



COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES
PROBATION COMMISSION
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NOTES OF JULY 26, 2018 MEETING

The regular meeting of the County of Los Angeles Probation Commission was held on Thursday, July 26, 2018 at the Kenneth Hahn Hall of Administration, 500 West Temple Street, Basement, Assessors Training Room, Classroom A, Los Angeles, California 90012.

I. Commission President Joe Gardner welcomed all and called the meeting to order at 10:11 A.M. President Gardner informed the Commissioners and all present that the meeting was being recorded and asked that all identify themselves prior to making any statements.

The following Commissioners were present:

1st Vice President Jan Levine
2nd Vice President Dan Seaver
Commissioner Meredith
Commissioner Caster
Commissioner Butler

The following Commissioners were not present:

Commissioner Yamashiro
Commissioner Kaplan
Commissioner Mitchell
Commissioner Martinez
Commissioner Shutan
Commissioner Hoover
Commissioner Herbon
Commissioner Quintana

Commissioners

Joe Gardner-President,
Hon. Jan Levine (Ret.)-1st Vice President, Daniel Seaver – 2nd Vice President,
Donald Meredith-Sergeant at Arms, Azael Martinez-Sonoqui, Cyn Yamashiro, Esq.,
Jacqueline Caster, Esq, Jo Kaplan Esq, Olivia E. Mitchell, Peter Shutan,
Zachary Hoover, Hon. Betsy Butler (Ret.), Randy Herbon, Jessica Quintana

The following staff were present:

Dave Mitchell, Deputy Chief
Luis Dominguez, Acting Deputy Director
Jack Sims, Probation Director
Genesis Cervantes, Staff Assistant

The following individuals were present:

Eduardo Mundo
Tyson Nelson
Ramon Quintana
Diana Velasquez
Rohini Khanna
Natasha Khamashta
Vivian Wong
Maureen Pacheco

II. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

The minutes of February 22, 2018 were tabled due to the absence of a quorum.

III. LOS ANGELES COUNTY PROBATION DEPARTMENT UPDATE

The report back by the Probation Department on retention numbers, time on the job data, and exit interviews was tabled for August 23, 2018.

President Gardner clarified the Commission requested a written report back on Georgetown recommendations on handling grievances.

Commissioner Caster submitted questions to the Probation Department regarding the new Ombudsman and requested a report back for the meeting of August 23, 2018.

The progress report from Chief of Staff Tiana Murillo on changes to job classifications was tabled for the meeting of August 23, 2018.

Pregnant Minors in Custody

Acting Deputy Director Luis Dominguez stated all female youth take a urine pregnancy test when coming in to custody. If youth are tested positive, the youth will be assigned an Obstetrician/Gynecologist (OB/GYN). If the youth is ordered to camp after the 23rd week of their pregnancy the youth will be placed at Central Juvenile Hall near a hospital. Pregnant youth are given prenatal classes. Acting Deputy Director Luis Dominguez stated last year there were 1039 intake female youth, 50 were pregnant, 1 gave birth while in custody. There have been two Board motions regarding pregnant youth. There will be a comprehensive report back on the handling of pregnant youth. Commissioner

Seaver asked for the report to be distributed to the Probation Commission when available.

Commissioner Seaver inquired what the process and best practices are and what are the special accommodations for pregnant youth. Acting Deputy Director Luis Dominguez stated that in juvenile halls special accommodations and special visits are available for family bonding. Deputy Director Dave Mitchell stated in camps there are precautions for pregnant youth in custody such as a good diet and exercise. The Probation Department wants to make sure the young mothers get support when going back to the community. Often there is a paternal father who wishes to be involved. Deputy Director Dave Mitchell stated that fathers in custody are also overlooked.

Commissioner Seaver inquired about the protocol for youth with morning sickness. Deputy Director Dave Mitchell stated there is documentation nurses provide for youth with any kind of disability that will excuse youth from the day-to-day activities. Staff are aware that pregnant youth are not to engage in any hefty activity.

Commissioner Caster stated during her visit at Central Juvenile Hall on January 17, 2018 she was informed a female youth was assaulted by a staff member while 3 months pregnant. Commissioner Caster submitted a report to the Commission on February 1, 2018 and there was an internal investigation. Commissioner Caster would like a follow-up on the investigation. County Counsel will provide a response at a future meeting.

Commissioner Butler inquired about accommodations for female youth lactating while in custody. Acting Deputy Director Luis Dominguez stated there is a lactating room and refrigerators to store the milk for the youth that are lactating. Commissioner Butler inquired how soon the baby was taken from the detained youth Mr. Dominguez spoke about. Acting Deputy Director Dominguez stated the youth remained at the hospital with her family for a week when the baby was taken and custody was given to the grandmother.

Natasha Khamashta inquired if the female youth are counseled on options to end their pregnancy. Acting Deputy Director Dominguez confirmed the youth are counseled on their options and it is handled by Juvenile Court Health Services.

Mr. Mundo inquired about how long the pregnant youth remain in the medical unit. Acting Deputy Director Dominguez stated the youth spend a minimal amount of time in the unit.

Commissioner Butler inquired about data on the education background and college degrees of Probation Staff for better job placement. Deputy Director Dave Mitchell suggested the Commission send a request for that information to Chief Deputy Sheila Mitchell and copy Chief of Staff Tiana Murillo.

IV. PUBLIC COMMENT

There were no public comments.

VI. OLD AND CONTINUED BUSINESS

President Gardner stated Chief Deputy Sheila Mitchell provided a schedule of dates the Probation Department is set to report back on the pending agenda items. The dates are as follows:

- Scheduled **August 9, 2018**: Report back on directing resources to post-detention and field supervision services, including transitioned-aged youth leaving incarceration.
- Scheduled **August 23, 2018**: Report back on what the Probation Department's policy is for housing Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Transgender, and Questioning (LGBTQ) youth and whether staff is getting any special training in dealing with issues that such kids present.
- Scheduled **September 13, 2018**: Report on Department's 5-year plan regarding the physical plant and how it relates to the reallocation of resources reflecting the Probation Department's priorities such as proposed increase in mental health bed spaces and expansion of the L.A. Model.
- Scheduled **September 13, 2018**: Reserve Program presentation.
- There is still no set date for report back on the number of youth in group homes including the number of group homes as well as an overview of procedures surrounding the oversight of the group homes. Chief Deputy Sheila Mitchell will coordinate a date with the Placement Services Bureau.

VII. ANNOUNCEMENTS

Diana Velasquez from Los Angeles County Office of Education (LACOE) announced the Road to Success Academies Celebration of Learning event in which the camp students are set to perform will be held on Friday August 3, 2018 at 1:00 P.M in California State University Los Angeles: 5151 State University Drive, Los Angeles.

Deputy Director Dave Mitchell thanked Commissioner Butler for her donation of 75 tickets for the Sparks Game. On August 5, 2018, the Probation Department will be sending kids from placement, camps, and the community to the game.

Natasha Khamashta inquired if youth will be handcuff during the transportation of special events. Deputy Director Dave Mitchell stated the decision is made on a case by case basis.

The L.A.C.D.P.O Union's 15th annual scholarship and awards banquet will take place on August 10, 2018 at 6:00 P.M. at the Sheraton Universal Hotel, 333 Universal Hollywood Drive, Universal City.

There will be a Use of Force Training for Leadership, coordinated by Deputy Director Dave Mitchell. Set dates will be announced in September or October.

Commissioner Caster stated she attended the Lares Summit 2018 event hosted by ESPN at L.A. Live in Los Angeles in which many Olympic athletes attended. The event was held to celebrate sports, the organization's mission is to use sports to improve the lives of disadvantaged youth in more than 100 cities nationwide. Commissioner Caster stated she spoke to the leaders of the organization and mentioned they were interested in partnering with the Probation Department. Commissioner Caster will put the Probation Department in contact with the organization for this opportunity.

IX. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 10:50 A.M.