

# County of Santa Cruz



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## JUVENILE JUSTICE AND DELINQUENCY PREVENTION COMMISSION MINUTES

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Thursday, May 11, 2023  
5:30 p.m. – 7:00 p.m.  
Regular Meeting

Probation Offices  
303 Water St, Ste 9  
Santa Cruz, CA 95060

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I. CALL TO ORDER/ROLL CALL: Meeting called to order at 5:31 p.m.

Present: Cynthia Druley, Beverly Brook, Deutron Kebebew, Kieran Kelly, Deutron Kebebew, Ben Rice, Elias Gonzales, Athena Reis (arrived 5:53 p.m.)

Excused: Elaine Johnson, Kayla Kumar

Ex Officio: Judge Jerry Vinluan, Sara Ryan

Probation Staff: Gerardo Leon Garcia

Probation Representatives: Valerie Thompson

II. CONSENT AGENDA:

Approval of Agenda

Approval of Minutes from April 13, 2023

Moved: Kebebew; Second: Brook

**Motion Passed**

Aye: Brook, Druley, Brody, Kelly, Kebebew, Rice, Gonzales

No: None

Commissioner Brook noted the location of Rancho Cielo should be changed to Monterey County.

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

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immediately to any public comment, but may follow up later, either individually or at a subsequent meeting.

Alisa Wolf from Unchained Inc. was introduced by Commissioner Brook. Ms. Wolf reported that she came to learn more about the Commission.

Ray Diaz, an applicant for the commission for Supervisor Cummings' District. Mr. Diaz talked about his background and interest in the Commission.

#### IV. ANNOUNCEMENTS (Including items via email on file):

Commissioner Kelly announced an upcoming "Broadband for All" event at CSUMB.

Commissioners Brook and Kebebew talked about their work with the Developmental Assets in Santa Cruz County. Commissioner Brook reported on 2 trainings that are coming up, one on Development Assets and the other on Intentional Relationships. Commissioner Kebebew described the Developmental Assets framework and its applicability to juvenile justice and prevention and the purpose of the group and the events.

Commissioner Brook talked about Cabrillo Rising Scholars grant to support probation youth and those who are incarcerated.

Commissioner Brook distributed the Santa Cruz County Mental Health Pocket Guide developed by Santa Cruz County Behavioral Health.

Commissioner Kebebew told the group to use the email that will be sent to the Commission to register for the 2 events noted earlier.

Commissioner Druley reported on meeting with Santa Cruz County Office of Education (COE) and Probation staff to talk about the Foster Education Program and the feasibility to extend the program to all youth in Probation. COE indicated interest in doing it, but also that it costs \$4,000 per year for foster youth.

Commissioner Druley also reported on a request that she received from the Joint Juvenile Justice Task Force looking at AB 403, the bill that closed group homes across the State. Due to implementation of the bill there are not enough short-term residential treatment programs operating in the State. The Task Force wants a signature from this Commission on a letter being sent to the Governor and Legislature on the issue. She reported that she was unable to sign the letter because it could not come to the Commission in time to be approved.

Discussion ensued regarding the status of the changes and their impact across the State. The Commission also discussed the challenge of responding timely to requests like this.

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### V. MONTHLY STATISTICAL INFORMATION FROM PROBATION/JUVENILE HALL (ATTACHMENTS Accept and File):

Division Director Sarah Ryan reviewed the monthly statistical report as well as grievance and incident reports. She reported no grievances, 2 incident reports, and no serious injuries. Division Director Ryan went on to describe the nature of the incidents.

Division Director Ryan reported that there are currently 11 youth in custody (10 males and 1 female). She went on to discuss activities in the hall including graduation from the financial literacy class and an anime class that was held, and that on Friday May 26<sup>th</sup> a concert will be provided for youth at the hall.

Division Director Ryan also reported that a van has been acquired for family transport to Sonoma County, but Probation is still working on a waiver and other administrative requirements. She also reported that renovations to the old courtroom at the Hall have been completed and the space can now be used by youth, their families and legal representatives.

Commissioner Kebebew shared positive feedback he received about the financial literacy class.

Commissioner Kebebew went on to ask specific questions about the Data Blast report. Specifically, the criteria for high, moderate, and low risk.

Assistant Chief of Probation Valerie Thompson talked about the JAIS assessment instrument that is used for the risk assessment. She described how JAIS risk assessment influences but does not solely determine supervision level and how for example children in the low-risk category could be assessed for high supervision based on other factors determined by staff.

More discussion ensued about the most appropriate way to look at the risk and needs of youth populations. Staff reported that the most frequently found needs of youth are social/emotional, and that youth can be referred to any number of services in the community to address that (e.g. PVPISA, Luna Y Sol, etc.)

Staff said that they are going to provide a list of all contractors that Probation has contracts with, but that is not all encompassing of services that youth are referred to.

Commissioner Kebebew requested a list of top needs that youth have and staff agreed to provide.

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## VI. ACTION ITEMS:

1. Review Bylaws Draft and Approve to send to Court and County Counsel (Memo & Bylaws ATTACHED)

Moved: Brook; Second: Kebebew

### **Motion Passed**

Aye: Brook, Druley, Brody, Kelly, Kebebew, Reis, Rice, Gonzales

No: None

Chair Druley introduced the topic and the process to develop the updated bylaws lead by Commissioner Rice. She went on to state that the goal this evening is to review approve the amended bylaws and that once approved by the Commission, the bylaws will be reviewed by the presiding judge and county counsel.

2. Determine meeting locations for future meetings.

Commissioners Kebebew, Reis and Gonzalez advocated for more than ½ of commission meetings to be held in South County.

Commissioners agreed that the chair and staff will develop an annual meeting schedule with locations and times determined for approval at the next meeting.

## VII. SUB-COMMITTEE UPDATES:

1. Steering/Outreach: Kelly – Chair, Brook, Druley, Brody, Rice (ATTACHMENT)
2. Juvenile Hall Inspection: Druley – Chair, Kebebew, Kelly, Reis, Kumar (ATTACHMENT)
3. SB190/SB823: Brook – Chair, Gonzales, Kumar, Reis (ATTACHMENT)
4. Delinquency Prevention: Kebebew – Chair, Brody, Gonzales, Reis (ATTACHMENT)
5. By-Laws: Rice – Chair, Druley, Kebebew – (4-29-23 Draft of Bylaws Action Item ATTACHED)

## IX. ADJOURNMENT: Meeting adjourned at 7:03 p.m.

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3. SB190/SB823: Brook – Chair, Gonzales, Kumar, Reis (ATTACHMENT)
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5. By-Laws: Rice – Chair, Druley, Kebebew – (4-29-23 Draft of Bylaws Action Item ATTACHED)

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Excused: Elias Gonzales

Ex Officio: Judge Jerry Vinluan, Sara Ryan

Probation Staff: Gerardo Leon Garcia

Probation Representatives: Fernando Giraldo, Valerie Thompson

II. CONSENT AGENDA: Commissioner Kebebew moved to approve the Consent Agenda (Approval of Agenda and Approval of Minutes from February 9, 2023); Commissioner Kumar seconded.

**Motion Passed**

Aye: Brook, Druley, Brody, Kumar, Kelly, Reis, Kebebew

No: None

Abstain: None

Absent: Gonzales, Johnson (late)

Commissioner Brook noted that the notes from the SB 823 sub-committee were attached in the packet.

III. PUBLIC COMMUNICATIONS: Commissioner Romero shared that this will be her last meeting. She noted that the experience of being on the Commission has been invaluable. She introduced Josh Luis who will be applying to take her place as a commissioner. Mr. Luis was a youth commissioner on the JJDPC in 2014.

Commissioner Kebebew announced that the Commission for the Prevention of Violence Against Women will present, *Imagine a World Without Violence: Men Speak Out* on Wednesday, April 26, 2023 @ 7pm at the Resource Center for Non-Violence. Commissioner Kebebew will be one of the presenters. Commissioner Brook shared

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about the Walnut Avenue Family and Women's Center are introducing a new program, *Space for Change*. It will offer adults, youth and families additional options in addressing the harm caused by domestic violence. More information can be found at [wafwc.org/spaceforchange](http://wafwc.org/spaceforchange).

Commissioner Druley attended an event for Girls, Inc and met with Faris Sabbah and Michael Painter. She talked with them about having FosterEd serve all Probation Youth and will be setting up a meeting to talk further with them about it. She asked Fernando if Probation would like to attend, and he said yes.

Commissioner Brook noted that the Watsonville Youth Initiative will be hosting a resource fair for youth and families the last weekend of the county fair. Anyone can have a table at this event. More information forthcoming.

- IV. ANNOUNCEMENTS (Including items via email on file): Commissioner Druley introduced our new Juvenile Court Judge Jerry Vinluan. Judge Vinluan indicated he is not quite on the bench yet as he is going through training. He looks forward to working with the Commission. Judge Schmal is currently sitting on the Juvenile Court Bench.

Commissioner Druley thanked Commissioner Sandra Romero for her lengthy and dedicated service to the JJDP. Commissioner Rice and Brook also noted Commissioner Romero's insights and her ability to parse out the most important aspects of complicated situations. All three commissioners remarked on Commissioner's Romero's dedication and compassion for all youth.

- V. MONTHLY STATISTICAL INFORMATION FROM PROBATION/JUVENILE HALL (ATTACHMENTS Accept and File): Division Director Sara Ryan shared there are currently 12 youth in the hall (10 males and 2 females). There was one altercation involving two youth who were 'trash talking' during Physical Education. This led to a fight which resulted in the youth being placed in room confinement. No injuries.

There were four grievances, three from one youth. This youth was helping with inventory and wrote a grievance about expired deodorant. Another one of his grievances was about not having a virtual visit with his family. At that time in person visits had been suspended due to work being done in the kitchen. The suspension of the virtual visit was due to the family member taking a picture of the youth and posting it on social media. Once in-person visits started this youth was able to visit with his family. The last grievance from this youth was for having four books in his room and then staff determined that two of the books were inappropriate. The youth had asked one of the school teachers to buy him the books and she did unaware apparently of their inappropriateness. The teacher was spoken with, and the books were taken from the youth.

Commissioner Kumar asked about the virtual visit being taken away. Director indicated that the youth still had the option to telephone his family.

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Commissioner Kumar questioned about the nature of the inappropriate books. Division Director Ryan indicated they were 'violent' and supported gang life.

The fourth grievance concerned a youth receiving a special programming due to an altercation.

Division Director Ryan advised that no more masks are required at the hall. When a new youth arrives, the youth is seen by the medical staff and once cleared they are good to go. Medical staff are now working 12-hour shifts.

The Institutional Supervisors and Group Supervisors received Exemplary Recognition by the Board of Supervisors for the Juvenile Hall not having any Covid transmissions during the pandemic.

In March the Hall underwent Title 15 inspections.

Santa Cruz Community Credit Union will be providing an 8-week financial literacy class for the youth.

The STAR grant was extended for another three years.

Probation was also awarded a grant for two Mobile Services units to serve homeless youth. They will be equipped with hot spots so youth can use Wi-Fi for online services. Commissioner Kumar asked how many unhoused youth are there in our county? No specific data regarding unhoused youth on probation was available.

The Justice Assistance grant was extended which supports the Student Success Program. La Luna y Familia Center's grant was not extended and will expire on June 30th.

Commissioner Druley noted about youth in DJJ and Sonoma are being matched with CASA advocates. One youth at DJJ specifically had inquired about receiving an advocate.

Commissioner Brook noted that the fire camp at Pine Grove will remain open and operated by CDRC. It was unclear if Pine Grove will take undocumented youth; however, it appears CCC will and assist youth in receiving DACA status. CCC and Pine Grove might be considered 'step-downs' from Sonoma.

Chief Giraldo indicated there are currently 127 youth on juvenile probation.

Commissioner Kebebew questioned why Watsonville youth were over-represented? What is causing these youth to get into trouble? He asked if the commission could get a

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daily blast of the data about youth on probation and have the staff walk the commission through the information.

## VI. ACTION ITEMS

1. Accept Commissioner Agreements as amended in February meeting (ATTACHMENT): Commissioner Brook moved to approve the Commissioner Agreements as amended in the February 9, 2023, JJDP Meeting; Commissioner Kumar seconded.

### **Motion Passed**

Aye: Brook, Druley, Brody, Kumar, Kelly, Reis, Kebebew, Johnson  
No: None  
Abstain: None  
Absent: Gonzales

Commission was given a few minutes to review the agreements.

Commissioners were encouraged to sign and provide the signed copy to Gerardo Leon Garcia.

2. Election of new Officers, re-appointment of Commissioners, and potential new Commissioners (ADDED): Commissioner Kebebew moved to elect a slate of officers: Nominating Cynthia Druley for Chair, Beverly Brook for Vice-chair, and Commissioner David Brody as Secretary; Commissioner Rice seconded.

### **Motion Passed**

Aye: Brook, Druley, Brody, Kumar, Kelly, Reis, Kebebew, Johnson  
No: None  
Abstain: None  
Absent: Gonzales

Were others interested in running for office? An email encouraging interest and offering to answer questions had been sent by the Chair a few weeks earlier. No one had responded at this point. Commissioners asked: What are the responsibilities of each officer? There is a brief outline in our by-laws but maybe a good idea to have job descriptions for the future.

Commissioners Druley and Rice were reappointed for another four years. Commissioner Gonzales will be reappointed next month.

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### VII. INFORMATION ITEMS:

1. Report on Meetings by Commissioners with individual Supervisors:  
Commissioner Brook met with Supervisor McPherson. Updated him on Sonoma's STYF and our hope to create some step-down opportunities for our youth to be closer to home. Shared that JJDPC is the only mandated commission and that the Commission is exploring administrative support similar to that of the Justice and Gender Commission.  
  
Commissioner Johnson mentioned that she has scheduled an appointment with Supervisor Manu Koenig. Commissioners Druley and Kebebew hope to join Commissioner Johnson for that meeting.
2. Electronic access to our JJDPC meetings for the public – AB2449 (ATTACHMENT):  
Commissioner Brody gave a brief update on AB 2449 which allows for a hybrid meeting for the public. It also allows for a Commissioner with a 'just cause' absence to attend virtually; however, their presence would not be considered for a quorum. More specific information will be forthcoming.
3. Holding some meetings in South County: Item Tabled.  
Holding meetings in south county will be discussed at the May meeting.

### VIII. SUB-COMMITTEE UPDATES:

1. Steering/Outreach: Former Commissioner Romero reported that discussion in their meeting had included the upcoming election of officers, holding future meetings in Watsonville, openings on the Commission, and the future Steering Committee meetings. Sandra Romero will help set up the April meeting on Zoom and the subcommittee will need to set it up another way in the future.
2. Juvenile Hall Inspection: Committee has not met yet. Inspection report went to the BOS along with a response from probation. Chair Druley expressed the appreciation of the whole Commission to the changes in Covid protocols to eliminate the 5-day isolation if a youth tests negative and has no symptoms. Probation Response (ATTACHED).
3. SB190/SB823: Commissioner Reis shared about the visit to the Santa Clara County STYF. She highlighted the theme of their program as a Pathway to Adulthood, including having DMV come and prepare California IDs, opening bank accounts for the youth, enrollment in college and individual, group and family counseling. Steps have been taken to improve the jail-like setting; however, it is still a jail. Noted that the whole STYF staff rotates in July and Commissioner Reis questioned how that will work for the program and youth. Commissioners Druley and Brook shared their experience of meeting the three remaining youth at DJJ. Shared that one youth had

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inquired about CASA and asked if he could have one. Most of the youth were anxious to move except for they were now making money at jobs and wanted to do that until the end of their time at DJJ.

The sub-committee is scheduled to meet with the CEO of Rancho Cielo.

4. Delinquency Prevention: Commissioner Kebebew shared that the subcommittee plans to hold a listening session to get input from families and youth who have been involved with the Juvenile Justice system.
5. By-Laws: Next month we will be voting on our by-laws. Commissioner Rice who has worked diligently on the by-laws strongly encourages the commissioners to read through them and be prepared to vote.
6. Sub-committee membership review next month

IX. ADJOURNMENT: Meeting adjourned at 7:20 a.m.

### UPCOMING EVENTS/MEETINGS

Regular JJDCP Meetings are in-person on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Thursday of the month from 5:30 to 7pm. See dates in **bold** below. Other community meetings or JJDCP-relevant meetings are bolded.

- **May 11, 2023**
- **June 8, 2023**
- **July 13, 2023**
- **August 10, 2023**
- **September 14, 2023**
- **October 12, 2023**
- **November 9, 2023**
- **December 14, 2023**

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# Juvenile Division Monthly Data Blast

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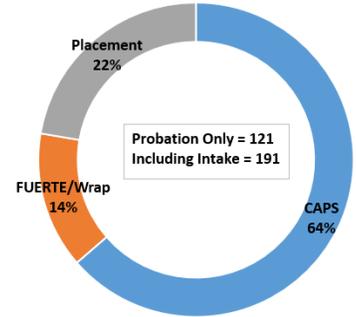
## Intake

- 17 Intake RAIs administered: 1 override
- Held by Probation/Released by the Judge @ Detention Hearing: 0
- ATD admissions: 6
- Diversions: 10
- EC Referrals: 4
- Recidivism Rate: 1% (1 youth)
- EPIC Sessions: 10
- Field Contacts: 7
- Video Contacts: 2
- Secure Track Youth: 3

## Investigations

- Court reports: 1
- Transfer reports ordered: 0

February Caseload Supervision Totals



- # Cases Closed: 12 – 11 Successful, 1 Unsuccessful
- # New Supervision Cases w/Low Initial Risk Level: 6

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

### Last Month

- Reasonable Candidates: 9
- New: 1
- Reassessments: 1
- Overdue reassessments: 4
- Reassessments due last month: 2

### This Month

- Reasonable Candidates: 9
- New: 0
- Reassessments: 0
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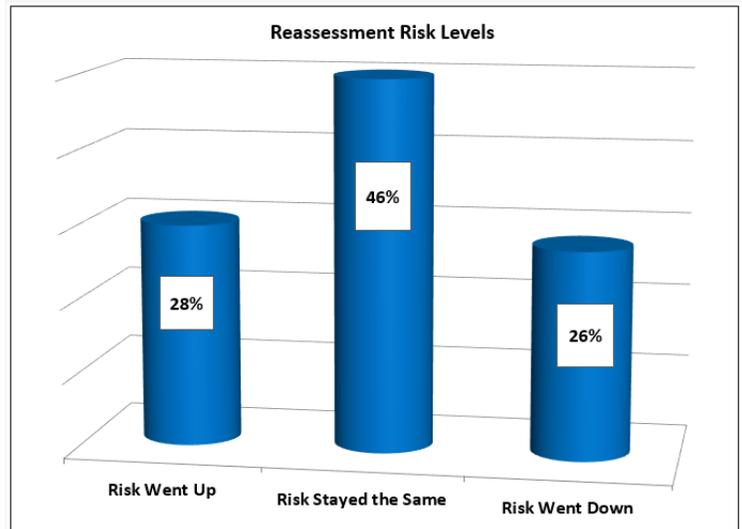
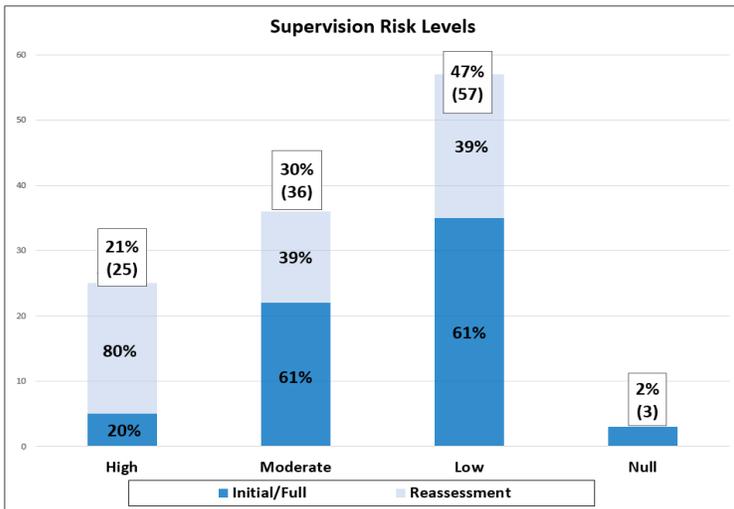
## JAIS

### Last 1onth

- 90% of youth eligible received a full assessment, 12 youth still needed one.
- Overdue reassessments: 11
- Reassessments due last month: 14

### This Month

- 89% of youth eligible received a full assessment
- 13 youth still need one.
- Overdue reassessments: 23
- Reassessments due this month: 9



## Demographics

### Probation Caseload

- Latinx: 72% (87)
- White: 24% (29)
- Other/Unknown: 4% (5)

### Probation Violations

- Latinx: 67% (2)
- White: 33% (1)

### Warrants

- Zero

# Juvenile Division Monthly Data Blast

**March  
2023**

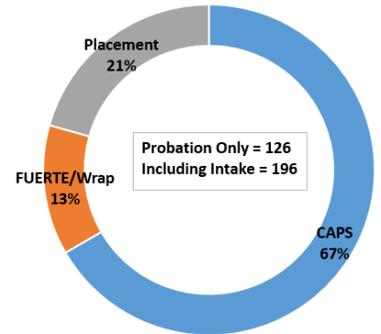
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- Held by Probation/Released by the Judge @ Detention Hearing: 0
- ATD admissions: 13
- Diversions: 5
- EC Referrals: 4
- Recidivism Rate: 0% (0 youth)
- EPIC Sessions: 9
- Field Contacts: 10
- Video Contacts: 6
- Secure Track Youth: 3

## Investigations

- Court reports: 5
- Transfer reports ordered: 0

March Caseload Supervision Totals



- # Cases Closed: 8 – 16 Successful, 2 Unsuccessful
- # New Supervision Cases w/Low Initial Risk Level: 5

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

## JAIS

### Last Month

- Reasonable Candidates: 9
- New: 0
- Reassessments: 0
- Overdue reassessments: 4
- Reassessments due last month: 2

### This Month

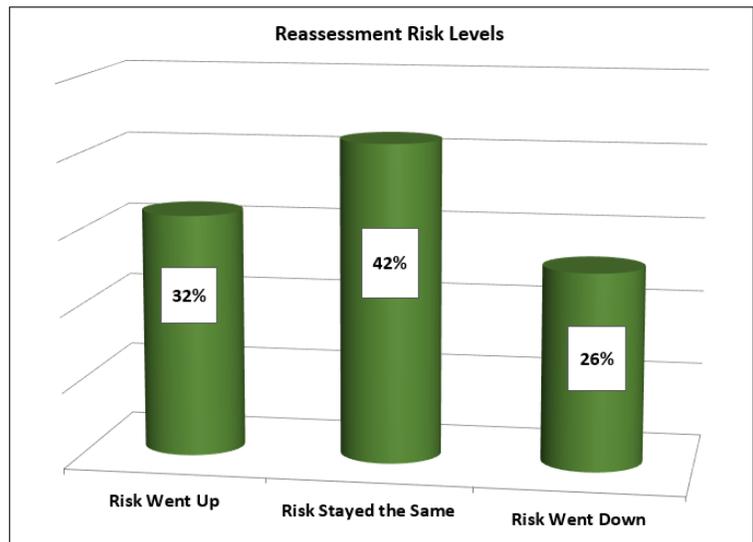
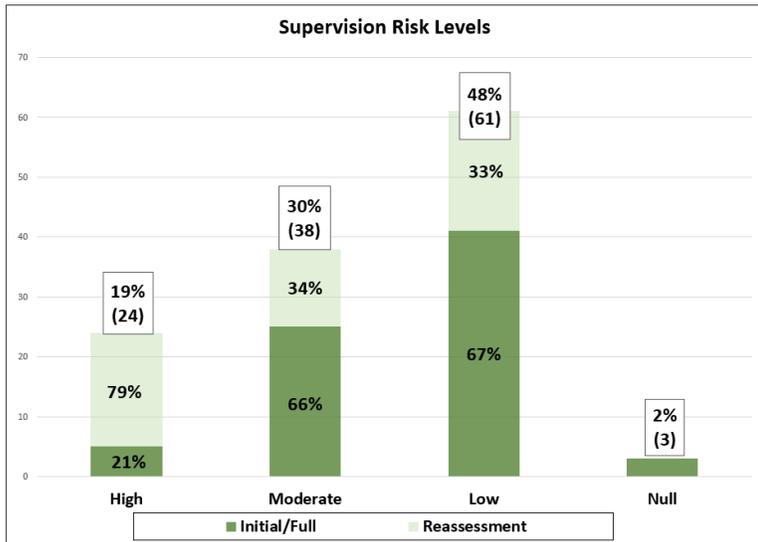
- Reasonable Candidates: 9
- New: 1
- Reassessments: 1
- Overdue reassessments: 3
- Reassessments due this month: 0

### Last 1onth

- 89% of youth eligible received a full assessment, 13 youth still needed one.
- Overdue reassessments: 23
- Reassessments due last month: 9

### This Month

- 87% of youth eligible received a full assessment
- 17 youth still need one.
- Overdue reassessments: 25
- Reassessments due this month: 15



## Demographics

### Probation Caseload

- Latinx: 71% (89)
- White: 24% (30)
- Other/Unknown: 5% (7)

### Probation Violations

- Latinx: 100% (1)

### Warrants

- Zero

# Juvenile Hall Monthly Data Blast



## Population Info

- IEP's: 5
- 504's: 1
- Graduations: 0
- Youth on Psychotropic Meds: 6
- Youth with drug/alcohol issues: 5
- Youth open to MH services: 12
- Medical Referrals: 2
- Physical Altercations: 1
- Room confinements: 3
- Pending transfer hearing: 1

## Booking Charges (most serious offense)

- Bench Warrant: 11% (1)
- Drugs/Alcohol: 33% (3)
- EM Violation: 11% (1)
- Probation Violation: 11% (1)
- Violent/Weapons: 33% (3)

## Booking Demographics (area of residence)

- North County: 67% (6)
- South County: 22% (2)
- Out of County: 11% (1)

## JUVENILE HALL POPULATION INFORMATION

	BOYS	GIRLS	TOTAL
6 am count (average) <sup>1</sup>	10.3	0.6	10.9
Population in-custody at start of time period	14	2	16
Admitted during time period	9	0	9
Released during time period	15	2	17
Population in-custody at end of time period <sup>1</sup>	8	0	8
Average daily attendance	10.1	0.6	10.7
Average length of stay	48.1	115.5	56.1
Average length of stay without STYF youth	48.1	115.5	56.1
Length of Stay MODE	1.0	n/a	1.0
Range of stay	1 - 702	84 - 147	1 - 702
Range of age	14 - 19	17 - 18	14 - 19
Number of "in-county" residents received	8	0	8
Number of "out-of-county" residents received	1	0	1
Percentage from out-of-county	11.1%	0.0%	11.1%
Total child care days	322	18	340
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): <b>March 2023</b>	40	6	46
Total intake to date (prior year): <b>March 2022</b>	34	14	48

## Overall Population Demographics

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Latinx: 18 (75%)</li> <li>• White: 6 (25%)</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Boys: 22 (92%)</li> <li>• Girls: 2 (8%)</li> </ul>	<b>ALOS</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Latinx: 65.4 days</li> <li>• White: 12.7 days</li> </ul>	% Youth on Probation: 75%
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There were four firearm related bookings in April:

- One fifteen-year-old Latinx boy from Santa Cruz
- Two fifteen-year-old Latinx boys from Watsonville
- One seventeen-year-old White boy from Roseville

Youth on probation by area of residence:

count	ZipCode
1	<b>76208 Total</b>
1	<b>93722 Total</b>
1	<b>93901 Total</b>
2	<b>93906 Total</b>
1	<b>93907 Total</b>
1	<b>94602 Total</b>
7	<b>95003 Total</b>
1	<b>95004 Total</b>
3	<b>95005 Total</b>
4	<b>95006 Total</b>
1	<b>95007 Total</b>
2	<b>95010 Total</b>
3	<b>95018 Total</b>
3	<b>95019 Total</b>
1	<b>95023 Total</b>
1	<b>95039 Total</b>
13	<b>95060 Total</b>
8	<b>95062 Total</b>
4	<b>95065 Total</b>
1	<b>95066 Total</b>
3	<b>95073 Total</b>
63	<b>95076 Total</b>
1	<b>95132 Total</b>
1	<b>95717 Total</b>
1	<b>95901 Total</b>
1	<b>95973 Total</b>
1	<b>98387 Total</b>
130	<b>Grand Total</b>

**SANTA CRUZ COUNTY JUVENILE HALL**

STATISTICS FOR PERIOD: April 2023

<b>JUVENILE HALL POPULATION INFORMATION</b>	<b>BOYS</b>	<b>GIRLS</b>	<b>TOTAL</b>
6 am count (average) <sup>1</sup>	9.4	1.5	10.9
Population in-custody at start of time period	7	1	8
Admitted during time period	11	4	15
Released during time period	10	3	13
Population in-custody at end of time period <sup>1</sup>	8	1	9
Average daily attendance	9.3	1.5	10.8
Average length of stay	6.5	9.3	7.2
Average length of stay without STYF youth	6.5	9.3	7.2
Length of Stay MODE	1.0	n/a	1.0
Range of stay	1 - 732	1 - 25	1 - 732
Range of age	12 - 18	15 - 17	12 - 18
Number of "in-county" residents received	8	2	10
Number of "out-of-county" residents received	3	2	5
Percentage from out-of-county	27.3%	50.0%	33.3%
Total child care days	290	48	338
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): <b>April 2023</b>	51	10	61
Total intake to date (prior year): <b>April 2022</b>	39	19	58

<u>ETHNICITY - Overall Juv. Hall Population</u>	<u>POP. #</u>	<u>POP. %</u>	<u>AVG RAI<sup>2</sup></u>	<u>AVG LOS<sup>3</sup></u>
Caucasian	6	27.3%	9.2	4.0
Latino	16	72.7%	8.6	8.1
African American	0	0.0%	-	-
Asian	0	0.0%	-	-
Other	0	0.0%	-	-
<i>total</i>	22	100.0%		

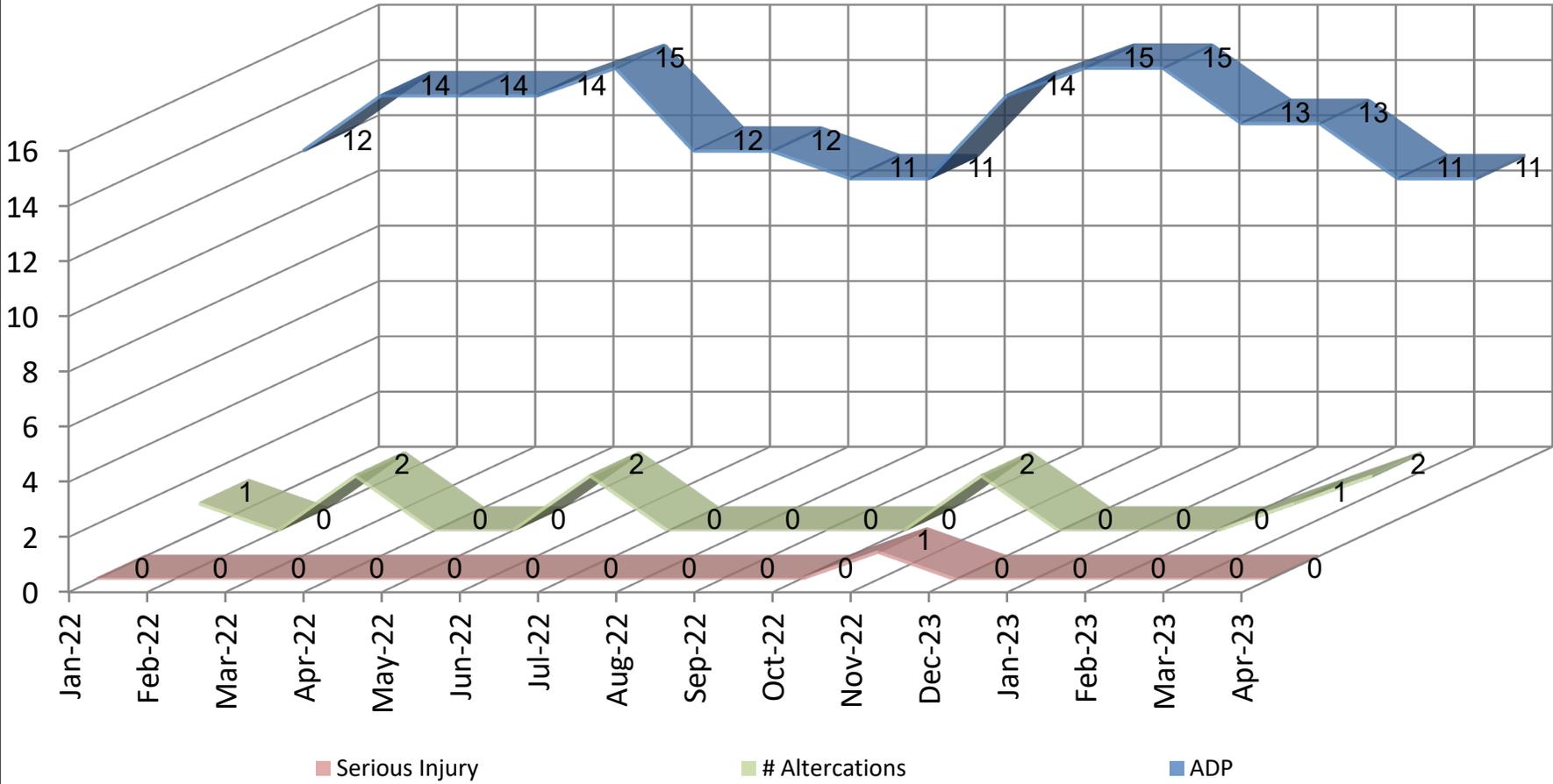
<u>ETHNICITY - Intakes only</u>	<u>TOTAL</u>	<u>INTAKES</u>	<u>INTAKES</u>	<u>INTAKES</u>	<u>OVERALL JH POP</u>
	<u>DAYS for</u>				
	<u>released</u>				<u>AVG LENGTH OF STAY</u>
	<u>intakes</u>				
Latino girls	28	4	26.7%	6.3	9.3
Latino boys	53	8	53.3%	9.6	7.6
Anglo girls	-	0	0.0%	-	-
Anglo boys	12	3	20.0%	6.7	4.0
African Am. girls	-	0	0.0%	-	-
African Am. boys	-	0	0.0%	-	-
Asian girls	-	0	0.0%	-	-
Asian boys	-	0	0.0%	-	-
Other	-	0	0.0%	-	-
<i>total</i>	93	15	100.0%		

<sup>1</sup> 6 am count on last day of month.

<sup>2</sup> Risk Assessment Instrument Score

<sup>3</sup> Length of Stay for youth released

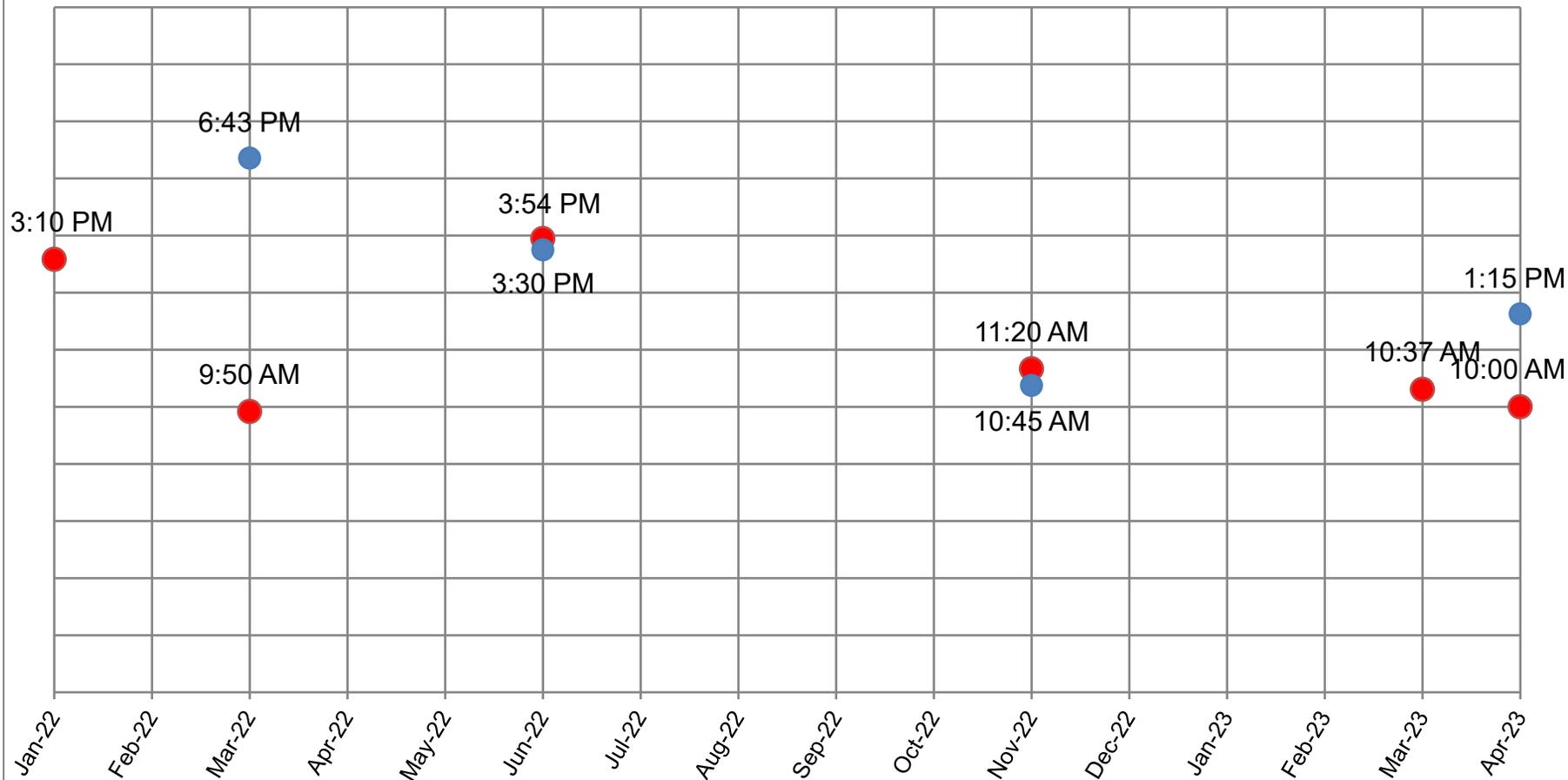
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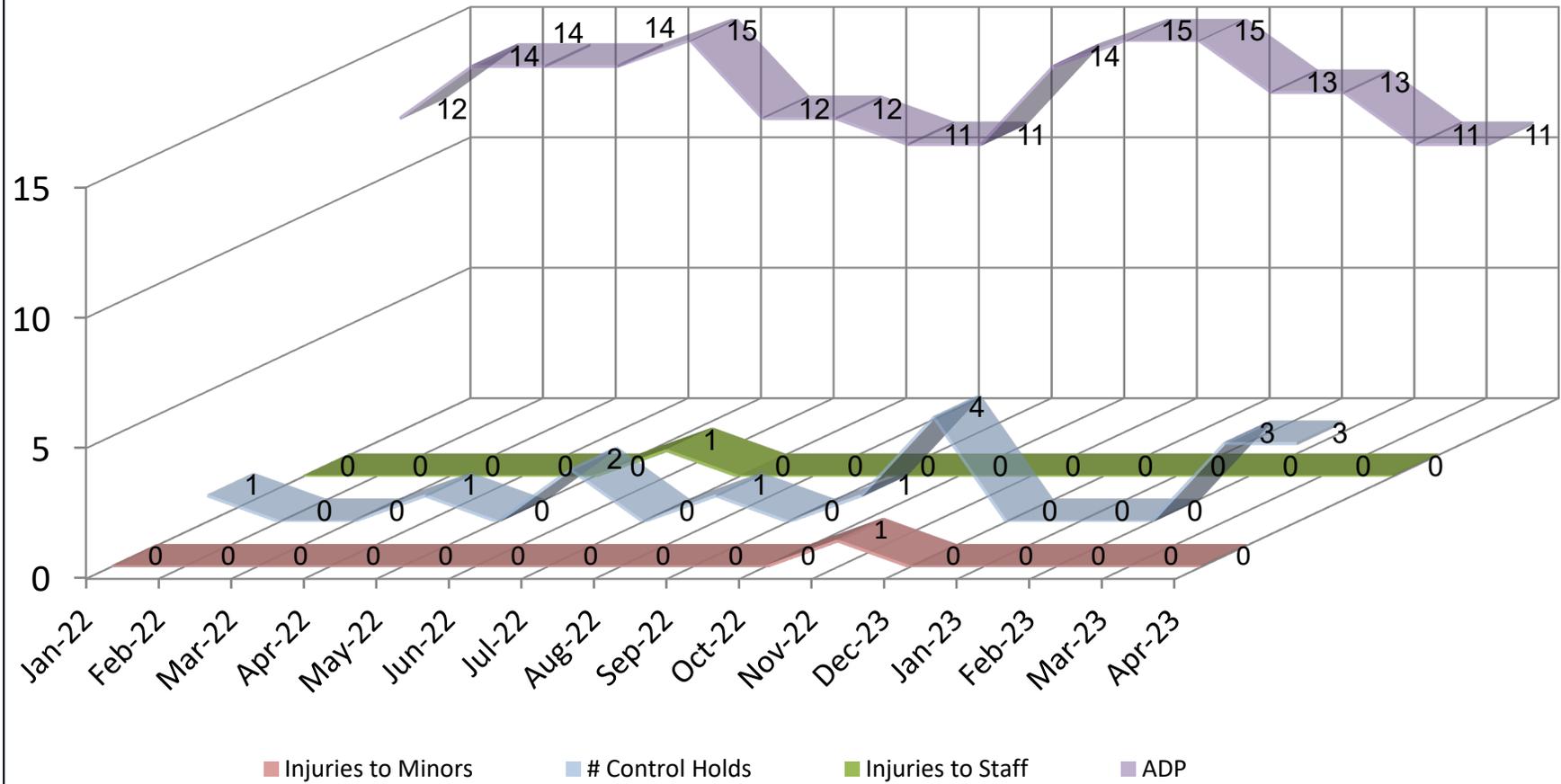
# Santa Cruz County Juvenile Hall Physical Altercations: Time of Day

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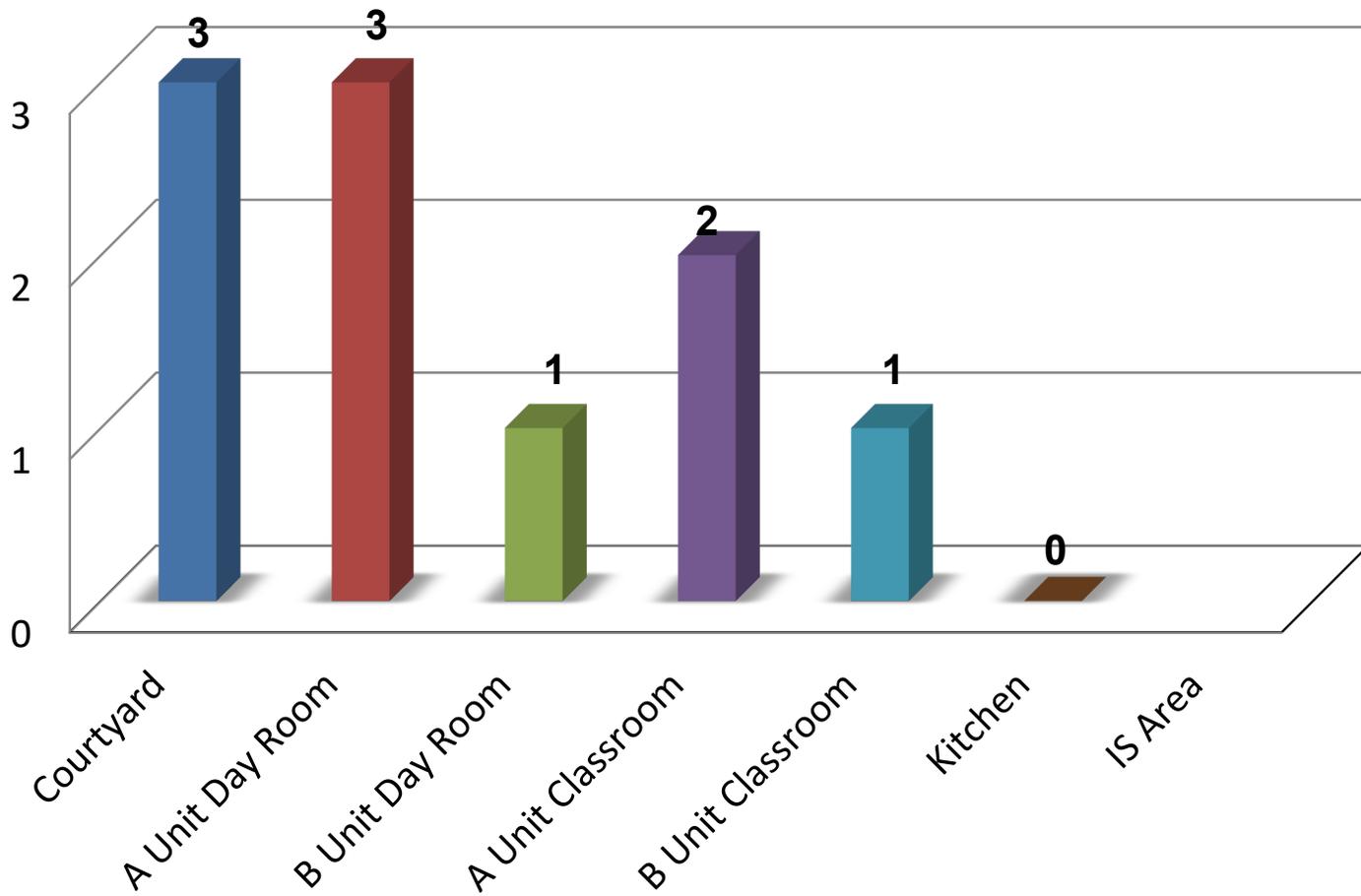
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# Santa Cruz County Juvenile Hall Use of Force: Overview



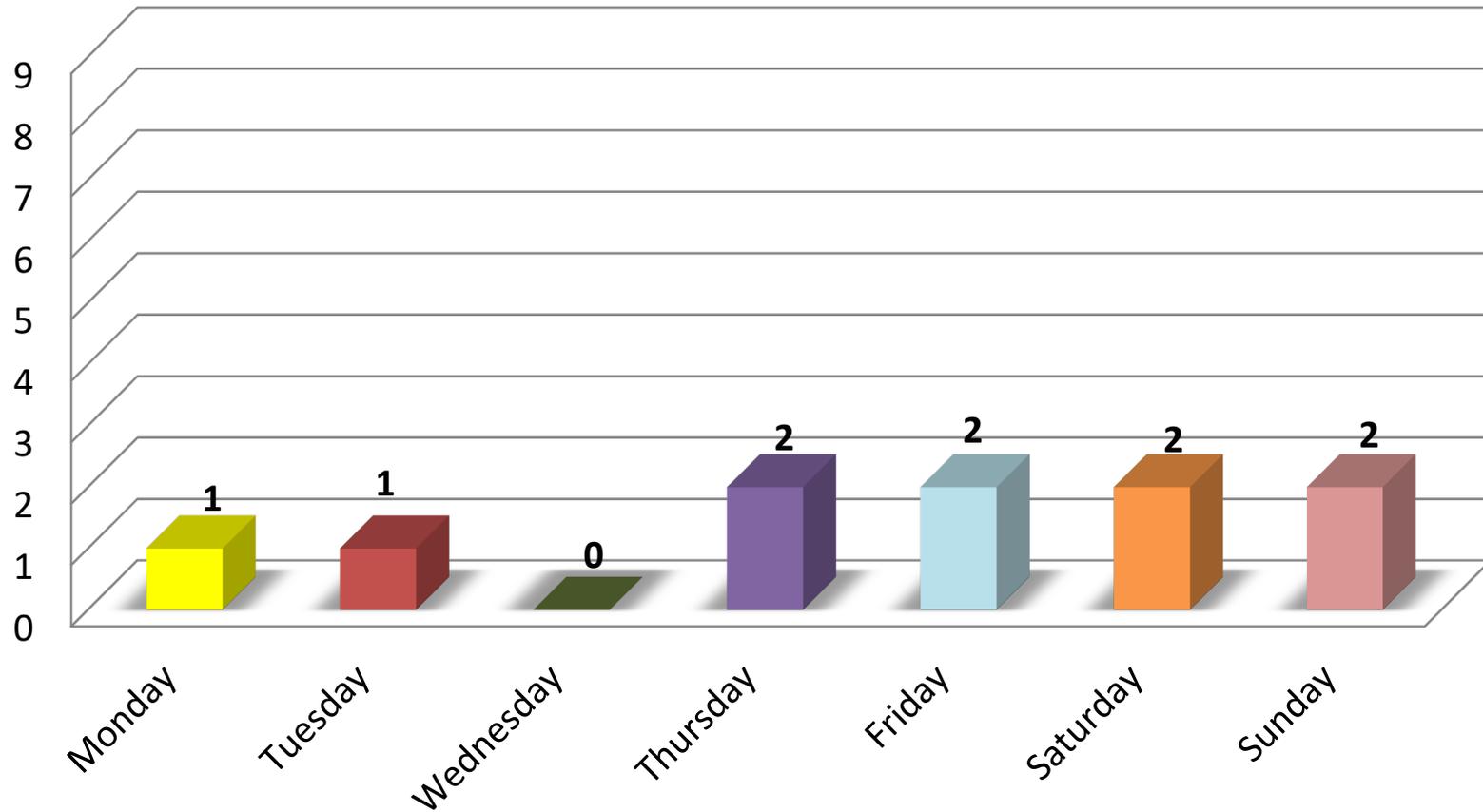
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# Santa Cruz County Juvenile Hall Physical Altercations: Location



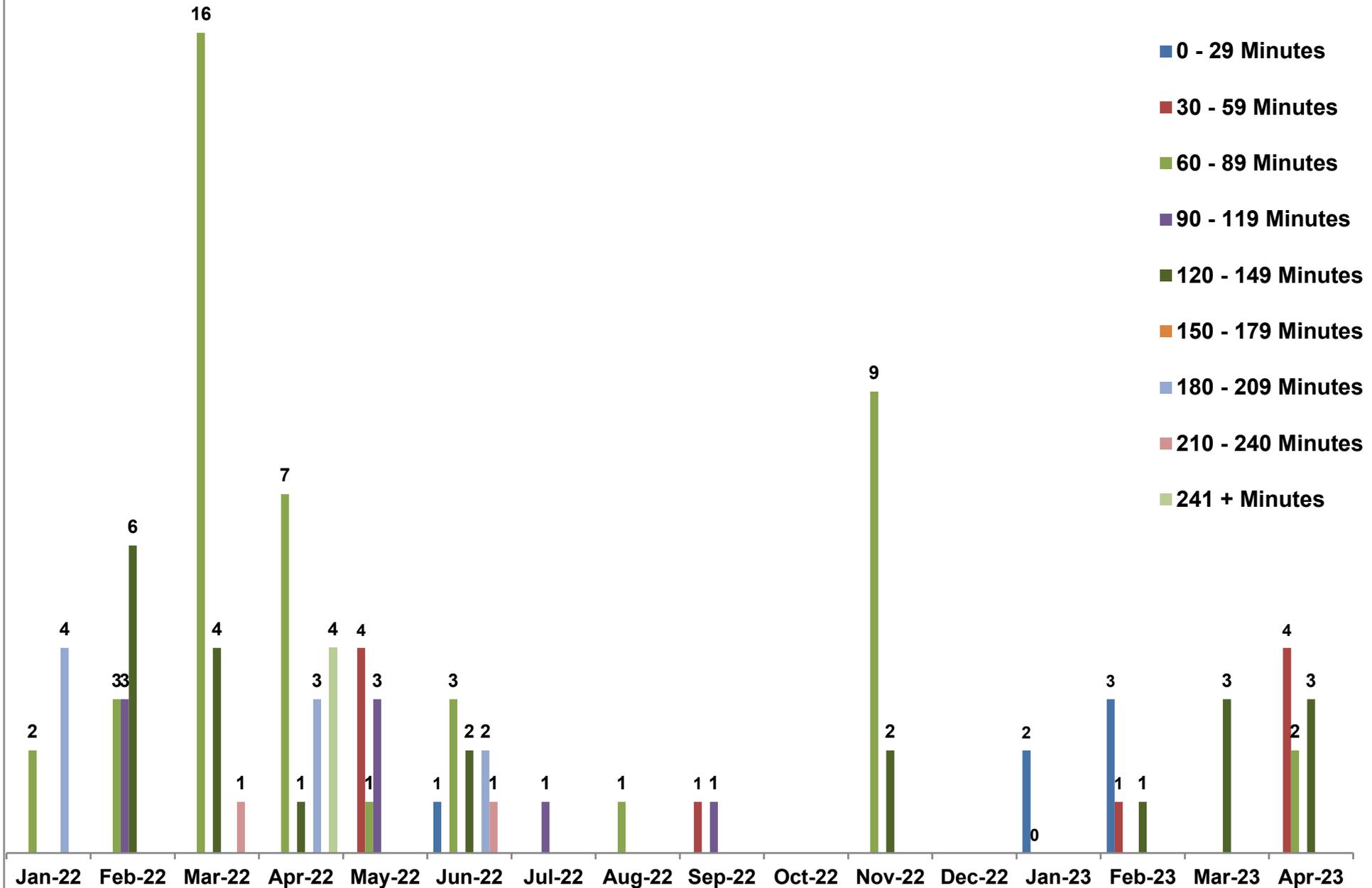
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# Santa Cruz County Juvenile Hall Physical Altercations: Day of the Week



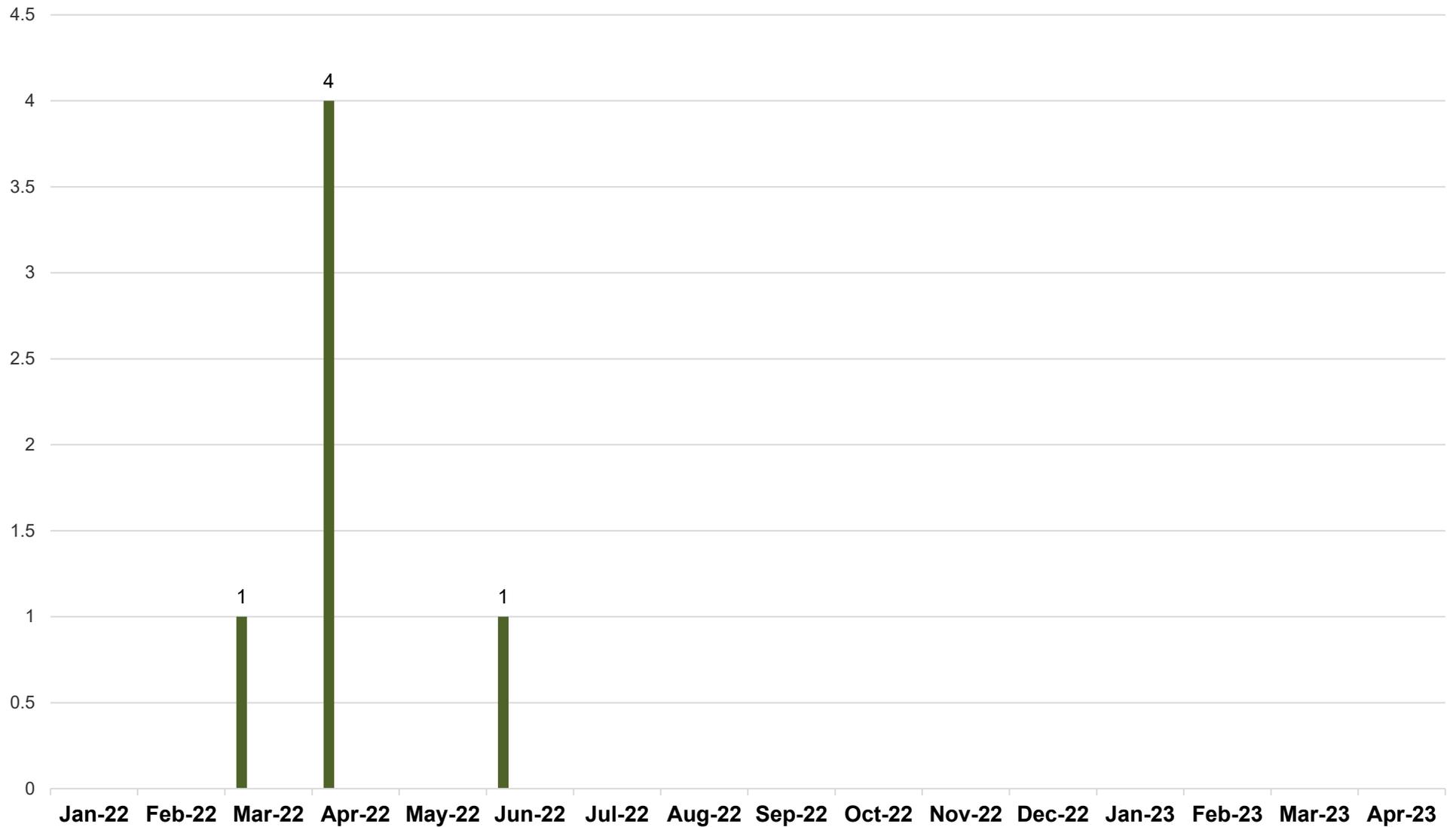
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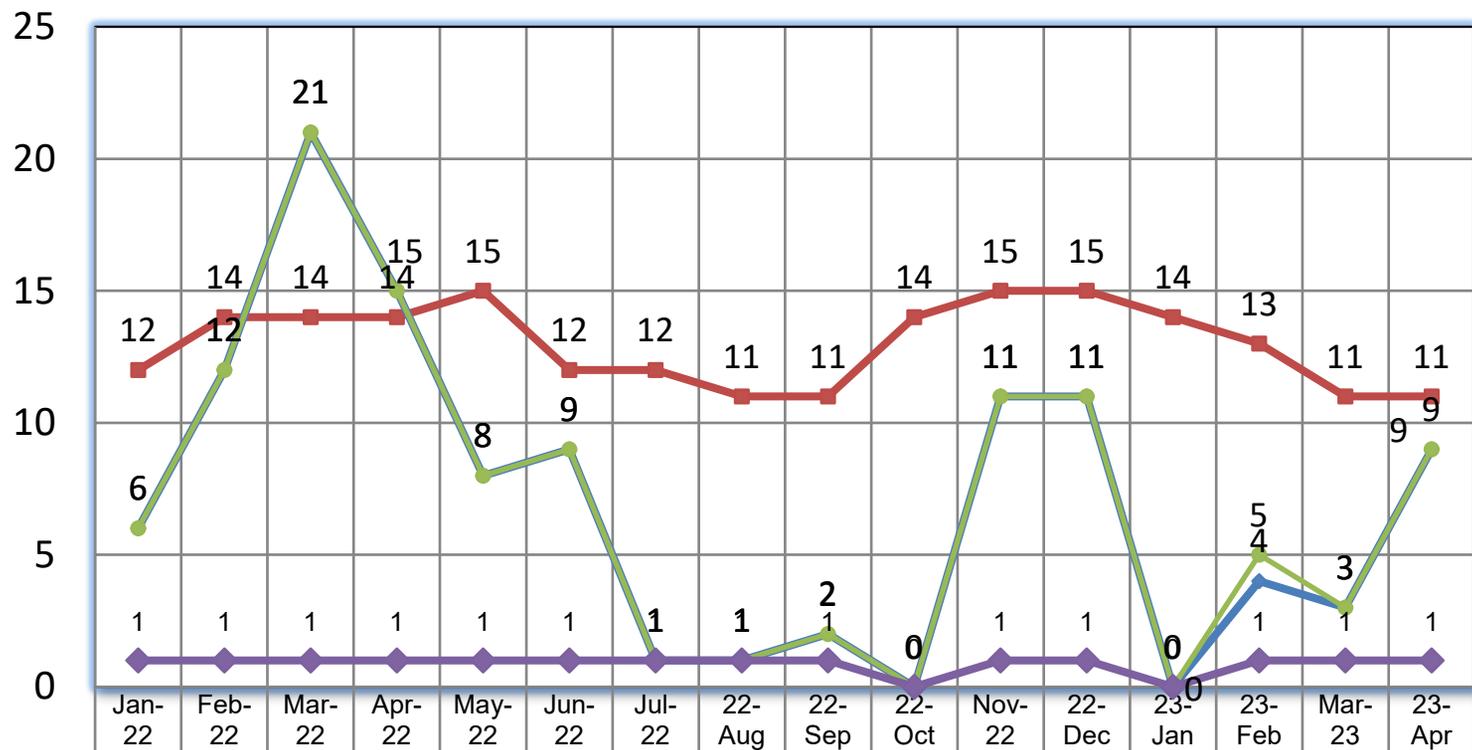
# Santa Cruz County Juvenile Hall Room Confinement by Minute January 2022 - April 2023



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

■ 4 - 5 Hours   ■ 6 - 7 Hours   ■ 8 - 9 Hours   ■ 10 - 11 Hours   ■ 12 Hours

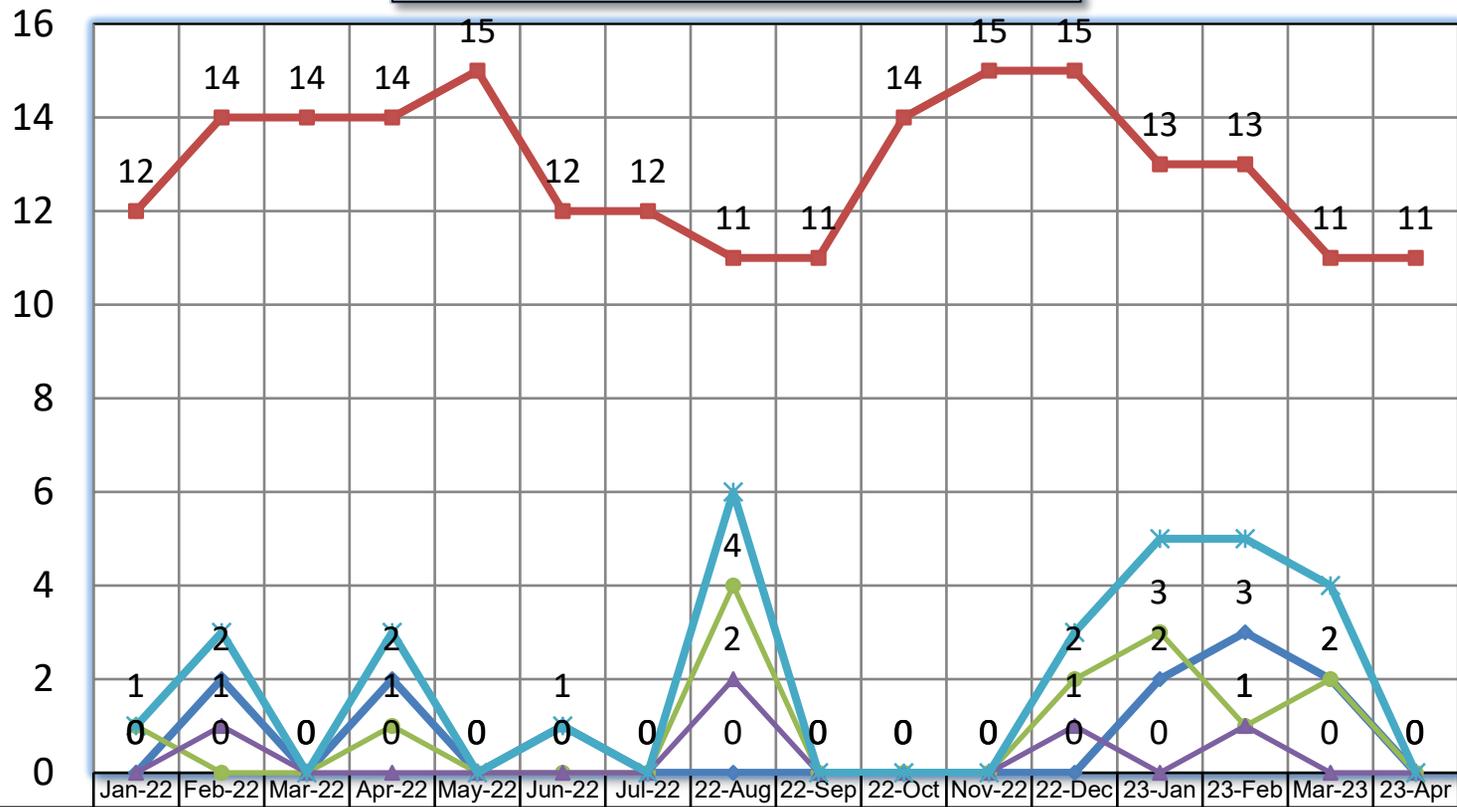




ADP	12	14	14	14	15	12	12	11	11	14	15	15	14	13	11	11
# Youth Incidents	6	12	21	15	8	9	1	1	2	0	11	11	0	4	3	9
Total # R/C Days for Month	6	12	21	15	8	9	1	1	2	0	11	11	0	5	3	9
Avg # R/C Days per Youth/Incident	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	0	1	1	0	1	1	1

**Santa Cruz County Juvenile Hall**  
**Room Confinement: Overview**  
**January 2022 - April 2023**

## Santa Cruz County Juvenile Hall Grievances: Overview



ADP	12	14	14	14	15	12	12	11	11	14	15	15	13	13	11	11
Conditions	0	2	0	2	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	3	2	0
Discipline	1	0	0	1	0	0	0	4	0	0	0	2	3	1	2	0
Staff/Policies	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	2	0	0	0	1	0	1	0	0
Total # Grievances	1	3	0	3	0	1	0	6	0	0	0	3	5	5	4	0

January 2022 - April 2023

## Memo re: Proposed Bylaws

**\*\*\*\*\* Please use the attached Bylaws DRAFT to review for our May 11<sup>th</sup> JJDC as spelling, grammatical errors, and editing have been made for clarity.**

Friends, as you know, our sub-committee has been tasked to provide a proposed update to our Commission's 2010 Bylaws. Some of this work has been easy and obvious, some aspects have been more challenging, and one has even been controversial. Some laws have changed over time, requiring this effort. Some things that seem apparent now have never been included.

As most of you know, when SB 823 was enacted in 2022, it ordered all youth housed in high-security prisons to be returned to their home counties. The reason? The youth were too far from their families and lost the connections they needed to reenter society once released successfully.

During this same period, the Commission recognized that our Bylaws were outdated. While working on the Bylaws, I looked at what other counties have done and try to incorporate some of their best practices into the language of our new Bylaws.

Please review these and bring your specific comments to the meeting so that we can incorporate and approve the final draft of the Bylaws to send to the Court and County Counsel for their review and input prior to Adoption.

We look forward to our May meeting to get your comments.

Ben Rice,  
Bylaws Subcommittee Chair

**DRAFT 4-29-23**

**BYLAWS OF THE SANTA CRUZ COUNTY  
JUVENILE JUSTICE & DELINQUENCY PREVENTION COMMISSION**

ARTICLE I

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, advocate for and protect the safety and well-being of system-involved youth, and prevent youth from becoming involved in the juvenile justice system through oversight of the Juvenile Court, Probation Department, legislative action, and support and promotion of successful prevention and intervention programs.

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

STATUTORY AUTHORITY

The Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention Commission is established and broadly defined through the California State Welfare and Institutions Code (WIC) Sections 225 through 234, Penal Code (PC), including Section 6003, and Santa Cruz County Code Section (SCCS) 2.38.

These bylaws are intended to supplement state law's governing provisions 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.

DUTIES

The Commission's work 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 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 Bureau of State and Community Corrections. 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 requires a weapon, evacuations, or significant damages to the facility that impact services to youth. 

**Section 3.** The Commission shall cause the investigation of 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 or closed hearings on matters relevant to the administration of laws and identify "needed services" 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 juvenile justice 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 6.** The Commission shall support the development of specific community programs with long-range plans that incorporate the Commission's goals of delinquency prevention.

**Section 7.** The Commission shall provide input into the selection process for the Chief Probation Officer.

**Section 8.** The Commission shall participate in the County's Juvenile Justice Coordinating Council.

**Section 9.** The Commission shall take measures to preserve the confidentiality of personal information relating to individual juveniles subject to the Commission's jurisdiction.

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

## ARTICLE II

### MEMBERS

**Section 1.** Membership on the Commission shall be composed of not less than seven and more than 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. Commission members may recommend to the Presiding Judge for at-large membership on the Commission. Ten (10) members, residents of Santa Cruz County, shall be nominated by the Board of Supervisors. Each Supervisor shall appoint two (2) persons who may reside within that Supervisor's District. Referrals for consideration and review by the Commission and the Presiding Judge may be by community groups, elected or appointed public officials, and individual citizens. The Commission 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 previous incarceration.

**Section 3.** Appointments shall last four (4) years (Santa Cruz County Code Section 2.38100). A youth Commissioner is eligible for reappointment as an adult member upon age 22, providing a vacancy exists at the end of their 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 unexpired term of their predecessor. A Commissioner wishing to serve additional term(s) shall notify the Commission Chair and the Supervising Judge of the Juvenile Court and complete the appointment process.

**Section 4.** Each person appointed shall appear before the appointing Judge or their designee and qualify by taking an oath to perform the duties as a member of the Commission faithfully. All applicants must read and agree to be bound by these Bylaws and the "Commissioner Agreement" form attached hereto as Exhibit "A", which may be separately modified by vote of the Commission. The qualifications of each Member shall be entered into the Juvenile Court record.

**Section 5.** Any member desiring to resign from the Commission shall submit their resignation in writing to the Juvenile Court Judge with a copy to the Chair of the Commission.

**Section 6.** Any Commissioner who accumulates three (3) absences from duly held Commission during the calendar year shall be referred to the Commission Chair and Juvenile Court Judge for possible termination unless it is determined there was "good cause" for absences. Attendance of members shall be taken and recorded in the Minutes at all duly-called Commission or subcommittee meetings.

**Section 7.** All public appeals, applications, complaints, youth complaints or petitions, and other communications concerning the Commission's business shall be referred to the Chair of the Commission for investigation and report to the full Commission.

## ARTICLE III

### OFFICERS

**Section 1.** Officers of the Commission shall serve one (1) year term, being elected by a majority vote of the Commissioners at the annual Meeting in April or as otherwise designated by a Commission vote. The Commission officers shall be the Chair, the Vice-Chair, the Secretary, and the Immediate Past Chair.

**Section 2.** Commissioners shall make nomination(s) for the officers. They shall be made at the annual Meeting or as designated or upon office vacancy.

**Section 3.** Each Member shall hold up to one office at a time, and no Member shall be eligible to serve up to two (2) full consecutive years in the same office.

**Section 4.** In the event of a vacancy in the office of the Chair, the Vice-Chair, or the Secretary, by death, resignation, or otherwise, the Commission shall immediately select a successor to the vacant office to fill the vacancy for the remainder of the usual term of office.

**Section 5.** The Chair or their designee shall be the official spokesperson for the Commission. No Commissioner may make a public statement regarding Commission business, findings, or viewpoints without first securing the Chair's authorization after a vote by the Commission regarding the subject matter. 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.

## ARTICLE IV

### MEETINGS

**Section 1.** The Commission's regular Meeting shall be held monthly unless otherwise ordered by the Chair. These meetings are open to the public and shall comply with the Brown Act.

**Section 2.** The Commission shall announce a schedule of meeting times, dates, and places. The location of meetings shall be at the discretion of the Commission.

**Section 3.** The Chair may call special meetings. Special meetings of the Commission are open to the public. They may be called at any time and any place within the County of Santa Cruz and shall comply with the Brown Act.

**Section 4.** The rules contained in the current edition of Rosenberg's 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 V

### ADMINISTRATION

**Section 1.** A quorum and a majority vote shall decide the business of the Commission. A quorum consists of more than half of the 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 discussions will be considered informal, and no motions shall be considered.

**Section 2.** The Chair shall preside at all meetings of the Commission at which they are present. The Chair shall perform such duties and exercise such power as usually pertain to the Chair's office and have such additional powers as may be granted by the Commission.

**Section 3.** The Vice-Chair shall preside at all meetings of the Commission in the absence of the Chair and perform such other duties as may be enjoined upon them by the Commission. In the case of the absence of the Chair or if there is a vacancy in the office of the Chair, all powers and duties of that office shall devolve upon the Vice-Chair, who shall continue to exercise such powers and duties until the Chair returns or the vacancy is filled.

**Section 4.** In case of the absence, disability, or refusal to act of the Chair and the Vice-Chair at any meeting of the Commission when a quorum is present, as determined by the Secretary by roll call, the members present may elect by a majority vote of the members voting, Chair pro tem for that Meeting.

**Section 5.** Agenda review is the responsibility of the Chair, the Secretary, or their designee. Any Commissioner may submit agenda items to the Chair for review and consideration for publication to Commissioners.

**Section 6.** Requests by non-Commissioners to discuss a matter before the Commission should be received ten days before the meeting date. The Chair may override this rule if they determine it is appropriate.

**Section 7.** The Commission shall take measures to preserve the confidentiality of personal information relating to individual juveniles. Written requests or an oral petition concerning a minor's welfare shall be presented at the Meeting of the Commission. The Supervising Judge of the Juvenile Court shall have the power to issue subpoenas requiring attendance and testimony of witnesses and production of documents at a specified hearing.

**Section 8.** The Commission may establish special or ad hoc Subcommittees to perform task force functions on any matter within the jurisdiction of the Commission. Such Subcommittees must contain at least one Commission member but may include non-Commissioners. These subcommittees will set meeting times(s) and location(s), define its task, and submit their findings in writing to the Commission.

**Section 9.** It shall be the Commission's duty to keep a complete record of its Agendas, Minutes, Monthly "packets," actions, and any exhibits or other materials the Commission deems helpful for its historical record.

ARTICLE VI

RELEASE OF INFORMATION

Notice of meetings of the Commission will conform with the Brown Act. Press or media releases of information on behalf of the Commission shall be issued only by the Commission's Chair or their designee(s) and only after a vote by the Commission or a subcommittee the Commission creates.

ARTICLE VII

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 Meeting of the Commission and named on the agenda as a subject for discussion.

Ratified by the Santa Cruz County Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention Commission on \_\_\_\_\_, 2023.

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CYNTHIA DRULEY, Chair

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BEN RICE, Immediate Past Chair

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DEUTRON KEBEBEW, Commissioner

Exhibit A

**SANTA CRUZ COUNTY  
JUVENILE JUSTICE AND DELINQUENCY PREVENTION  
COMMISSION *COMMISSIONER AGREEMENTS***

Adopted February 9, 2023

1. Be familiar with the JJDPC bylaws and agree to be bound by them.
2. Make a good faith effort to attend monthly Commission Meetings and annual Board Retreat and to notify the Chair if not able to attend a scheduled meeting.
3. Join a Sub-Committee and make a good faith effort to attend meetings and notify the Subcommittee Chair if not able to attend a scheduled meeting..
4. Communicate with or Supervisor who nominated you no less than 2 times in a year to discuss our work or answer questions they may have.
5. Serve for a four-year term, with possible term renewals for up to two additional terms for a maximum of 12 years.
6. Consider taking a leadership role in a sub-committee.
7. Understand and honor the absolute requirement of preserving the confidentiality of information relating to individual juveniles and Juvenile Justice Commission work.
8. Assist in recruiting new Commissioners.
9. Understand that Commissioners may not represent themselves as speaking for the Commission unless they have been authorized to do so by the Chair and/or the full Commission.

In signing below, I agree to serve on the JJDPC Commission and abide by the above agreements.

Dated: \_\_\_\_\_

Print Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_



## Steering Committee Report

April 25, 2023

In attendance: Cynthia, Ben, Sandra, Beverly, Kieran

Elect Chair of Steering Committee- Kieran Kelly elected chair

For May Agenda:

- a. Complete bylaws Approve (Action Item)
- b. Discuss meetings in Watsonville and time for those meetings
- c. Probation data blast orientation for ALL youth in Probation not just JH, with first inclusion in May and orientation in June
- d. Youth Recruitment Flyer will be sent to SC members:  
<https://docs.google.com/document/d/1uaYEGJ8fiFs0MmNPFpX3it7yeVMCb155/edit?usp=sharing&oid=114840991590234094315&rtpof=true&sd=true>

## **Juvenile Hall Inspection Subcommittee Report to the JJDPC Commission April 2023**

The subcommittee did not formally meet but did work on scheduling the 2023 Juvenile Hall Inspection with Superintendent Sara Ryan. We are beginning this process early to avoid scheduling conflicts and to have a goal of compressing the time frame of the impact on Hall staff and file the report by December 2023 as required by the BSCC.

The dates of the inspection visits will be either the week of Sept 25-29 or the week of October 2-6.

The goal is to have all site visits completed during that time and a final Inspection report to Sara Ryan within 3-4 weeks so that she can have time to develop her response and have the report & response delivered to the BOS and the BSCC by the December 2023 deadline.

Issues for the subcommittee and Commission to discuss: in the future:

1. Membership of the Inspection Team
2. Scope of the Inspection and the methodology to use (eg. JDAI guidelines and instrument or other methodology.
3. Administrative support

SB 823 Sub-committee minutes  
April 19, 2023

The SB 823 sub-committee met on April 19th with Commissioners Brook, Kumar, Gonzales and Reis. Tragically a shooting in Watsonville had taken place a few days before our meeting and we spent most of our time sharing our concerns and sadness. Concern was expressed about how the family of the victim was treated by police and how the mother learned of her 15 year old son's death on social media. A sixteen year old youth was arrested and is in juvenile hall.

Beverly shared that she and Chair Druley met with Chris Evers the CEO of Rancho Cielo. A tour of the facility will be scheduled for next month. We discussed the idea of developing a 'step-down' program here in Santa Cruz County for our Secure Tract youth. Concern was expressed that the DA's office will not be in favor of a step-down option and will use a recent DJJ releasee who was arrested shortly after his release as an example. (This youth was initially in juvenile hall, moved to county jail at age 18 and then transferred to DJJ where he served two years. He was not a secure tract youth.) We discussed the possibility of a 'test case' that does well but of course the court would have to be comfortable with the step-down program. And, the county would need a step-down program.

We also discussed having mentors for our youth in juvenile hall. There seems to be a concern about having non-CASA mentors even if they have received clearance. Athena will speak directly to Sara about our concern.

At least three youth who are currently incarcerated (hall, DJJ and Sonoma) have a CASA advocate.

Our monthly meetings are on the third Wednesday of the month @5:00. Next meeting is May 17th on zoom.

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Notes from JJP subcommittee

The JJP subcommittee convened on 04.12.23 with commissioners David B, Deutron K, and Athena R in attendance. Elaine J and Elias G were absent. Commissioners Reis and Kebebew reported on their exploratory discussions with Lake View middle school and Mintie White elementary administrative teams regarding a pilot project aimed at engaging students with truancy and behavior issues. The goal is to provide support to students and their families early on to prevent their involvement with the JJD system. The next step will be to meet with the PVUSD student services team to explore how this project can align with their efforts. Commissioner Brody briefly discussed the current county plan "Family First" for Child Welfare and how JJDP can contribute to ensure that prevention strategies align with JJDP goals and priorities. Commissioner Reis invited Assistant District Attorney Johanna Shonfield to the next subcommittee meeting on May 10 at 5:30 pm to discuss the county's emerging efforts to address school truancy as a prevention strategy for JJD.

The committee briefly discussed the Listening Circle gathering planned for June, outlining the necessary planning and logistics steps. Commission Kebebew will distribute an event outline by April 25th. The event's purpose is to gather feedback from JJ parents and families regarding their experiences with probation and community providers, with the primary goal of exploring prevention and engagement strategies that could help reduce JJD involvement or increase engagement and involvement. The Listening Circle will be held in mid to late June 2023 at 15 Madison St Watsonville, with CAB, PVSS, PVUSD, and other partners involved. Light refreshments will be provided, and translation services and childcare are still under consideration.

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