

BOARD OF JUVENILE HEARINGS
Executive Board Meeting
February 28, 2018

Meeting Called to Order at 10:12 a.m.

Roll Call: Commissioners St. Julien, Bowens and Infante and Executive Officer Stern present.

Executive Officer STERN stated that all of the currently-appointed commissioners are present.

CONSENT CALENDAR

Commissioner BOWENS moved to approve the consent calendar. Commissioner ST. JULIEN seconded the motion, which carried unanimously.

REPORTS AND PRESENTATIONS

Report from Division of Juvenile Justice Director, Chuck Supple

SUPPLE discussed DJJ's threefold proposal to the Governor's office which includes raising the age of jurisdiction for DJJ commitments to age 25; allowing minors who meet specific requirements (committed as adults and housed at DJJ until only age 18 at which time they are transferred to a DAI facility if they cannot complete their full term by 21,) to stay in DJJ for their full prison term, if they can complete their term by 25; and identifying a population of young adults who were convicted of a crime between 18-25 and can be diverted from DAI to serve their full term with DJJ. This proposal is based largely on the science of adolescent brain development, which shows that the brain is still developing into mid 20's.

To that end, SUPPLE stated that DJJ will be opening two living units, housing 76 new placements within DJJ, in an effort to demonstrate our ability to serve that population.

SUPPLE discussed the role of the Board to closely monitor the progress of a youth at Initial Case Reviews, Annual Reviews, and Discharge Consideration Hearings to determine, with confidence, if a youth is ready to return back to the community. SUPPLE looks forward to aligning the decision making process with the release decision criteria.

Report from Executive Officer, Rachel Stern

STERN welcomed the Commissioners and community members to the public meeting.

STERN stated that all of the Commissioners will be attending the 2018 National Council of Juvenile and Family Court Judges Conference in March. The Commissioners are scheduled for block training over the next couple of months.

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Some of the Commissioners have been attending county stakeholder meetings as well as various events on the living units.

The Board has been encouraging facility supervisors to attend discharge consideration hearings.

Currently the Board's primary work is on Honorable Discharge Fact sheets.

STERN also reported that the Board is working on identifying and streamlining the scheduling of facility hearings as well as working on revisions to the board order.

Honorable Discharge: Implementation issues for the Board of Juvenile Hearings presented by David Steinhart, Director, Commonweal Juvenile Justice Program

STEINHART gave a PowerPoint presentation.

Meeting recessed at 11:40 a.m.

Meeting called to order at 11:51 a.m.

DJJ Education Programs Overview presented by Allen Whittier, Education Technology Coordinator, Division of Juvenile Justice, California Education Authority.

WHITTIER gave a PowerPoint presentation.

DJJ Acceptance to Re-Entry presented by Christienne Sanders, Associate Director, DJJ Juvenile Acceptance and Community Release Accountability Section.

SANDERS gave a PowerPoint presentation.

FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

None.

OPEN COMMENTS

None.

Meeting recessed at 1:51 p.m. to closed session at 2:30 p.m.