



**Riverside County**  
**Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention Commission**

Laurel Cook, Chair  
Christopher Collopy, Vice-Chair  
Georgia Hussein, Secretary

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**JJDPC Quarterly Inter- Agency Meeting**  
**Minutes**

**June 10, 2021**

Location: RCIC  
3450 14<sup>th</sup> Street, Riverside Room  
Riverside, CA 92501

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**IN ATTENDANCE:** Christopher Collopy, Laurel Cook, Kelly Curtis, John Hunneman, Dennis June, Robert Lippert, Micheal Malsed, Armando Ruiz-Rosas, Pam Torres, Support Secretary Cyndi Malsed and Support Secretary Cathy Piech

Absent: Georgia Hussein, Roberta Derilo

**Guests:** Ed Degado, Emily Headlee, Chuck Fischer, Tammy Wilson, Bridgette Hernandez, Navan Nguyen, Jessica Munoz, Hunter Taylor, Jason Bailey, Chris Wright, Norma Biegel, Charity Douglas, Samah, Shouka, Matthew Maldonado

**Applicants:** Tierra Bowen and Brianna Terry

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**1. Call to Order and Pledge of Allegiance**

- a. Meeting was called to order at 9:30 am.

**2. Welcome and Introductions**

- a. Vice Chair Commissioner Christopher Collopy requested everyone introduce themselves (by name and title)

**3. Voices for Children Jessica Munoz –**

- a. Continued to grow our CASA program
- b. Started in Riverside County 6 years ago
  - i. Fiscal year 2019 served 412 children
  - ii. Fiscal year 2020 served 434 children
  - iii. Fiscal year 2021 anticipate 460 children
- c. Have resumed in person visits with children and volunteers.
- d. Able to continue recruiting and training new volunteers through virtual platforms. Which we will continue to do for the next few months.
- e. CASA program (Court Appointed Special Advocate) the volunteers are appointed by the judge to work with children who are in the dependance program.

**4. Judge Samah Shouka Riverside County Court**

- a. 2019-2020 there were 2108 cases
- b. Juvenile system is broken up between 300 cases (Dependency) and 600 cases (Juvenile Justice)
- c. Are hearing some cases virtual.
- d. With DJJ closing the courts are working closely with probation to fill the void.

**5. Dr. Chuck Fischer RCOE –**

- a. 4 community schools that are in partnership with probation, sheriff and the police department.
- b. Very few students were expelled this year as to be expected.
- c. Offer an online learning program



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- d. Now offering hybrid instruction- students would be on campus a couple of days a week and learning from home the other days of the week.
  - e. Work with probation and court schools. Mostly high school students. Our teachers zoomed in and the probation officers were there with the classroom
  - f. Come Back Kids charter program – for dropouts or students who may not work well in their own district. 96% graduation
    - i. Service youth who are high school age to adults.
  - g. Riverside county Sheriff we have an education program for the jails.
    - i. GED prep and other prep programs.
    - ii. Adult school
  - h. Riverside probation referral program for students under the age of 12.
    - i. Help provide services at the school level.
  - i. Aware program – youth that come to the attention of a first responder that needs services. Health resources, Metal Health resources. Notify school district so they can provide those services.
- 6. Public Defender – Navan Nguyen**
- a. Since the onset of Covid we are using more platforms such as Skype and Zoom to speak with our kids.
  - b. Have been attending court regularly since June of 2020
  - c. Juvenile Court and Probation have moved things along.
  - d. Cases have been down due to schools being shut down.
  - e. Hurdles have been kids that are ordered to take community service or classes. Probation has helped the kids with doing these requirements online.
  - f. Another difficulty has been getting kids evaluated for IEP (Individual Education Plan). The school district has been able to help with that.
- 7. District Attorney – Hunter Turner**
- a. excused early to attend another meeting.
- 8. County Counsel – Emily Headlee**
- a. County Counsel recently hired 2 lawyers to provide temporary assistance for counsel at County Farm and Southwest
  - b. In the process of recruiting for another position there are a few potential candidate’s juvenile dependency experience.
  - c. Juvenile custody warrants issued in April :102 and in May: 78. Total to date: 406 On the average issuing 81 warrants a month. On pace to exceed 900 warrants the year.
    - i. 80% of youth are removed with a warrant
- 9. Oak Grove Center – Tammy Wilson**
- a. Biggest impact was March -September all day students were sent home.
  - b. Residential were shelter in place, which is challenging with kids that are used to being more active with outings and passes with parents.
  - c. The only time they left the campus is when they were on a run.



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- d. Currently still a closed campus
  - e. Had to do distance learning
    - i. Some kids excelled and others struggled.
  - f. Thrive Learning foster youth throughout Riverside County
    - i. Distance learning all year
    - ii. DPSS party was June 9, 2021
    - iii. Arranged food drop offs
    - iv. Highest level of attendance online within the state
  - g. Day kids have returned and they are doing a hybrid model for classes.
  - h. Hope to have all kids back for summer school
  - i. Opened a culinary school
  - j. New federal ruling that will affect any facility that is over 16 beds
    - i. As of Oct 1 FFPSA (Family First Prevention Services Act)
      - 1. STRTP over 16 beds will not be honored
      - 2. IMD (institute for mental diseases)
      - 3. No waivers will be issued

**10. Riverside Sheriff – Ed Delgado**

- a. 5 jails 3500 adult inmates
- b. March of last year? implemented COVID protocols
- c. Back to full programming
- d. 1118 inmates have been Covid-positive to day
- e. 3000 negative for Covid
- f. 1 inmate currently positive / Zero staff positive
- g. 2951 inmates to date have been vaccinated

**11. Probation – Chris Wright and Jason Bailey**

- a. Current population between the 3 facilities is 138
  - i. 120 males
  - ii. 18 females
- b. No new positive cases with kids since mid-January
- c. Since May: 40 positive cases
- d. May of 2019- April of 2020 average daily population
  - i. Detention 125
  - ii. Treatment 53
- e. May of 2020 -April 2021 average daily population
  - i. Detention 83
  - ii. Treatment 49
- f. March 2020 4 of the title 15 regulations had to be suspended
  - i. Education
  - ii. Religious services
  - iii. Visiting with parents
  - iv. Hair care
- g. All standards have been restored



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- h. Hope in the 30-45 days to resume outside programming with the YTEC treatment kids.
  - i. SB823 on July 1, 2021 2 kids will be placed in Pathways to Success at YTEC

**12. Board of Supervisors – Matthew Maldonado**

**13. DPSS – Bridgette Hernandez and Charity Douglas**

- a. Saw about a 30% dip in referrals since the beginning of Covid
- b. Currently referrals are back to pre-covid numbers
- c. 22% attrition of staff
  - i. Trying to train staff in a virtual environment has been a challenge
- d. Looking at doing a hybrid work scheduling
  - i. In office and virtual
- e. Zero out of state placements
  - i. 10 youth returned from out of state
  - ii. Educational out state placements
    - 1. the IEP deems out of state meets the needs of the youth and if certified by the California Department of Education the placement can happen.
- f. Expedited Services Transition to help with youth returned from out of state placements
  - i. Experienced WRAP providers
    - 1. Additional services to help transition youth back from a highly structured program to a less structured program
    - 2. Placement preservation and stabilization
    - 3. Partnered with 3 agencies that helped with the transition
      - a. Transportation
      - b. Facilitate child abandon team meetings
      - c. Support to the agencies
      - d. Facilitate family therapy
      - e. Expand to all children with high needs
- g. Kids needing a higher level of care
  - i. STRPT of one
  - ii. Based on the needs of the youth
  - iii. Professional Parent Model
    - 1. Additional training for potential foster parents
    - 2. Foster parent has no other job. Parenting the youth is their primary job.
- h. Foster Youth Graduation Event
  - i. Over 100 children between Probation and Foster Care graduated high school. Commission requested notification of these events in advance so we may participate.
  - ii. 4 youth were accepted to a 4-year university



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**14. Operation Safe House – Norma Biegel**

- a. Provide services to youth in crisis throughout Riverside County.
  - i. 2 emergency shelters 12-17year old who are having issues at home, have ran away, trafficked, or other issues.
    - 1. Riverside
      - a. Had a drop in numbers served during Covid
    - 2. Thousand Palms
      - a. Numbers remained the same during Covid
  - ii. 2 Transitional living permanent support housing ages 18-21
  - iii. Each program mirrors each other
  - iv. Difficulty hiring staff

**15. Meeting adjourned by unanimous vote at 11:00am**

**Next Meeting:**

Date: September 9, 2021

Time: 9:30 am

Location: Riverside County Innovation Center  
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