County of Santa Cruz



JUVENILE JUSTICE AND DELINQUENCY PREVENTION COMMISSION MINUTES

Thursday, July 13, 2023 5:30 p.m. – 7:00 p.m. Regular Meeting Probation Offices 303 Water St, 2nd Floor Santa Cruz, CA 95060

I. CALL TO ORDER/ROLL CALL: Meeting called to order at 5:32 p.m.

Present: Cynthia Druley, David Brody, Elaine Johnson, Elias Gonzales, Athena Reis, Ben Rice,

Deutron Kebebew, Kayla Kumar, Maria Rodriguez, Reyna Ruiz

Absent: Kieran Kelly, Beverly Brook, Ray Diaz, Athena Reis

Ex Officio: Judge Jerry Vinluan

Probation Staff: Gerardo Leon Garcia

Probation Representatives: Valerie Thompson, Jose Flores

II. CONSENT AGENDA:
Approval of Agenda

Approval of Minutes from June 8, 2023

Moved: Kumar: Second: Kebebew

Motion Passed

Aye: Druley, Brody, Gonzales, Kumar

No: None

Abstention: Rodriguez, Ruiz, Kebebew

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.

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

Jasmine Najera (Guest) introduced herself to the commission.

Commissioner Kebebew asked about the possibility of translation of future meetings held in Watsonville.

Commissioner Kumar announced that she is resigning from the Commission effective tomorrow. Chair Druley expressed her gratitude for Commissioner Kumar's contributions to the Commission including her participation on the Juvenile Hall inspection subcommittee.

Commissioner Rodriguez announced that Luna Y Sol is putting on a National Night Out event and needs volunteers. She also invited everyone to participate and said that she would send a flyer about the event to the Commission.

Commissioner Kebebew talked about a meeting he participated in this week focused on developmental assets. They will be holding an event on August 24th that Commissioners are invited to attend. Jasmine Najera said that the effort was launched by the City of Watsonville to help align services in Watsonville.

Chair Druley announced that signed versions of the "Commissioner Agreements" were lost. She distributed new copies and asked commissioners to sign and return them. She also announced that the Commission will hold its retreat on its regular meeting date on October 12th.

Chair Druley talked about zoom meeting she had with Judge Lucero /OYCR regarding SB 823. The call was to bring together all of the juvenile justice commissions in the state to introduce the goals of OYCR and the important role that they think JJCs have in the implementation of SB823 in their respective counties.

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

1. Grievances & Incidents reports

Assistant Chief Thompson reported that a youth had to be moved to Dominican on a 5150 hold. Asked if there were any questions about the statistical report. Commissioner Kumar asked for more details on the youth and the event. Assistant Chief Thompson reported that the youth was attempting to self-harm.

Commissioner Kumar reported that there were 8 grievances last month. 7 of 8 were from 1 youth. Also a few were related to the same teacher that came up in past grievances. 1 was about a youth having extra items above what were allowed. 1 about the teacher and the youth feeling the teacher takes out their bad mood on the youth. Staff reported that they talked to the teacher about this. 1 was about lost evenings as a consequence for some physical damage to the walls of the cell that a youth was in. Another grievance was related to a youth feeling that

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the teacher wasn't teaching classes. 2 youth made a grievance about this. In one of those instances a yoga class was canceled which led to an improvisation by the teacher. Another grievance from the same youth asserted that the teacher only taught class when they were being recorded. Another grievance related to the teacher telling them they had to do work in the class even though they had graduated from school. The last grievance was about a youth not feeling good and requesting to skip PE.

Assistant Chief Thompson reported that the supervisor of the teacher subject to the grievances is now directly involved and coaching the teacher and that SCCOE is bringing in a co-teacher for the summer.

Commissioner Ruiz highlighted that there were no firearm bookings in June. Went on to ask about average booking days between boys and girls. Staff reported that this can happen periodically and is related to placement failures. Also pointed out that there are a small number of girls in custody. The small N means that events related to girls can dramatically impact statistics in the report.

Commissioner Ruiz asked for data on the income of youth. Assistant Chief Thompson reported that they do not track income but made some suggestions for ways commissioners could approximate that information using zip codes as a proxy indicator. Also warned that income level doesn't always correlate to resources available to youth. Commissioner Ruiz indicated an interest in the relationship between income and time on probation. Assistant Chief Thompson suggested that this is possibly something that could be brought up with the Public Defender's office. More discussion ensued between staff and commissioners about potential challenges to collect certain data on status from defense attorney and other data elements that are reliable and valid.

Chair Druley asked if CASA or Commissioners could go in the van when it goes to Sonoma. Assistant Chief Thompson said no. She said that they would look into it again, but due to how insurance is set up and the grant that is funding the van, it will likely not be allowed.

Chair Druley also thanked staff for meeting with her to share how the commission can work more collaboratively with Probation staff, with an emphasis on delinquency prevention.

Assistant Chief Thompson reported on the top 5 needs of youth as identified in the JAIS. These were: peer relationships, social adequacy, physical safety, vocational needs, academic performance.

Commissioner Kebebew asked if Commissioners could see the trend over time. Assistant Chief Thompson said she would work with staff to go back and look and report back.

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VI. ACTION ITEMS:

1. Establish future meeting locations and times.

Motion: Kebebew; Second: Rice

Establish 50% of meetings in Watsonville and change the start time of all meetings to 6:00 p.m. Beginning September 2023.

Motion Passed

Unanimously

Chair Druley explained the questions before the Commission. Commissioner Kebebew voiced support for holding at least half of the Commission's meetings in Watsonville because most of the youth in the Juvenile Justice system are from South County. Commissioner Ruiz voiced strong support. Commissioner Kumar pointed out that we've never seen a family grievance, suggesting that families can't voice concerns and the need to create a space for families to address concerns with the Commission. She also suggested changing the time of the meeting due to traffic concerns. Commissioner Johnson asked if we would expect to have families participate. Discussion ensued. Commissioner Rodriguez suggested that the earliest the meeting should start is 6:00 p.m. Guest Najera suggested that information should be handed out to parents at JH. Questions were raised if it is the Commission's purview to receive complaints/grievances from families. More discussion ensued about the appropriate way to engage with families. Other Commissioners emphasized the importance of managing expectations of how families will be able to engage with the commission.

VII. INFORMATION ITEMS:

1. SB823: Report on the visit to Rancho Cielo

Report in the packet.

2. Juvenile Hall Assessment: Piloting new Anne E. Casey Detention Assessment format and assessment team.

Chair Druley reported that the Commission will be piloting a new Annie E. Casey assessment instrument. She said that we need additional commissioners to serve on the sub-committee. Week of October 2 to 6 is blocked off for the inspection. Report due to BOS in December. Guest Najera volunteered to participate if appointed to the Commission.

3. Current status of bylaws.

Chair Rice reported on the status of the bi-law revision and county counsel's on-going review.

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4. Delinquency Prevention: Educational initiatives & Probation sharing trends of lower-level charges to assist focusing support for interventions.

Chair Druley reported on the "Student Success" program and that she talked with SCCOE leadership about a foster-ed program and if the program could be extended to probation youth. She reported that the group that started the foster ed program is now implementing a new program called "Justice Ed". More work is needed to determine if the proposed program overlaps with the existing "Student Success" program.

5. Commissioner Meetings with Supervisors.

The importance of meeting with Supervisors was emphasized. Commissioner Rice emphasized that it will be important to meet with supervisors once the new bylaws are approved.

VIII. SUB-COMMITTEE UPDATES:

- 1. <u>Steering/Outreach:</u> Kelly Chair, Brook, Druley, Brody, Rice
- 2. <u>Juvenile Hall Inspection:</u> Druley Chair, Kebebew, Kelly, Reis, Kumar (ATTACHMENT)
- 3. SB190/SB823: Brook Chair, Gonzales, Kumar, Reis (ATTACHMENT)
- 4. Delinquency Prevention: Kebebew Chair, Brody, Gonzales, Reis
- 5. By-Laws: Rice Chair, Druley, Kebebew
- IX. ADJOURNMENT: Meeting adjourned at 7:03 p.m.

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- I. CALL TO ORDER/ROLL CALL:
- II. CONSENT AGENDA: (5:35 p.m.)Approval of AgendaApproval of Minutes from June 8, 2023
- III. PUBLIC COMMUNICATIONS: (5:40 p.m.) 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): (5:45 p.m.)
- V. MONTHLY STATISTICAL INFORMATION FROM PROBATION/JUVENILE HALL (ATTACHMENTS Accept and File): (5:50 p.m.)
 - 1. Grievances & Incidents reports
- VI. ACTION ITEMS: (6:10 p.m.)
 - 1. Establish future meeting locations and times.

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- VII. INFORMATION ITEMS: (6:40 p.m.)
 - 1. SB823: Report on the visit to Rancho Cielo
 - 2. Juvenile Hall Assessment: Piloting new Anne E. Casey Detention Assessment format and assessment team.
 - 3. Current status of bylaws.
 - 4. Delinquency Prevention: Educational initiatives & Probation sharing trends of lower-level charges to assist focusing support for interventions.
 - 5. Commissioner Meetings with Supervisors.
- VIII. SUB-COMMITTEE UPDATES: (6:55 p.m.)
 - 1. <u>Steering/Outreach:</u> Kelly Chair, Brook, Druley, Brody, Rice
 - 2. <u>Juvenile Hall Inspection:</u> Druley Chair, Kebebew, Kelly, Reis, Kumar (ATTACHMENT)
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 - 4. <u>Delinquency Prevention:</u> Kebebew Chair, Brody, Gonzales, Reis
 - 5. By-Laws: Rice Chair, Druley, Kebebew
- IX. ADJOURNMENT:

UPCOMING EVENTS/MEETINGS

Regular JJDCP Meetings are <u>in-person</u> on the 2nd Thursday of the month from 5:30 to 7pm. Inperson at 303 Water Street.

- **August 10, 2023** Regular meeting: Guest speaker: Sarah Emmert from United Way Youth Action Network and other UW youth initiatives.
- September 14, 2023: Regular Meeting
- October 12, 2023: Commission Retreat 3 to 6 pm: Location TBD
- November 9, 2023: Regular Meeting: Juvenile Hall Inspection report
- December 14, 2023: Regular Meeting

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I. CALL TO ORDER/ROLL CALL: Meeting called to order at 5:05 p.m.

Present: Cynthia Druley, Beverly Brook, David Brody, Ray Diaz, Elias Gonzales, Kieran

Kelly, Athena Reis, and Kayla Kumar (5:48 p.m.)

Excused Absence: Ben Rice, Deutron Kebebew

Unexcused Absence: Elaine Johnson

Ex Officio: Judge Jerry Vinluan

Probation Staff: Gerardo Leon Garcia

Probation Representatives: Valerie Thompson, Jose Flores

II. CONSENT AGENDA:

Approval of Agenda

Approval of Minutes from May 11, 2023

Moved: Reis: Second: Brook

Motion Passed

Aye: All No: None

Abstention: Diaz

Commissioner Brody noted that he left his name off the list of present members.

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

Maria Rodriguez (Guest) with Community Bridges introduced herself and told the Commission that she has been invited to participate on the Commission as an appointee of Supervisor Hernandez. She went on to describe Luna y Sol and related programs at Community Bridges that she is involved in.

Reyna Ruiz (Guest) introduced herself to the Commission. She is the new juvenile justice program manager at CASA of Santa Cruz County. Reyna went on to describe her background experience in the community including her work with the Beach Flats Community Center. She indicated that she joined the meeting to learn more about the Commission's work.

Commissioner Druley talked about her work to get administrative support from the County for the Commission. There is a meeting tomorrow with Nicole Coburn, Fernando and Sasha from Superior Court on this subject.

Commissioner Gonzales requested that the Commission receive the meeting packets earlier than they are currently received. Staff indicated that the reports included in the packet are what is making it take longer for the packet to be distributed. Discussion ensued about timing of the packets and whether the data blast reports could be separated from the rest of the packet. The group agreed that the Chair would work with Gerardo and look for packet items that are substantial that could be sent out earlier than the rest of the packet.

- V. MONTHLY STATISTICAL INFORMATION FROM PROBATION/JUVENILE HALL (ATTACHMENTS Accept and File):
 - 1. Grievances & Incidents reports
 - Explanation of the Probation Data Blast: Juvenile Division Director Jose Flores

Chair Druley indicated that questions about the Juvenile Hall Data Blast could be forwarded to her for follow-up with Sara. Assistant Chief Thompson provided an overview of the Juvenile Hall report.

Assistant Chief Thompson also reported that one visit for a youth at Sonoma County has been arranged using the recently acquired van. She reported that Probation Officers are working with families on coordinating additional visits. Commissioner Brook indicated that the visits would be extended to at least 2 hours and the Assistant Chief agreed.

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Commissioner Brook asked for an update on number of youth at Sonoma. Juvenile Division Director Flores reported that 4 youth are currently at Sonoma and 1 left at DJJ.

Commissioner Kumar reported on her review of grievance and incident reports from the Hall. 3 grievances. 2 by the same youth. First involved youth expressing confusion about not getting PE credits. JH staff and teachers worked with the youth to resolve the issue. Commissioner Kumar was confused about whether the plan put in place was enough for them to graduate from high school.

2 additional grievances from one youth focused on a particular teacher indicating that they felt they were being picked on and not treated equally. Staff reported that they talked to the teacher who was receptive to the feedback. The second complaint was that the teacher wasn't providing a teaching plan and would play an audio book. Staff followed up with the teacher and her supervisor and stressed that teachers should be present and available to youth. Staff also met with the student and praised them for advocating for themselves.

Commissioner Diaz asked if there are evaluations of the teachers providing services. Assistant Chief Thompson responded that the County Office of Education runs the school and evaluates their own staff. Chair Druley also noted that review of programming is a component of the annual Juvenile Hall inspection. Commissioner Diaz indicated an interest in receiving more information about the teacher evaluations and follow-up with COE staff.

Commissioner Brook asked Division Director Flores about grievances that youth at Sonoma have and if Santa Cruz County staff are aware of those grievances. Division Director Flores reported that they are not. But he did report that the probation officers check in with the youth and should know about any issues the youth have.

Commissioner Kumar asked if the Commission has access to grievance reports from the Sonoma facility. The Commission discussed this and agreed it warranted further exploration. Staff emphasized that the individual POs may already be aware of issues. The Commission and staff further discussed potential challenges as new youth integrate into the Sonoma facility.

Division Director Flores proceeded to review the Monthly Data Blast with the Commission to increase understanding of the report, its acronyms and terms. Staff and Commissioners went on to discuss elements of the report, data points that staff are most attuned to and generally what staff are focused on in the interest of youth well-being.

VI. ACTION ITEMS: (6:20pm)

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1. Endorse the Youth Advocacy Letter from the Juvenile Task Force (ATTACHED email and letter)

Moved: Brody Second: Kelly

Motion Passed

Aye: Druley, Brody, Brook, Kelly, Reis

No: None

Abstain: Gonzalez, Kumar, Diaz

Chair Druley described the letter included in the Commission packet, the issue with lack of Short-Term Residential Therapeutic Program (STRTP) beds statewide, the lack of STRTP beds in Santa Cruz, related issues, and the request for this Commission to signon to the letter.

Commissioner Gonzalez asked about where the healing aspect of this is. Asked if we could ask for the insertion of the word healing into the letter. Commissioner Reis indicated agreeing with the broad point but pointed out that STRTPs are often an alternative to detention. Discussion ensued about what changes are actually being sought and how our Commission can participate in the development of solutions.

Group agreed that when the Commission signs on we will communicate our hope that healing can be incorporated into the development of the solution in follow-up work with the authors of the letter.

2. Establish future meeting locations and times.

Tabled

3. Approve October 12th from 3 to 6 p.m. for October JJDPC Retreat

Moved: Brook Second: Kumar

Motion Passed

Aye: All No: None

VII. INFORMATION ITEMS:

- 1. Commissioner Meetings with Supervisors Item tabled.
- 2. Report on the visit to Rancho Cielo: Cynthia and Beverly gave a very brief report of their visit to Rancho Cielo and promised more details in next month's meeting due to time constraints.

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- 3. Juvenile Hall Assessment: Piloting new Anne E. Casey Detention Assessment format. Commmissioner Druley reported that there is a new version of the JDAI Detention Facility Assessment tool and that she will be looking further into it. It is comprehensive but is much more compact and uses a much easier web-based format. The hope is that it will provide a less cumbersome and more effective tool to use.
- 4. Subcommittees' goals and memberships (ATTACHED) tabled due to time constraints.

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Juvenile Hall Monthly Data Blast

June 2023

Population Info

IEP's: 6504's: 2

• Graduations: 1

Youth on Psychotropic Meds: 5
Youth with drug/alcohol issues: 5
Youth open to MH services: 10

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

Booking Charges (most serious offense)

Bench Warrant: 8% (1)Drugs/Alcohol: 17% (2)EM Violation: 8% (1)

• Placement Failure: 8% (1)

• Property: 25% (3)

Violent/Weapons: 25% (3)

Other: 8% (1)

Booking Demographics (area of residence)

North County: 17% (2)South County: 75% (9)Out of County: 8% (1)

JUVENILE HALL POPULATION

INFORMATION	BOYS	GIRLS	TOTAL
6 am count (average) 1	7.1	1.5	8.6
Population in-custody at start of time period	6	2	8
Admitted during time period	11	1	12
Released during time period	9	2	11
Population in-custody at end of time period ¹	8	1	9
Average daily attendance	7.1	1.5	8.6
Average length of stay	3.0	8.0	3.9
Average length of stay without STYF youth	3.0	8.0	3.9
Length of Stay MODE	3.0	n/a	3.0
Range of stay	1 - 793	3 - 44	1 - 793
Range of age	13 - 19	14 - 17	13 - 19
Number of "in-county" residents received	10	1	11
Number of "out-of-county" residents received	1	0	1
Percentage from out-of-county	9.1%	0.0%	8.3%
Total child care days	225	45	270
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): June 2023	71	17	88
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Overall Population Demographics				
Latinx: 16 (80%)White: 4 (20%)	Boys: 17 (85%)Girls: 3 (15%)	ALOSLatinx: 12.5 daysWhite: 2.5 days	% Youth on Probation: 45%	

There were no firearm related bookings in June.

Youth on probation by area of residence:

Count	ZipCode
1	76208 Total
1	93722 Total
1	93901 Total
2	93906 Total
1	93907 Total
1	94602 Total
5	95003 Total
1	95004 Total
5	95005 Total
5	95006 Total
1	95007 Total
3	95010 Total
1	95018 Total
4	95019 Total
2	95023 Total
1	95039 Total
14	95060 Total
10	95062 Total
4	95065 Total
1	95066 Total
3	95073 Total
1	95074 Total
61	95076 Total
1	95132 Total
1	95901 Total
1	95973 Total
1	98387 Total
133	Grand Total

SANTA CRUZ COUNTY JUVENILE HALL

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ETHNICITY - Overall Juv. Hall Population	POP.#	POP. %	AVG RAI ²	AVG LOS ³
Caucasian	4	20.0%	9.5	2.5
Latino	16	80.0%	7.3	12.5
African American	0	0.0%	-	-
Asian	0	0.0%	-	-
Other	0	0.0%	-	-

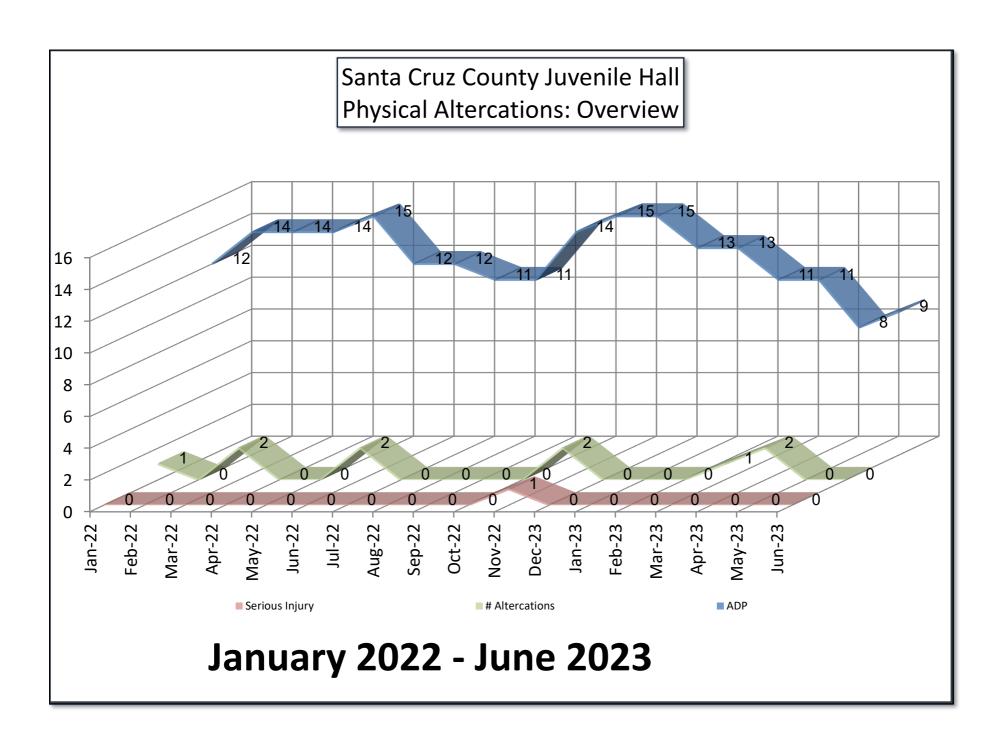
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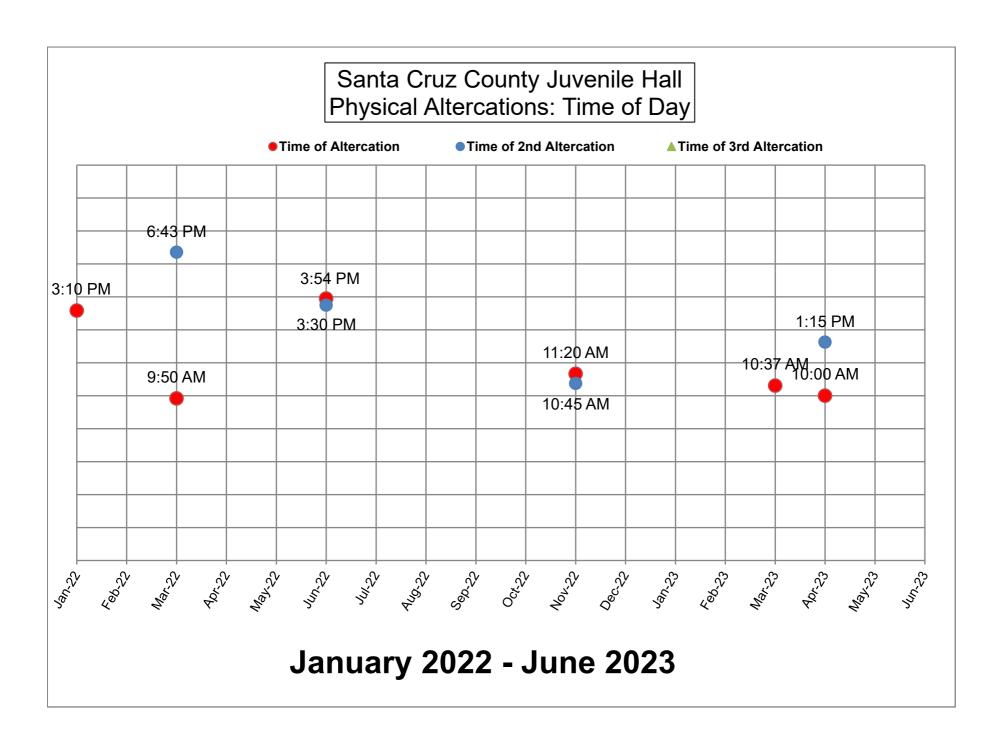
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ETHNICITY - Intakes only	TOTAL DAYS for released intakes	INTAKES (number)	INTAKES (percent)	INTAKES AVG RAI ²	AVG LENGTH OF STAY
Latino girls	-	0	0.0%	-	13.0
Latino boys	26	10	83.3%	5.9	12.5
Anglo girls	3	1	8.3%	8.0	3.0
Anglo boys	2	1	8.3%	5.0	2.0
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%	-	-
total	31	12	100.0%		

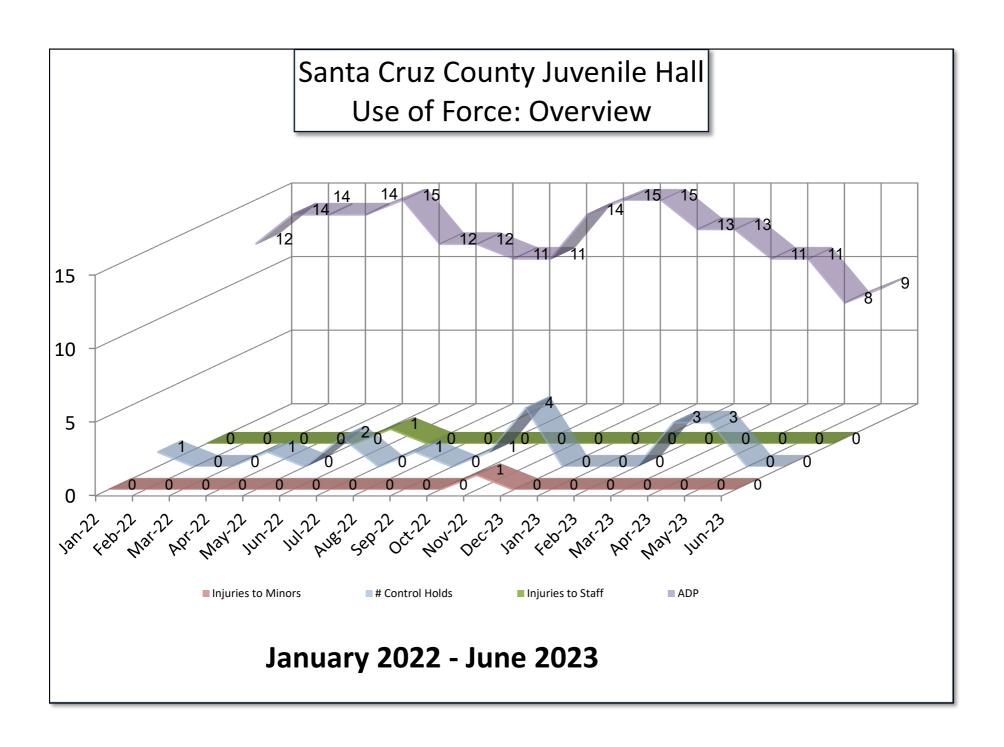
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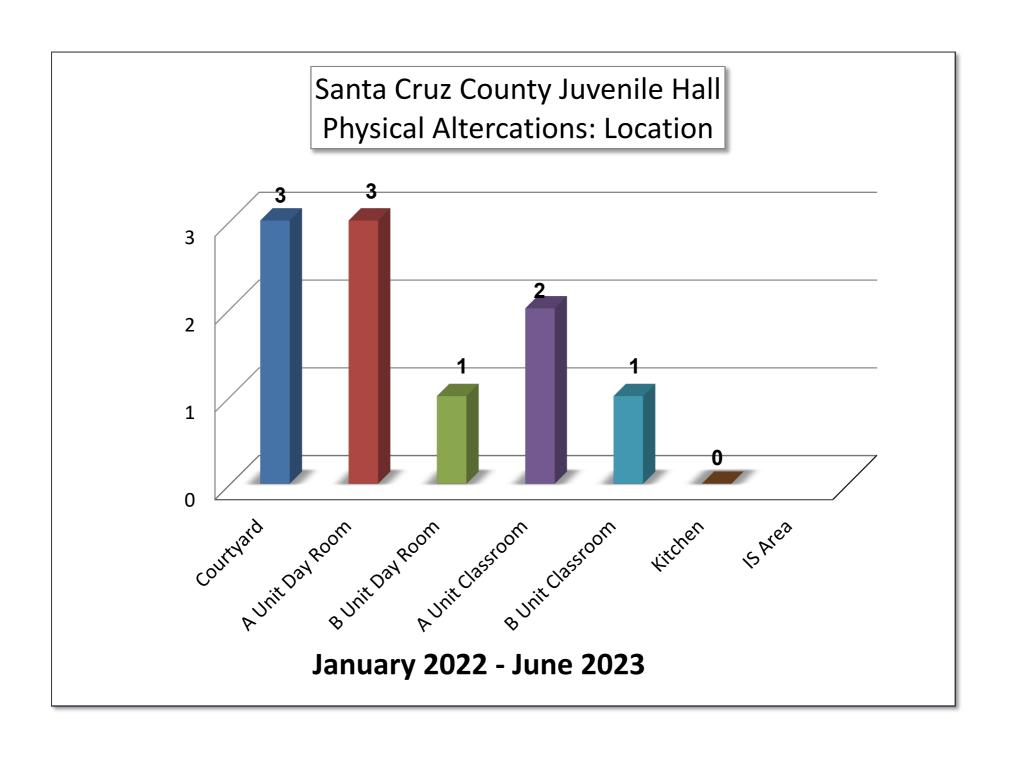
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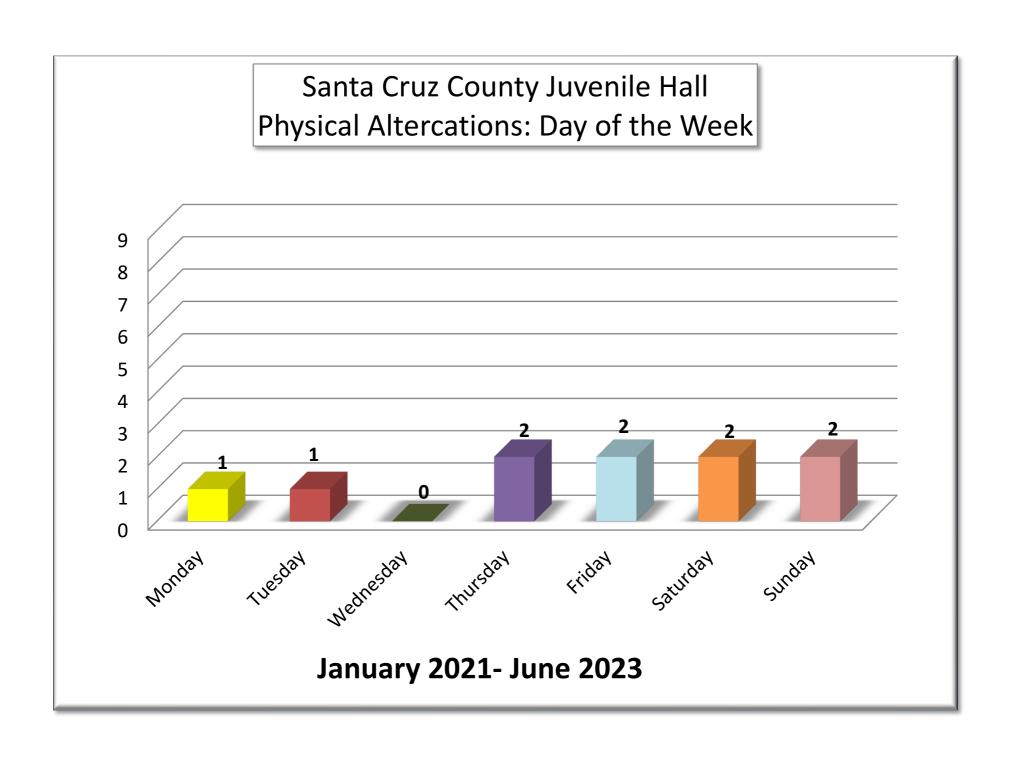
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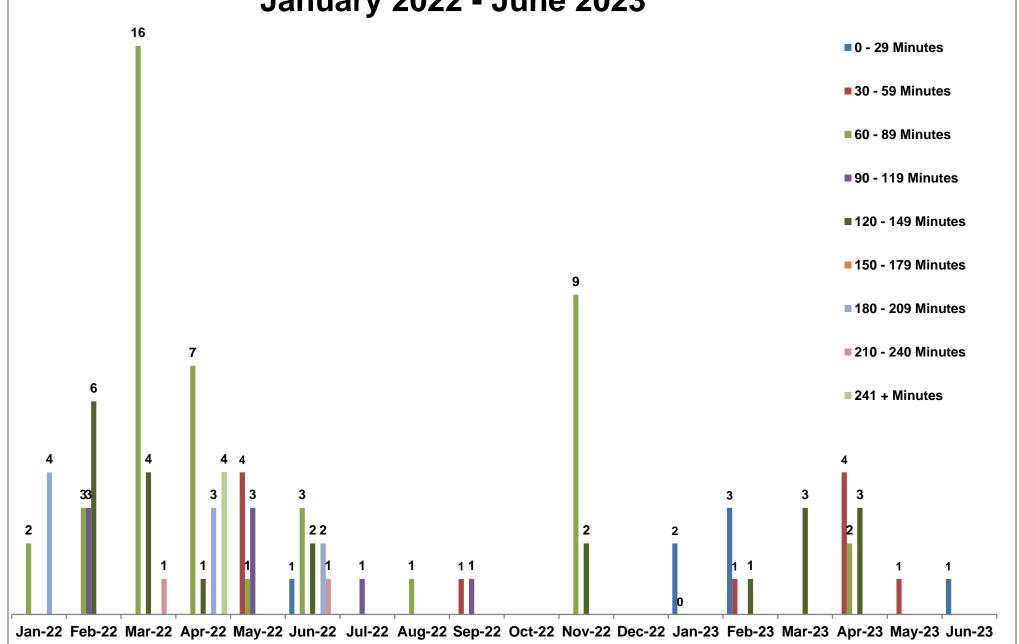




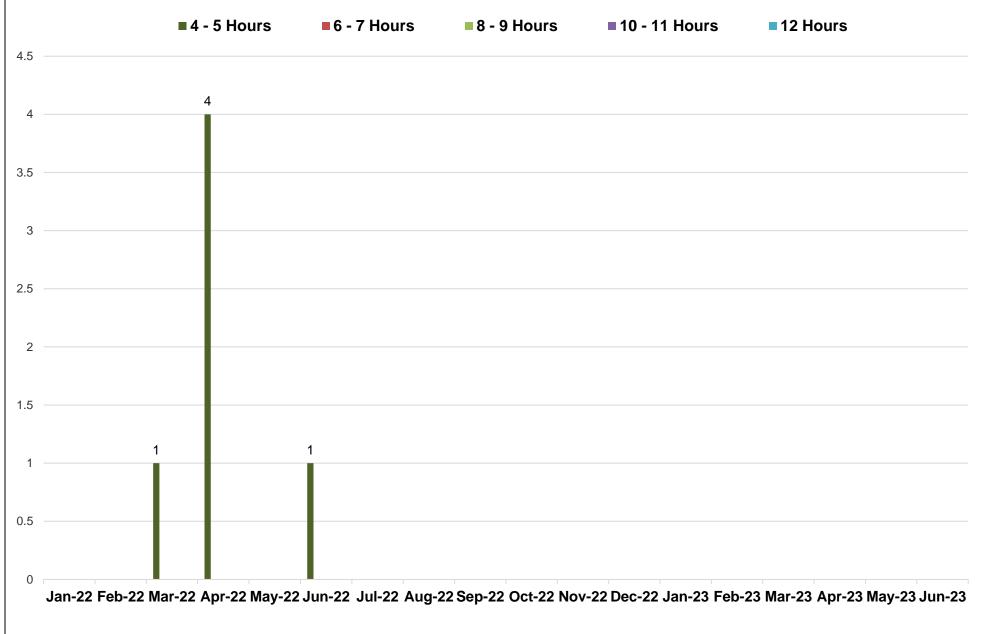


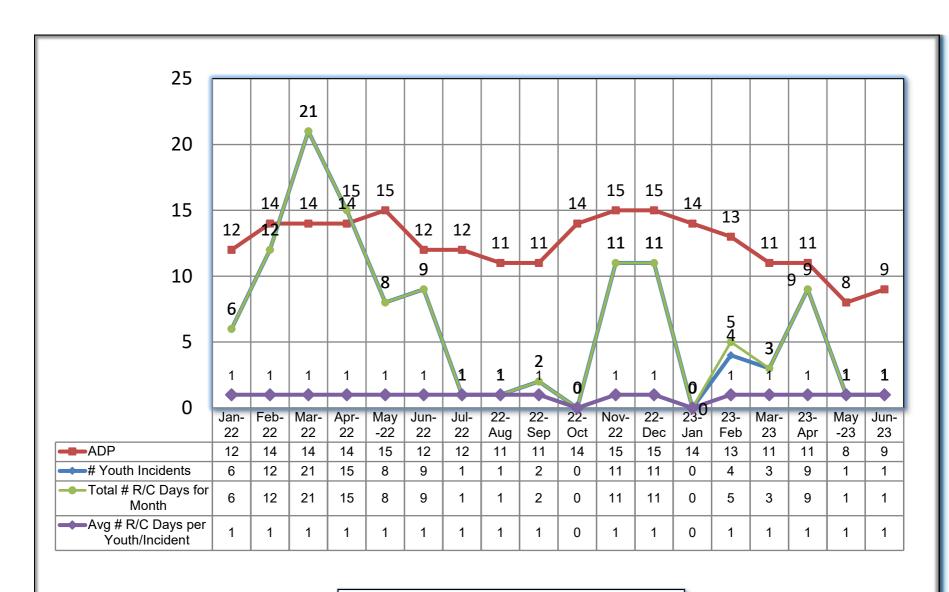


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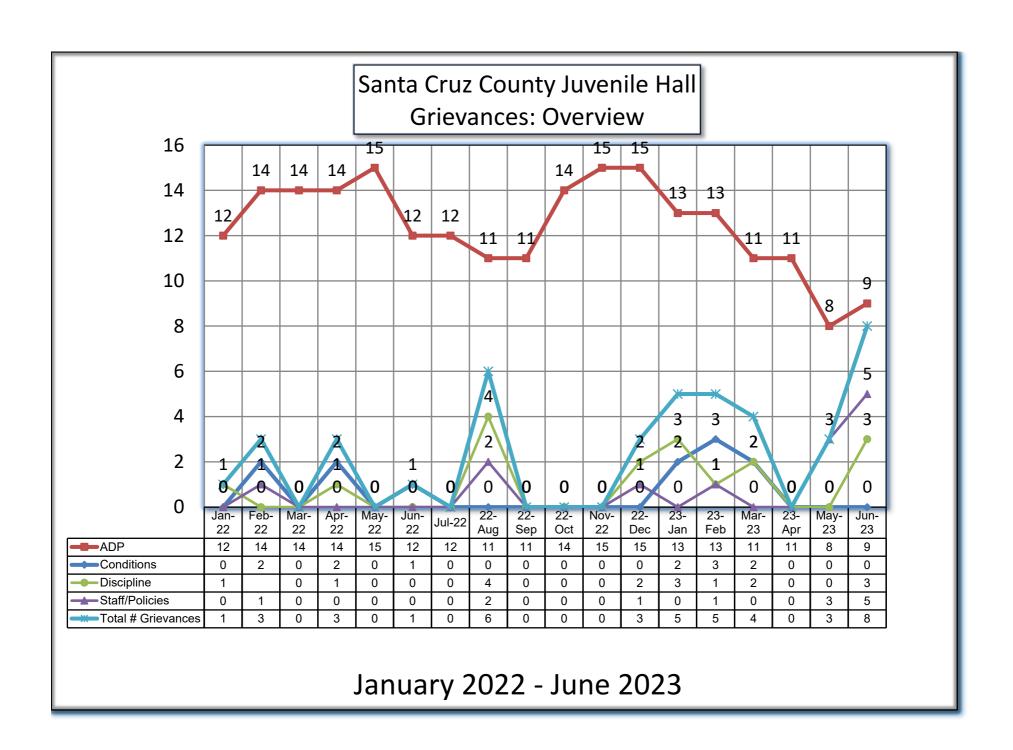


Santa Cruz County Juvenile Hall Room Confinement over 4 Hours January 2022 - June 2023





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



JJDPC Juvenile Hall Inspection Sub-committee Report for July 2023 Meeting

Some members of the subcommittee are currently reviewing the new JDAI Juvenile Hall Asssesment instrument to use for this year's inspection. (Druley, Kumar, Kebebew).

The inspection will take place the week of October 2-6 and the draft of the report will be submitted to the JJDPC Commission at the November 2023 meeting so that Probation's response and the report can be sent to the BOS and the BSCC by the December deadline.

Current inspection team members include Commissioners Druley (Chair), Kelly, Reis, Kumar, & Kebebew. A few more members are needed are welcomed. Inspection team members do not have to be Commissioners. Anyone interested should contact Cynthia Druley.

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Athena, Kayla, Sandra, Bev attended. Eli was out of town

Athena and Bev shared about the tour of Rancho Cielo in Salinas. RC changed their focus three years ago to look at their program with an academic vision. RC is a charter high school who take youth from ages 14 - 25 if they have not graduated from high school. Besides the general education piece, they also have vocational training in Automotive, Construction, Ag, and Culinary. They also have incentive programs including bike repair, beekeeping, dog training and landscape design. They have approximately 170 students all who are transported to RC by RC staff. RC has a brand-new building that houses the classrooms and workshops. They do have housing on the property; however, they are currently not housing youth. They hope to have temporary housing for youth in the future. According to staff they have a couple of STYF youth that attend school at RC.

Bev shared about the Forward Change project which determined that a four year degree provides a youth the best possible outcomes following incarceration. Bev will forward the presentation when it becomes available.

Attached are OYCR's stepping down model and best practices.

Bev shared that Cynthia met with Valerie, Jose and Sara regarding the JJDPC's focus and goals. Cynthia asked if this sub-committee could articulate their goals.

Following a lengthy discussion, we synthesized our three goals as a sub-committee:

- Tracking how our county is implementing SB 823. Specifically, how are we addressing
 the main components of SB 823 in keeping our youth in our community and
 providing rehabilitation which encompasses healing and transformation.
 Specifically, exploring what are the barriers keeping our youth from being
 closer to their community? What counties have we or are we looking at for
 our STYF youth?
- Explore step-down options for our STYF youth. As youth are released from STYF what is the continuum of care looking like? Already one youth will be released in September and is a step-down being offered to him.
- Continue to oversee the facility's contracted by our county for our secure tract youth.
 This would include how the youth are faring in the Sonoma Facility; current and future programming Sonoma or other facilities contracted by the county; how the DJJ youth are transitioning; how many families have taken advantage of the transportation van; how many youth have CASA advocates; reviewing grievances

SB 823 sub-committee recognizes the importance of keeping current on all the issues and best practices surrounding the implementation of SB 823 to assure positive outcomes for our youth.

The committee agreed we will submit questions to probation staff prior to each meeting in our effort to meet our goals.

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