CALL TO ORDER: January 5, 2021
The DPC meeting was called to order at 11:06 AM. The minutes for the month of December will be approved on the following JJC – DPC minutes. Delinquency Prevention Commission (DPC) meeting minutes were taken by Maria Woodworth and reviewed by Commissioner Chairperson Kayla Plourde and Vice Chair Cindy Wittstrom.

COMMISSIONERS PRESENT (P) – ABSENT (A)

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GUEST INTRODUCTIONS
Robert Reyes, Probation
Thomas Milder, Probation
Marguerite Harris, Probation
Angela Homes, Department of Social Services
Steve Von Dohlen, District Attorney’s Office
Kimberly Mott, Behavioral Health Department
Jill Rietjens, Behavioral Health Department
Christine Hoffman, Behavioral Health Department
Jim Voge, Sheriff’s Office
Katherine Aaron, Co. Office of Ed

CORRESPONDENCE
None

PUBLIC COMMENT
None

A) Probation / Juvenile Hall / Coastal Valley Academy – (Chief Robert Reyes) As of December 31, 2020, the Juvenile facility has been placed under quarantine. Testing will be done weekly until the quarantine is lifted. The facility is still operating under Title 15 suspensions. In person services including visitation, and religious services, volunteers and in person instruction have been suspended, distant learning has been put into place. Currently have 13 youth between the detention side and CVA.

Marguerite Harris, Chief Deputy for the Juvenile Custody Division – In the abondance of caution the Juvenile facility went into quarantine due to a positive COVID-19 case. All staff has been tested and will continue to be rested until the quarantine is lifted. The youth are practicing social distance and are required to complete homework packets in their rooms. Staff will continue to give 2-3 hours of programing on a daily basis, including free phone calls to the youth.

Tom Milder, Chief Deputy for the Juvenile Services Division - The first meeting of the Juvenile Justice Coordinating Council SB 823 DJJ Realignment Subcommittee was in December of 2020. The committee is scheduled reconvene on January 15, 2021. In order to receive funding from the state, the law requires counties to convene a subcommittee of the Juvenile
Justice Coordinating Council. The purpose of the meeting to create a realignment plan to ensure that our county is prepared to meet the needs of youth.

B) District Attorney’s Office: (Steve Von Dohlen) The DJJ Realignment Subcommittee met in December of 2020. This was the first step to begin the phase out of DJJ.

C) Department of Social Services: (Angela Holmes) The Assist Program is a county pilot program in the state of California, and currently 10 counties are participating. The program has been extended 2023, due to its 96% success rate.

The Family Urgent Response Program is scheduled to begin July 1st, 2021, the interim implementation will begin March 1, 2021. The new program will provide a 24hr mobile phone hotline system to any youth that has been involved in the child welfare system. The youth will have access to this program until they reach the age of 21.

D) County Office of Education: - (Katherine Aaron & Paul Piette) The Juvenile Court continues to be under quarantine. None of the schools have officially reopened but continue operating under small group cohorts. At Loma Vista, they have begun to bring back students that have not been engaging in their education remotely. Over the last month, the County Office of Education began the north county transportation program to help bring some of youth back to campus. The south county transportation will begin over the next couple of weeks. At this time, the school’s districts are going above and beyond to assists and keep student engaged.

E) County Counsel – No Update

F) Law Enforcement – (Jim Voge) Reported on two recent outbreaks at the County Jail. Twenty inmates tested positive in the first outbreak. The second outbreak, eighteen of twenty-one were in a dorm setting.

Last year SLO County Sherriff’s Office removed 420 guns of the street, 25 of those were ghost guns. The criminal activity is slightly lower. Due to the Pandemic, the Sheriff’s office reported random spikes of criminal activity, especially with the Mental Health Population.

G) Superior Court– - (Judge Crandall) – No Update.

H) Behavioral Health – (Christine Hoffman & Kimberly Mott) Staff that are in the schools have reported a better parent contact and engagement over the month of December. As of today, 68 youth are participating in the treatment program, one in residential treatment. This is about a 15% percent reduction from the normal average.

Christine Hoffman reported, the Behavioral Health Department has an ongoing request for assessments. Distant learning continues to be struggle for working families. The clinics continue to be closed to the public. In person appoints are available for severe / urgent cases. Majority of the appointments are held via zoom.
COMMITTEE / COMMISSIONER REPORT

I) Legislation – (Robert Reyes) Reported on Senate Bill 823 and the state intentions to permanently close DJJ shift that population back to the Counties. The announcement was a part of the May revision of Governor Newsom’s budget, as a strategy to close the states anticipated budget gap brought on by the COVID 19 pandemic.

J) Children’s Services Network – (Cindy Wittstrom) No Update

K) Truancy Board Meeting – (Arlene Sackman) No Update

L) Anti-Gang Coordinating Commission – (Cindy Wittstrom) No update

M) Human Trafficking Task Force – (Jim Brabeck) No update

ADJOURN
Recessed at 11:59 AM for Juvenile Justice Commission meeting; reconvened at 12:01 PM. DPC meeting adjourned at 12:07 PM.