



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

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**JJDPC Monthly Meeting Minutes**  
**November 4, 2021**

Location: Southwest Juvenile Hall  
30755-C Auld Rd.,  
Murrieta, CA 92563

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**IN ATTENDANCE:** Tierra Bowen, Christopher Collopy, Robert Lippert, Pam Torres, Support Secretary Cathy Piech

**Absent:** Laurel Cook, Kelly Curtis, Micheal Malsed, Armando Ruiz-Rosas, Georgia Hussein (on Leave of Absence until 12/31/2021)

**Guests:** Jason Bailey, Michael Brinkman, Daniel Castaneda, Rebecca Cloyd, Emily Headlee, Bridgette Hernandez, Rudy Lovato, Michele Mathis, Larry Mease, Mark Petersen

**Applicants:** Charles Trembly

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**1. Call to Order**

- a. Meeting was called to order at 1:38 PM

**2. Introduction of guest**

- a. Secretary-Treasurer Pam Torres introduced attendees & guests in attendance-listed by name.

**3. Public Comments: N/A**

**4. Guest Speaker: Presiding Judge of Juvenile Court, Mark E. Petersen & Superior Court Juvenile Judge, Michele Mathis.**

- a. Presented an overview of the Juvenile Justice System and how it is evolving.
- b. Commissioners who would like to attend court may do so, but the Judge would need to ask the Attorney's permission first.

**5. County Counsel Report**

- a. The JJDPC can inquire about general information about the District's complaint process and pass it along to Ms. Motley as a courtesy.

**6. Probation Report – Chief Deputy Probation Officer Jason Bailey**

- a. 124 youth in custody between all three facilities
  - i. 58 in Juvenile Halls
  - ii. 66 in AMC-YTEC
  - iii. 10 in PTS
    - 1. 112 boys
    - 2. 12 girls

**SWJH – Director Larry Mease**

- a. Average pop for last four months 36
- b. October: Average Daily Pop - 35 youth



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- c. Average pop for last 4 years 48
  - d. 2021: Average Population this year is 43 youth - 8% decrease from 2020.
  - e. 2021 – We’ve averaged about 8 incidents or fights a month for a total of 78 to date this year. They are on pace for 6% reduction from previous year and 27% reduction from 2019.
  - f. 80% of juvenile hall population is on a serious 707b offense or other violent felony offense (offense includes, murder, attempted murder, robbery, rapes, assaults with firearms, and assaults by means likely to cause great bodily injury).
  - g. Juvenile Halls generally do not house misdemeanants or other low level nonviolent offenders any longer.
  - h. Many of our detainees associate with gangs or are gang members, they have mental and behavioral health issues (including oppositional defiance, problems with anger, impulsivity etc...).
  - i. Despite this population of youth, we continue to look for ways to prevent them from fighting. We track all our fights and do a Root Cause Analysis on each fight and look for ways we could have prevented a fight, either through a process changes, housing, or additional counseling services.
  - j. Zero escapes or attempted escapes for last four years.

**Covid Stats:**

- a. Current: Zero youth and staff.
- b. Historical: Youth – 9 (5 during intake) & staff: 26

**Projects:**

- a. Update \$2 million dollar renovation project painting inside and outside. Complete new flooring throughout to present more homelike environment. Anticipated completion December of this year. Kitchen, laundry, and dining hall remaining.
- b. Freezer/Refrigerator project to replace 20-year-old freezer/refrigerator unit.
- c. Court holding cameras to assist monitoring capabilities for SJH Control Staff. Current cameras in Court Holding area not being monitored by the Courts.

**IJH – Assistant Division Director Michael Brinkman**

- a. Average pop for last 4 months 29
- b. Average Daily Pop as of today - 24 youth
- c. Average pop for last 4 years 48
- d. 2021: Average Population this year is 29 youth - 14% decrease from 2020.
- e. 2020: Average Population this year is 33 youth



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- f. 2021 – We've averaged about 3 incidents or fights a month. From 2021 to 2020 saw a 42% decrease.
    - a. They offer incentives for no fights. #0 days with no fights they let the youth select what restaurant for dinner will be (In & Out, Pizza Hut, Del Taco, Etc...).
  - g. In 2020 they had one escape attempt from the Larson Justice Center (not from IJH).

**Covid Stats:**

- a. Current: Zero youth and one staff
- b. New Indio Juvenile Court, fire alarm system, air handlers, cement project (pool, classroom, basketball court) and camera system.

**AMC-YTEC – Director Daniel Castaneda**

- a. Average pop for last 4 months 62
- b. Average pop for the last 4 years 64
- c. 2021: Average Population this year is 64 youth - 9% increase from 2020.
- d. 2021 – We've averaged about 3 incidents or fights a month: 11% decrease in fights despite a 12% increase in population.
- e. Zero fights for PTS.

**Covid Stats:**

- a. Current: Zero youth and one staff.
- b. Historical: Youth – 19 (5 came from Lakeside)

**Projects:**

- a. SB81 Round Two – Projected vocational, recreational, office, and visiting space.

**Metro East Division – Director Rudy Lovato**

- a. Current Juvenile probation population – 842 (715 males/128 females)
- b. Placement youth – 32 (26 males/6 females)
- c. Five youth are placed within the county.
- d. Three at STRTP (Perris)
- e. Seven out of county placements.
- f. One RFA in Hemet
- g. One RFA in Moreno Valley
- h. Group home Covid cases - 9

**7. DPSS Report**

- a. A DPSS report handout was provided.
- b. Yellow line on the six-month trend shows new referrals.
- c. Referrals started increasing in September and October. They think it is because school is back in session.



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- d. Defined number of placements is referring to number of youths.
  - e. Defined number facilities is homes that are not FFA approved (foster homes).
  - f. DPSS advised the Commission that there is negative publicity on the news about DPSS in Fresno. Riverside County has beds available if youth cannot be placed. They also will never be left unsupervised, they have food that is always stocked, clean linens, bottles, cribs, diapers, tv, movies, beds, etc..
  - g. They also contract with facilities for emergency placement beds in multiple facilities. They pay for those beds whether they are filled or not.
  - h. Securing beds for intense, trauma, higher need, training, complex needs youth.
  - i. STRTP 1 means they only will take one youth.
  - j. When DPSS has a dual status case they are the lead agency.
  - k. Julie Corcuff provided a presentation on newly revised report. She reviewed in detail numbers, graphs, and data.
  - l. The Commissioners asked for the following to be added into the reports:
    - i. Trend report.
    - ii. Overall numbers of referrals received for the two years.
    - iii. Three-month comparison from last year.
  - m. Discussion on independent living.
  - n. STRTP numbers are going down due to the legislation changes.
- 8. Review and Approval Meeting Minutes**
- a. Monthly Meeting Minutes dated October 14, 2021 were reviewed by the Commission. Commissioner Lippert motioned to accept the meeting minutes. Commissioner Torres seconded. All in favor, motion carried.
- 9. Review and Accept Correspondence**
- a. Correspondence: Outreach to L.M. Alcott Principal re:constituent concerns from September meeting.
    - i. Response was received by Mr. Ayala, Director, Pupil Services and due to confidentiality, they cannot disclose information.
    - ii. County Counsel's suggestion was to gather general information about the District's complaint process and pass it along to Ms. Motley as a courtesy.
    - iii. Commissioner Torres motioned to request the District's complaint process. Commissioner Bowen seconded. All in favor, motion carried.
  - b. Correspondence: Commissioner Cook submitted application to extend her membership with the JJDPC.



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- i. Commissioner Lippert motioned to accept Commissioner Cook's application. Commissioner Bowen seconded. All in favor, motion carried.

**10. Training – N/A**

**11. Activities of the Commissions**

- a. Inspections: Chair: Commissioner Lippert, Vice Chair: Commissioner Curtis
  - i. Institution inspections will be held in November.
    1. SJH on November 5, 2021.
    2. YTEC and PTS on November 12, 2021.
    3. IJH on November 19, 2021.
  - ii. The Commissioners will be using the long form for JH inspections.
  - iii. AMC-YTEC will need two reports completed one for treatment and one for PTS.
  - iv. Discussion on which Commissioner will be able to assist with inspections. Commissioners were assigned to specific inspections.
- b. Membership: Chair: Tabled to next meeting.
- c. Awards: Chair: Commissioner Collopy
  - i. Thanked everyone for their participation.
  - ii. Received great feedback form everyone.
- d. Anti-Bullying: Chair: Commissioner Malsed
  - i. No report.
- e. By-Laws/Policies/Procedures: Chair: Laurel Cook, Vice Chair: Robert Lippert
  - i. No report.
- f. Ad-hoc Legislative Committee: Chair: Armando Ruiz-Rosas
  - i. No report.

**12. New Business**

- a. Treasury Report
  - i. JJDPC withdrew \$600 funds for the award ceremony.
  - ii. Balance \$819.67

**13. Items for future Commission Consideration**

- a. N/A

**14. Old Business**

- a. N/A

**15. Commission Member Reports**

- a. Application submitted by Dr. Trembley.
  - i. He was advised that he will need to attend two consecutive meetings before being able to interview.



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- b. Confirm appointment of Membership Chair
  - i. Tabled till next meeting.
- c. 2022 Regular monthly and quarterly meetings/location date/time
  - i. The December 9, 2021, Quarterly meeting was cancelled.
  - ii. Discussed locations for meetings needs to be throughout Riverside County.
  - iii. A suggestion for the Quarterly meetings to be held at the DA building.

**16. Meeting Adjournment**

- a. Commissioner Lippert motioned to adjourn, and Commissioner Torres seconded.

**17. Next Meeting:** December 9, 2021  
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