

BOARD OF JUVENILE HEARINGS
Executive Board Meeting
September 26, 2018

Meeting Called to Order at 9:46 a.m.

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

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

CONSENT CALENDAR

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

REPORTS AND PRESENTATIONS

Report from Director, Chuck Supple

SUPPLE shared an update on the Governor's Budget, specifically Assembly Bill 1812 focusing on DJJ, which in some circumstances has increased the age of jurisdiction to 25. The overall premise for passing measures like this in the budget was based on studies surrounding Adolescent Brain Development, proving that more young adults should be adjudicated to DJJ rather than go to the prison.

SUPPLE stressed the importance of the legislation, broadening DJJ's footprint with the youthful population, giving them the foundation to succeed. SUPPLE reiterated his expectation that all staff have the responsibility to help the youth imagine a different future including jobs, career tech opportunities, and college life. SUPPLE shared his belief in a community building approach to treatment.

SUPPLE stated that the Board of Juvenile Hearings has been given the authority to grant Honorable Discharge to E and M number youth as well as those youth in the Young Adult Program, encouraging them to complete their term in DJJ. An Honorable Discharge certificate will remove barriers that our youth may face upon discharge and reentry into their communities and that the court shall recognize it as proof of rehabilitation.

SUPPLE thanked everyone for their hard work and that DJJ's ultimate approach to treatment is to be seamless, leading our youth to success and aligning their goals to Honorable Discharge.

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Board of Juvenile Hearings Legislative update, presented by Kevin Walkow, Chief, Office of Legislation

WALKOW gave a PowerPoint presentation

Innovative Grants program overview, presented by Eddie Escobar, Community Resource Manager, Division of Juvenile Justice

ESCOBAR gave a PowerPoint presentation

Report from Executive Officer, Rachel Stern

STERN shared that the Board has received 55 Honorable Discharge inquiries, 16 of those are from Los Angeles county.

STERN stated that the next Executive Board Meeting will be in the middle of November. The first draft of Honorable Discharge regulations are anticipated to be presented to the Commissioners and public stakeholders at that meeting.

FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

Honorable Discharge Regulations

Meeting recessed at 12:13 p.m.

Meeting called to order at 12:31 p.m.

PRESENTATIONS

The Transition to Adulthood Among Formerly Incarcerated Youth, Laura Abrams, Ph.D., Professor and Chair, Department of Social Welfare, UCLA Luskin School of Public Affairs

STERN shared a YouTube video presentation

OPEN COMMENTS

None

Meeting, open session, adjourned at 12:44 p.m.