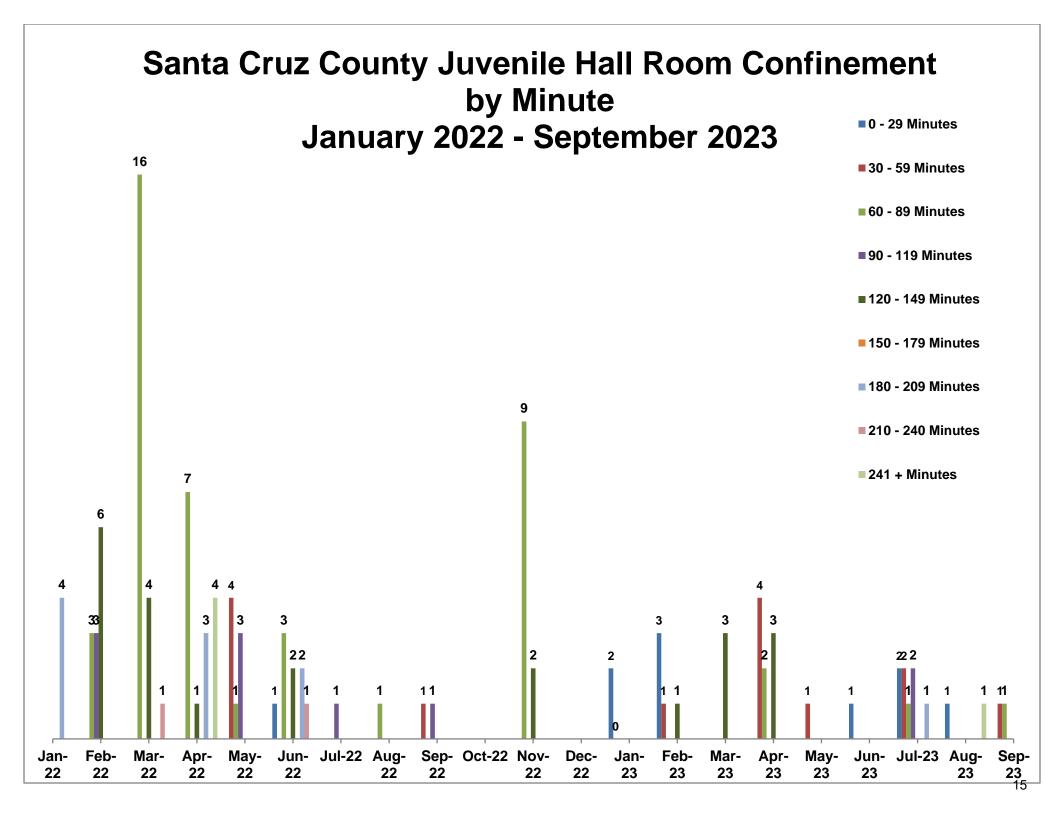




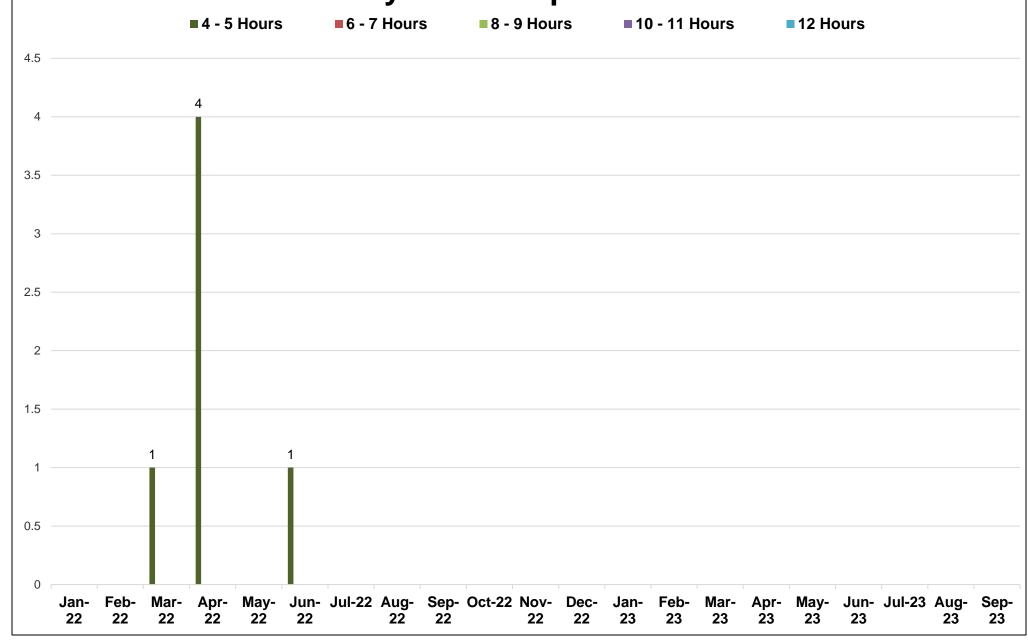


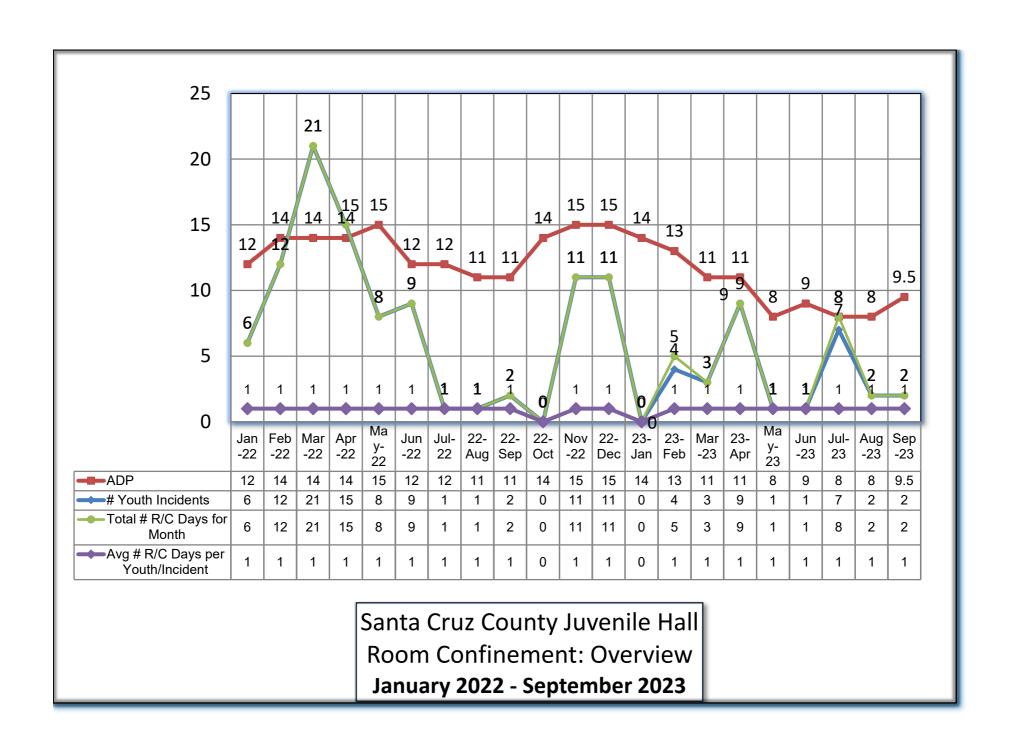


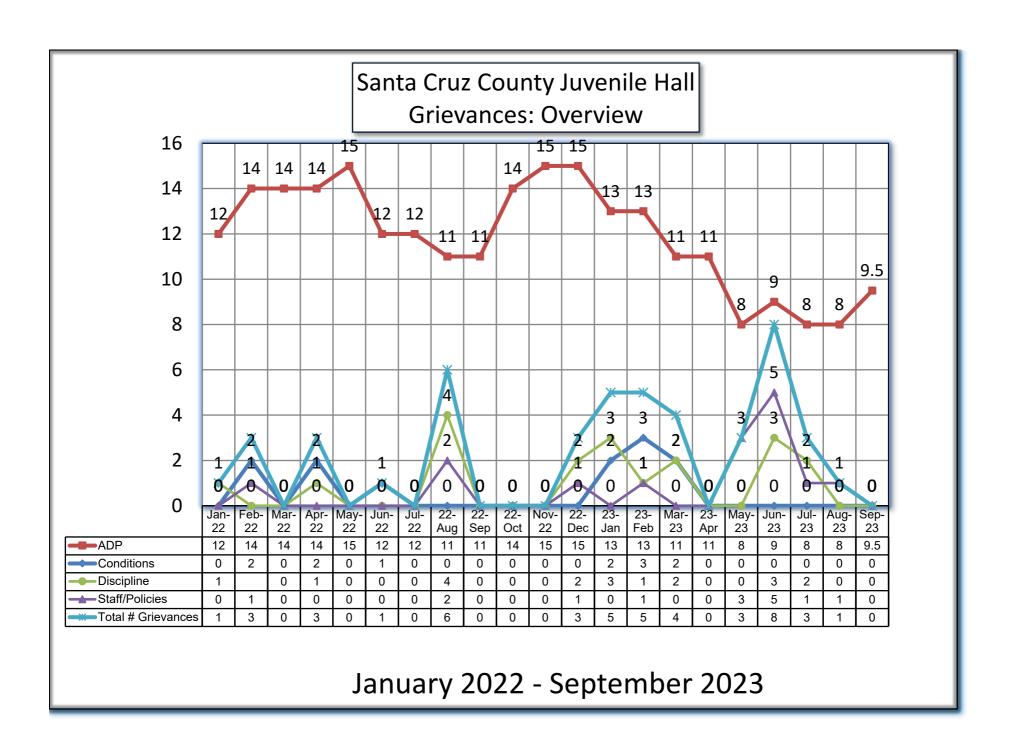




Santa Cruz County Juvenile Hall Room Confinement over 4 Hours January 2022 - September 2023







This document contains the original 2005 Bylaws and includes the amendment of 10/11/12 in Article VI, Section 1. The amendment is <u>underlined</u>.

Revised 9-20-23 C.Druley

BYLAWS OF THE SANTA CRUZ COUNTY

JUVENILE JUSTICE & DELINQUENCY PREVENTION COMMISSION

ARTICLE I

Statuatory Authority

The Juvenile Justice Commission is established through the provisions of the California State Welfare and Institutions Code, Section 225. The Santa Cruz Board of Supervisors have adopted an ordinance stating that the Juvenile Justice Commission of the County of Santa Cruz is also the Delinquency Prevention Commission, pursuant to Section 233 of the Welfare and Institutions Code. The Commission shall be known as the Santa Cruz County Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention Commission.

The Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention Commission is a joint commission of the Santa Cruz County Superior Court and the County of Santa Cruz. The authority and duties of the Juvenile Justice Commission are established through California Welfare and Institutions Code (WIC) Sections 225 through 231. The authority and duties of the Delinquency Prevention Commission are established in Welf. & Inst. Code section 233. The Santa Cruz County Board of Supervisors has designated the Juvenile Justice Commission to serve as the Delinquency Prevention Commission in Santa Cruz County Code (SCCC) section 2.48 and this Commission operates in accordance with Santa Cruz County Code section 2.38.

The authority to create these bylaws is in Santa Cruz County Code (SCCS) section 2.38.140 (A).

Section 2.39.140(A) allows the creation of procedures for the conduct of Commission business and aid the Commission in more effectively discharging its statutory duties and responsibilities.

If one part of these bylaws is found to be invalid because it conflicts with state law, no other part of these bylaws shall be affected by such finding of invalidity.

ARTICLE II

Purpose

Purpose and Statutory Duties

The responsibilities of a juvenile justice commission are broadly defined in Section 229 of the Welfare and Institutions Code. The general purpose of the Commission is to "inquire into the administration of the Juvenile Court Law in the County." The Commission is dedicated to the promotion of an effective juvenile justice system operated in an environment of credibility, dignity, fairness and respect for the youth and other citizens of the county. Within its statutory duty, the Commission has the following functions:

The purpose of the Santa Cruz County Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention Commission, hereafter referred to as the "Commission," is to inquire into the administration of Juvenile Court law in the County, advocate for and protect the safety and well-being of dependency and juvenile justice

involved youth, and prevent youth from becoming involved in the juvenile justice system. The Commission will provide oversight of the Juvenile Court, Probation Department, Law Enforcement Agencies, take positions on legislative action, and support the promotion of successful prevention and intervention programs.

The Commission is dedicated to promoting effective juvenile justice and dependency systems operated in an environment of credibility, dignity, fairness, and respect for system-involved youth and all residents of the County.

COMMITMENT TO DIVERSITY

The Commission recognizes that any youth, regardless of income, race/ethnicity, geography, and other factors may become involved with the juvenile justice system of Santa Cruz County. The Commission is committed to educating itself on the experiences and presenting issues of Santa Cruz County's diverse youth population. This commitment includes addressing the needs and recruiting members of historically marginalized and under-served groups such as youth of color, lesbian-gay-bisexual-transgender youth, indigenous youth, and immigrant youth.

ARTICLE III Business Duties

The Commission's business includes but is not limited to the following:

Section 1

To annually inspect any Juvenile Hall, jail, Ranch Facility or lockup within the county used for the confinement of any minor more than 24 hours and report the results of such inspection in writing to the Juvenile Court and to the Board of Supervisors. The Commission may also inquire into a children's or youth shelter or group home licensed to house youth under the jurisdiction of the Juvenile Court.

Section 1. The Commission shall annually inspect and report on any location responsible for housing Santa Cruz County system-involved youth under the jurisdiction of the Santa Cruz Juvenile Court where one or more Santa Cruz County youth have been held for more than 24 hours in the previous 12 months. These locations include but are not limited to Juvenile Hall, County Jail, any Ranch Facility, and, where feasible, other counties' facilities in connection with "Secure Youth Treatment Facilities" or other state-legislated facilities. The Commission will create a subcommittee to conduct the inspections which may utilitze the Annie E. Casey Juvenile Detentation Alternatives Initiatives (JDAI) Detention Assessment Guidelines which provide inspection best practices. Membership on this subcommittee may include Commissioners and non-commission members as recommended by JDAI Guidelines and allowed by Santa Cruz County Code 2.38.230. The report regarding such inspections shall be in written form and provided to the Santa Cruz County Juvenile Probation Department, Juvenile Court, the Santa Cruz County Board of Supervisors, and the Board of State and Community Corrections (BSCC). The Commission may also inspect any children's or youth shelter or licensed home (e.g., Short Term Residential Treatment Programs - STRTPs) holding youth under the jurisdiction of the Juvenile Court. The Commission shall also inspect secure and non-secure detention logs for Santa Cruz County law enforcement departments or jails.

Section 2. Notification in Writing. The Commission intends that with respect to youth confined in juvenile detention facilities or placed in emergency shelter homes or supervised on probation or under the supervision of the Juvenile Court and the Probation Department that the Commission Chair be notified in writing within 24 hours of any serious incidents or significant conditions affecting the youth who come within the jurisdiction of the Juvenile Court. A "serious incident or significant condition affecting the youth who come within the jurisdiction of the Juvenile Court" shall include, but is not to be limited to, fatalities, near fatalities, serious bodily harm, suicide attempts, severe acts of violence between youth, incidents that require the use of leg or writist shackles or the use of a weapon, evacuations, or significant damages to the facility that impact services to youth.

Section 3. The Commission shall investigate complaints brought to the Commission's attention on behalf of youth held in a Santa Cruz County facility by their parents, guardians, or legal counsel. It may seek subpoenas from the Juvenile Court Judge to secure necessary materials from any individual, agency, or entity.

Section 4. The Commission may conduct public hearings on matters relevant to the administration of laws and identify needed prevention services and activities related to juveniles in Santa Cruz County. It may seek subpoenas from the Juvenile Court Judge to secure necessary materials from any individual, agency, or entity.

Section 5. The Commission may inquire into the administration of the juvenile justice system broadly, including but not limited to operations of the Juvenile Court, Probation Department, Social Services Agencies, Law Enforcement agencies, and any other agencies involved with or affecting system-involved youth. The Commission may propose, endorse, or oppose state or local legislative or administrative proposals that would impact the administration of juvenile court law or juvenile delinquency in Santa Cruz County.

Section 2. To conduct public or closed hearings on matters relevant to the implementation and administration of the Juvenile Court Law in the county. The Commission is empowered to inqufre into the administration of juvenile justice in a broadsense, including, but not limited to, operations of the juvenile Court, Probation Department, social services agencies, and any other agencies involved with juveniles. The Juvenile Court Judge has the power to issue subpoenas requiring the attendance and testimony of witnesses and production of documents at a hearing of the Commission. The Commission shall take measures to preserve the confidentiality of personal information relating to individual juveniles.

Section 3 Publicize findings as decided by he Commission.

Section 4 To assure that needed services are identified, developed, and provided for the children and youth of the County.

Section 5 Provide input in the selection process for the Chief Probation Officer.

The Responsibilities of a Delinquency Prevention Commission as defined in Section 233 of the Welfare and Institutions Code are:

To assure that needed services are identified, developed and provided for the children and youth of the County, particularly services which relate to curtailing from or diversion of youth out of the Juvenile Justice System.

Section 270 of the Welfare and Institutions Code-Probation Officers: In reference to Section 270 of the Welfare and Institutions Code, in Santa Cruz County, the Juvenile Court Judge along with the Superior Court-Bench appoints the Chief Probation Officer. The Chief Probation Officer in turn hires the probation staff.

<u>Section 6.</u> The Commission shall support the development of specific community programs with long-range plans that incorporate the Commission's goals of delinquency prevention.

<u>Section 7.</u> The Commission shall provide input into the selection process for the Chief Probation Officer.

Section 8. The Chair of the Commission, or their designee, shall participate in the County's Juvenile Justice Coordinating Council, if invited

Section 9. The Commission may provide the Board of State and Community Corrections, with information sought and related to establishing minimum standards for correctional facilities as outlined in California Penal Code 6030.

Section 10. The Commission may publicize findings and recommendations as approved by a vote of the Commission and as directed by the Chair.

ARTICLE IV

Members

Section 1. Membership on the Commission shall be composed of not fewer not less than seven and no more than fifteen (15) citizens. The Juvenile Court Judge and Chief Probation Officer shall serve as Ex Officio members.

Section 2. Five (5) at-large members of the Commission shall be appointed by the Presiding Judge of the Superior Court with the concurrence of the Judge of the Juvenile Court, two of which shall be between the ages of 14 and 21-. Recommendations of Commission members may recommend individuals to the Presiding Judge for at-large membership on the Commission, may be made by Commission members. Ten (10) members, residents of Santa Cruz County, shall be nominated by the Board of Supervisors. Each Supervisor shall nominate appoint two (2) persons who may reside within that Supervisor's District. Two or more of the members shall be between the age of 14 and 21 years of age.

Referrals for consideration and review by the Commission and the Presiding Judge may be made by community groups, elected or appointed public officials and individual citizens. The Commission shall will endeavor to be representative of the ethnic makeup of the County and

shall maintain representation from geographic areas. All applicants are considered regardless of

ethnicity, race, age, sexual orientation, religious beliefs, or lived experiences, including but not limited to, previous incarceration.

Section 3. Appointments shall be for a term of <u>last</u> four (4) years, in accordance with Santa Cruz County Code Section 2.38.100. The A Yyouth Commissioner is eligible for reappointment as an adult member upon reaching the age of <u>1822</u>, <u>providingif</u> a vacancy exists at the end of <u>his/her their</u> appointed term. Whenever any vacancy occurs for any reason other than the expiration of a term of office, the succeeding appointee shall hold office for the <u>remaining</u> unexpired term of <u>his/hertheir</u> predecessor. A Commissioner wishing to serve additional term(s) shall notify the Commission Chair, their nominating Supervisor, if applicable, and the Supervising Judge of the Juvenile Court and complete the <u>re-appointment</u> process.

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Individual members acting in their own individual capacities have no authority to commit the Commission to any policydetermination or course of action unless the Commission had previously authorized or subsequently ratified such act by an individual member of the Commission. No Commissioner may make a public statement regarding Commission business, findings, or viewpoints without first securing the Chair's authorization and after a vote by the Commission regarding the subject matter. Individual Commissioners cannot commit the Commission to any policy determination or course of action. Nothing in these Bylaws shall be construed to prevent Commissioners from expressing themselves as individuals. However, such action shall include a disclaimer that such expression is made in an individual capacity and not as a representative of the Commission's conclusions.

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ARTICLE **YIVII**

Administration

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quorum and a majority vote shall decide the business of the Commission. A quorum consists of one more than half of the seated members of the Commission. The ayes and noes shall be taken and recorded in the minutes. Abstentions shall be recorded as such. If there is no quorum, all discussion will be considered informal and no motions shall be considered.

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ARTICLE VII

Parliamentary Authority

The rules contained in the current edition of Roberts—Rules of Order shall guide the Commission in all matters in which said rules are applicable and in which said rules are not inconsistent with these Bylaws and any special rules of order that the Commission may adopt.

ARTICLE VII

Release of Information

Notice of meetings of the Commission will be as provided by the Brown Act. Press or media-releases of information on behalf of the Commission shall be issued by the Chairperson of the Commission or his/her designee.

ARTICLE **\frac{VII}{L} Amendment of Bylaws

These Bylaws can be amended at any regular meeting of the Commission by a two-thirds (2/3rds) vote of a quorum, providing that the amendment has been submitted in writing at the previous regular meeting of the Commission and is named on the agenda as a subject for discussion.

Ratified by the JJCPC and submitted to the BOS on (date).

This version of the Bylaws includes the changes that CC had suggested and the JJDPC had agreed to on 6/28. It also includes wording added since that time that are highlighted in yellow. All the changes incorporated in this document have been approved by the Presiding Judge of the Juvenile Court, the Hon. Jerry Vinluan. A separate version of this document with all revisions and comments (a "redlined" version is also being provided at the same time as this version. Revised 9-20-23 C.Druley

BYLAWS OF THE SANTA CRUZ COUNTYJUVENILE JUSTICE & DELINQUENCY PREVENTION COMMISSION

ARTICLE I

Statuatory Authority

The Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention Commission is a joint commission of the Santa Cruz County Superior Court and the County of Santa Cruz. The authority and duties of the Juvenile Justice Commission are established through California Welfare and Institutions Code (WIC) Sections 225 through 231. The authority and duties of the Delinquency Prevention Commission are established in Welf. & Inst. Code section 233. The Santa Cruz County Board of Supervisors has designated the Juvenile Justice Commission to serve as the Delinquency Prevention Commission in Santa Cruz County Code (SCCC) section 2.48 and this Commission operates in accordance with Santa Cruz County Code section 2.38.

The authority to create these bylaws is in Santa Cruz County Code (SCCS) section 2.38.140 (A). Section 2.39.140(A) allows the creation of procedures for the conduct of Commission business and aid the Commission in more effectively discharging its statutory duties and responsibilities.

If one part of these bylaws is found to be invalid because it conflicts with state law, no other part of these bylaws shall be affected by such finding of invalidity.

ARTICLE II

Purpose

The purpose of the Santa Cruz County Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention Commission, hereafter referred to as the "Commission," is to inquire into the administration of Juvenile Court law in the County, advocate for and protect the safety and well-being of dependency and juvenile justice involved youth, and prevent youth from becoming involved in the juvenile justice system. The Commission will provide oversight of the Juvenile Court, Probation Department, Law Enforcement Agencies, take positions on legislative action, and support the promotion of successful prevention and intervention programs.

The Commission is dedicated to promoting effective juvenile justice and dependency systems operated in an environment of credibility, dignity, fairness, and respect for system-involved youth and all residents of the County.

COMMITMENT TO DIVERSITY

The Commission recognizes that any youth, regardless of income, race/ethnicity, geography, and other factors may become involved with the juvenile justice system of Santa Cruz County. The Commission is committed to educating itself on the experiences and presenting issues of Santa Cruz County's diverse youth population. This commitment includes addressing the needs and recruiting members of historically marginalized and under-served groups such as youth of color, lesbian-gay-bisexual-transgender youth, indigenous youth, and immigrant youth.

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ARTICLE IIIBusiness Duties

The Commission's business includes but is not limited to the following:

Section 1. The Commission shall annually inspect and report on any location responsible for housing Santa Cruz County system-involved youth under the jurisdiction of the Santa Cruz Juvenile Court where one or more Santa Cruz County youth have been held for more than 24 hours in the previous 12 months. These locations include but are not limited to Juvenile Hall, County Jail, any Ranch Facility, and, where feasible, other counties' facilities in connection with "Secure Youth Treatment Facilities" or other state-legislated facilities. The Commission will create a subcommittee to conduct the inspections which may utilitze the Annie E. Casey Juvenile Detentation Alternatives Initiatives (JDAI) Detention Assessment Guidelines which provide inspection best practices. Membership on this subcommittee may include Commissioners and non-commission members as recommended by JDAI Guidelines and allowed by Santa Cruz County Code 2.38.230. The report regarding such inspections shall be in written form and provided to the Santa Cruz County Juvenile Probation Department, Juvenile Court, the Santa Cruz County Board of Supervisors, and the Board of State and Community Corrections (BSCC). The Commission may also inspect any children's or youth shelter or licensed home (e.g., Short Term Residential Treatment Programs - STRTPs) holding youth under the jurisdiction of the Juvenile Court. The Commission shall also inspect secure and non-secure detention logs for Santa Cruz County law enforcement departments or jails.

Section 2. Notification in Writing. The Commission intends that with respect to youth confined in juvenile detention facilities or placed in emergency shelter homes or supervised on probation or under the supervision of the Juvenile Court and the Probation Department that the Commission Chair be notified in writing within 24 hours of any serious incidents or significant conditions affecting the youth who come within the jurisdiction of the Juvenile Court. A "serious incident or significant condition affecting the youth who come within the jurisdiction of the Juvenile Court" shall include, but is not to be limited to, fatalities, near fatalities, serious bodily harm, suicide attempts, severe acts of violence between youth, incidents that require the use of leg or writist shackles or the use of a weapon, evacuations, or significant damages to the facility that impact services to youth.

- **Section 3.** The Commission shall investigate complaints brought to the Commission's attention on behalf of youth held in a Santa Cruz County facility by their parents, guardians, or legal counsel. It may seek subpoenas from the Juvenile Court Judge to secure necessary materials from any individual, agency, or entity.
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- Section 7. The Commission shall provide input into the selection process for the Chief Probation Officer.
- **Section 8.** The Chair of the Commission, or their designee, shall participate in the County's Juvenile Justice Coordinating Council.
- **Section 9.** The Commission may provide the Board of State and Community Corrections, with information sought and related to establishing minimum standards for correctional facilities as outlined in California Penal Code 6030.
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Revised Deadlines & JH Inspection Subcommittee Meetings Discussed on 9/15 and updated by Cynthia 9-21-23

1. Category Re-assigments

- 1. Will not be done Classification and Intake
- 2. Jasmine Najera- Health and Mental Health Care
- 3. **Jasmine Najera** Access *
- 4. Cynthia Druley Programming and Environment
- 5. Will not be done Training and Supervision of Employees
- 6. Kieran Kelly Environment? (Doc review and possible phone interviews)
- 7. **Deutron Kebebew** Restraints, Room Confinement, Due Process & Grievances *
- 8. Ben Rice Safety
- 9. Youth Interviews (everyone will do their own)

2. Important dates/deadlines by individual team members

- By 9/18 team members should have reviewed the overall guideline and Specific Section template questions in the Conditions of Confinement document online
- Begun to review the documents for your section sent by Sara Ryan/Christine Bennett

Things to do THIS WEEK:

- Review JH docs and send any additional requests for additional materials to JH by 9/22/23 (Sara/Christine/Gerardo)
- Let Juvenile Hall know who you need to talk to & develop request to JH by 9/20
- Attend JDAI Instrument Zoom Training on 9/20 from 8am to 11am
- Inspection Schedule day/time to be at IH on October 5 or 6:

Cynthia: 10/5 and 10/6 – all day

Kieran: None (perhaps phone interviews with staff)

Deutron:10/6

Ben: 10/5: 11am to 3pm

Jasmine: 10/5 8am to 2pm, 10/6 all day

Youth Interviews: Kieran/Jasmine/Cynthia - TBD

- Ben will visit hall to talk with youth about interviews 9/19
- Deutron will test Mifi System at Hall on Tuesday 9/19

October Timeline (Zoom calls in **bold.** Ben will send invites)

- October 2: Interview questions finalized for youth Interviews (Cynthia/Jasmine/Deutron)
- October 5 or 6 : Inspection days (Cynthia will be there both days)
- **October 6 at 4pm: Zoom** call to discuss group feedback and impressions
- October 9 Send final questions or requests for any add'l info request to JH

- October 12th Each member has all entries complete on instrument to review stats and adds their comments to the google doc narrative draft (at least one paragraph on commendations and recommendations for your section)
- October 16 at 3:30pm or later: Zoom to review our draft of full narrative and commendations and recommendations
- October 20- Final Checklist and narrative to JH for their review and comments

November/December Timeline

- November 2 JH Response to Committee for Committee Revisions to draft report (Sara at conf. 23-27th)
- November 3 from 11am to 12pm Committee Zoom to discuss JH response and makes changes and sends to directly to full Commission and puts in meeting Packet
- November 9 Commission Meeting Action Item: Approve JH Inspection Report
- November 13- Final report to Probation. This would provide Probation one week to finalize and entered in the BOS agenda management system by 11/21 (required date for 12/12/23 BOS meeting (final of the year).

Additional Available Background Materials from Cynthia upon request (not on the Annie E. Casey web portal):

- 1. 2022 JH Inspection Committee Final Narrative (with recommendations highlighted)
- 2. 2022 JH Inspection Probation response to Narrative and overall findings
- 3. 2022 JH Inspection Complete Report sent to the BOS (Narrative/responses/entire checklist)
- 4. Current Title 15 Minimum Detention Facility Requirements from BSCC (Bureau of State Corrections)
- 5. PDFs of the individual JDAI Assessment Checklists

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JJDPC Steering Sub-Committee Agenda/Notes

Meetings are the 4th Tuesday of the month from 3-4pm

September 26 Meeting Notes:

- 1. Commission Admin Update bring issues outlined in Justin Cummings email to the Commission. Have staff take "Action Item Minutes" and keep open the idea for future hybrid meetings and alternative locations
- 2. October Meeting Commission meeting agenda items agreed upon
- 1. SB823 Update on facilities and programming for youth (Invite Jose to give update and discuss)
- 2. Bylaws (Action item) and send to commissioners before
- 3. Juvenile Hall inspection (info item)
- 4. Admin support update (info item)
- 5. New commissioners and include the roster of current members

October 24, 2023 suggested Agenda items so far:

- 1. How can we follow up on the September meeting conversation about the importance to getting to know each other and build relationships
- 2. Approve Juvenile Hall Inspection Report
- 3. Retreat time frame and agenda

Join Zoom Monthy Meeting at:

SB 823 Sub-committee September 27, 2023

Eli, Sandra and I met on zoom. Reyna, who is joining our sub-committee, was unable to make. Eli and Sandra gave me a lesson on sending out zoom links on the google calendar. Hopefully, that will help folks remember the meeting.

We have three youth remaining at Sonoma. One youth is at Rancho Cielo's culinary program and one youth is at the Fire Camp. Sonoma is still experiencing staffing issues especially when it comes to behavioral health. Youth are expressing concern that they are not receiving the treatment they need. One youth expressed that he is attempting to address the issues outlined by the court but that Sonoma doesn't have the resources to provide him adequate treatment.

The sub-committee will schedule monthly video conferences with the youth at Sonoma. Sonoma will let us know what works for them. CASA meets with their youth on a monthly basis as well.

Eli and Bev shared with Sandra Judge Vinluan's concern that the treatment needs of our youth at Sonoma are being met. We are hoping that meeting with the youth will help us get a better sense of how the youth are doing.

Bev has arranged for a tour of Rancho Cielo for October 19th at 1:30.

Bev shared that the Steering Sub-committee requested that the 823 sub-committee make a verbal report to the commission at our monthly meetings.

According to Jose Flores a contract with Merced has been sent to Merced but they have not signed it yet. Once they do it will go in front of our BOS. Concern has been expressed that Merced does not share similar values to our probation department. Hopefully probation will use Merced as a last option.

Cynthia shared that probation confirmed that only one family at a time can make use of the van. She indicated that it is a confidentiality issue. That would limit a youth's visit to once a month or less if all three families made use of the van.

Bev has met with the young man who recently was released from Sonoma vis DJJ. He has been incarcerated since he was 15 and is now 20. He connected with Rising Scholars, is attending Cabrillo and has a CASA advocate. He is also looking for employment. Bev took him to open a checking account and to check out a community service opportunity (Second Harvest). He is feeling a bit overwhelmed.

Note: We have changed our meeting time to the fourth Wednesday of the month at 5pm. Our next meeting is **October 25th at 5** on zoom.