



**PLACER COUNTY JUVENILE JUSTICE
DELINQUENCY PREVENTION COMMISSION
ANNUAL INSPECTION REPORT**

2014

Section 5 of Title 15 of the California Code of Regulations; Welfare and Institutions Code Section 210 and Juvenile Court Law mandate regulations for minors detained in a lock down facility.

Facility: **Placer County Juvenile Detention Facility**

Address: **11260 B Avenue**

Auburn, CA 95603

Phone Number: **(530) 886-4875**

Facility Superintendent: **Jeff Cann**

Facility Assistant Superintendent: **Joe Netemeyer**

Annual Operating Cost: Approximate operating expenses for 2013-2014: \$5,639,683.

Source of Funding: County General Fund, Public Safety Sales Tax, JJCPA, and USDA.

Date of Inspection: May 15, 2014

Juvenile Justice Commission Inspection Team:

Sam Stodolski, John Richardson, Diane Shinstock

Supervising Juvenile Court Judge: Hon. Colleen Nichols

Rated Capacity: **58**

Maximum Capacity: **78**

Has the facility exceeded capacity since the last inspection? YES NO

Does the facility housed juveniles under Section 601 of the W&I code? YES NO

If so are the 601's separated from the 602's? N/A

Does the staffing ratio, awake and sleeping conform to meet state requirements? YES NO

Is communication in a language that minors can understand? YES NO

Is there a diversity of staff in respect to gender, race, and ethnicity? YES NO

Number of suicides: **0** Attempted suicides: **0** Threats of suicide: **10**

Number of deaths: **0** Number of escapes/runaways: **0**

Date of last Fire Inspection: **October 2, 2013** Date of last Health Inspection: **November 18, 2013**

EXTERIOR OF BUILDING

Were lawns, playing fields, common areas in order and well maintained? YES [X] NO []

Was the exterior of the facility (paint, roof, gutters) well maintained? YES [X] NO []

INTERIOR OF BUILDING

Were walls, paint, plumbing, vents and windows in good working condition? YES [X] NO []

Are recreational equipment and sporting equipment in good order? YES [X] NO []

Are personal possessions allowed in sleeping rooms? YES [X] NO []

Is there any graffiti present? YES [X] NO []

Is there adequate lighting in the facility? YES [X] NO []

Does the facility maintain an adequate temperature during seasons? YES [X] NO []

MEALS/NUTRITION

Are meals prepared at the facility? YES [] NO [X]

Is the kitchen clean? YES [X] NO []

Are the meals served cafeteria style? YES [] NO [X]

Is staff present and supervising during meals? YES [X] NO []

Is a weekly menu prepared and posted? YES [X] NO []

Do youth have adequate time for meals? YES [X] NO []

PROGRAMS

Do all minors exercise daily? YES [X] NO []

Do minors have access to religious services? YES [X] NO []

Is Medical/Mental Health Services available to minors? YES [X] NO []

Are there any volunteer programs in place? N/A

Is there counseling available to the minors? YES [X] NO []

Is there substance Abuse counseling available for minors? YES [X] NO []

Is there sexual harassment awareness available to minors? YES [X] NO []

Types of programs administered or taught at facility:

Adolescent Recovery, Positive Behavior Intervention & Support, Choices, Changes, Challenges Program, Forward Thinking, Gardening, Journaling, Teaching Pro-Social Skills, and Alcoholics Anonymous.

DISCIPLINE, RULES AND GRIEVANCES

Are all minors oriented to the rules and procedures? YES [X] NO []

Are rules and grievance procedures posted and visible to minors? YES [X] NO []

Is there a consistent and fair discipline plan in place? YES [X] NO []

TELEPHONE, VISITING AND CORRESPONDENCE

Do minors have access to phones? YES [X] NO []

Are minors given free postage for their correspondence? YES [X] NO []

Is incoming and outgoing mail read by staff? YES [] NO [X]

Are accommodations made for visitation? YES [X] NO []

Does staff supervise visits? YES [X] NO []

SCHOOL

Are there full time teachers on staff? YES [X] NO []

Do all minors attend school? YES [X] NO []

Are classrooms overloaded with students? YES [] NO [X]

Are there some students on Independent Study? YES [X] NO []

Are there adequate school supplies? YES [X] NO []

Is the instruction appropriate to the student's needs? YES [X] NO []

Are minors required to do homework? YES [] NO [X]

What is the student to teacher ratio? 3 Full Time Teachers including 1 Special Ed Teacher and one Teacher's Assistant

COMMISSIONER'S OBSERVATIONS

Are the minors in a good state of appearance? YES [X] NO []

Do they appear to shower regularly and in proper hygiene? YES [X] NO []

Does clothing fit and is it appropriate to the weather conditions? YES [X] NO []

Did the minors interviewed feel they had an opportunity to express their concerns or issues with the staff? YES [X] NO []

Were there any issues raised during the interview? YES [X] NO []

If so, please explain: *Please see narrative*

Facility is

Clean YES [X] NO []

Free of clutter or obstructions YES [X] NO []

Safe and secure YES [X] NO []

Follows mandated guidelines YES [X] NO []

Commissioners Narrative:

On May 15, 2014, Commissioners Richardson, Shinstock and Stodolski conducted the walk thru inspection of the Placer County Juvenile Detention Facility (JDF). The JDF provides residential care for youth who are ordered in to detention by the Juvenile Court. Youth can be detained while pending court proceedings, awaiting a court ordered commitment to another facility or program or as a short term sanction.

All minors attend school (provided by Placer County Office of Education, Alternative Education) and are offered tutoring inside of the facility. Detainees attend school from 0800 to 1350 hours Monday thru Friday. Minors are able to earn credit towards high school graduation upon completion of school work. Minors also have the opportunity to complete college course work online with the assistance of teachers and teaching assistants. Minors benefit from programs such as Adolescent Recovery Program, Teaching Pro Social Skills and Forward Thinking.

On the day of the inspection, the Commissioners found the facility to be clean and well kept. The minors interviewed were open and willing to talk to the Commission. Commissioners inquired into whether or not the minors have access to the outdoor recreational areas and staff informed the Commission that due to staffing shortages, they are not able to utilize the outdoor areas as much as they would like.

Following the walk-thru of the facility, Commissioners Richardson, Shinstock and Stodolski reviewed the serious incident reports and all grievances filed by minors during the 2013-2014 fiscal year. Majority of the grievances filed pertained to complaints regarding the food and what was perceived as unfair treatment from educational staff.

This facility does an outstanding job in assisting minors with their rehabilitation through the many programs they offer while minors are detained. The facility is very well maintained and clean. The staff is knowledgeable, dedicated, and supportive to the minors in their care. Superintendent Jeff Cann and Assistant Superintendent Joe Netemeyer do an outstanding job with maintaining and running this facility.

Commissioner's Observations or Recommendations:

While interviewing minors, minors reported what they believed to be foreign objects found in the food. Additionally, minors informed Commissioners that they did not feel as though their educational needs were being met. Minors reported that they were given work they had already completed at a lower grade level and were not given the opportunity to work on homework or courses at their current grade level. While reviewing the grievances and serious incident reports, Commissioners found additional concerns regarding the quality of

medical care that minors receive while detained, primarily, access to mental health treatment and medication. Superintendent Cann assisted the commission in setting up the following meetings:

Renee Harvey, Food Services Manager, Placer County Probation

On June 26, 2014 Commissioners Richardson, Shinstock and Stodolski met with Renee Harvey at the new Placer County Jail in Roseville. Ms. Harvey took Commissioners on a tour of the new facilities and agreed to answer questions regarding the food service program. Ms. Harvey informed Commissioners that nutrition at the Juvenile Detention Facility is based on a 2500 calorie per day diet. While kitchen staff take precautions to avoid contaminants, they are not always full proof. It is often hard to pinpoint the origin of the contaminate as most of the complaints received seem to come after the fact and the minors don't always have the tray of food to show to staff. When asked about the "surprise" dishes that minors complain about on a regular basis, Ms. Harvey assured Commissioner's that she and kitchen staff are working on providing more variety, however the food services program relies on USDA funding and must follow USDA standards which require a low-sodium diet. Commissioners were very grateful to Ms. Harvey for her openness and found the kitchen facilities at the jail to be very clean and well managed under Ms. Harvey's leadership.

Susan Connolly, Director, Student Services, Placer County Office of Education

Commissioner Stodolski reached out to Susan Connolly regarding the educational program at the Juvenile Detention Facility. Commissioners wanted to know whether or not an assessment is completed upon intake to assess where each minor is academically, whether or not there is any coordination with the minor's regular school so that they do not get behind academically and whether or not minors are allowed to work on homework from their regular school?

Ms. Connolly informed Commissioners that teaching staff use the Star Renaissance assessment tool upon entry throughout the school year. This new assessment tool is adaptive and responds to student answers by modifying the assessment to make the questions less or more challenging. Ms. Connolly also informed Commissioners that teaching staff review each student's transcripts upon entry and place them in the appropriate classes so they don't lose ground while they are in the JDF School. Teachers typically don't coordinate more than that because once the student enrolls with PCOE at the JDF, PCOE becomes the "district of residence." If the student has an IEP, they will sometimes invite the local district to attend as a courtesy. Ms. Connolly also informed Commissioners that if the minor's regular school is willing to provide the work and deliver it to the JDF, students can work on homework from their original school. Teaching staff will also give credit for work completed that has been provided by the minor's regular school.

California Forensic Medical Group (CFMG)

Commissioners attempted on several occasions, with the assistance of Superintendent Cann, to schedule a meeting with the treating Psychiatrist assigned to the Juvenile Detention Facility. As of February 9, 2015, CFMG has ignored the Commission’s requests.

The Placer County Juvenile Justice/Delinquency Prevention Commission recommends the following:

- Placer County Office of Education should work more closely with the minor’s school to ensure they are receiving adequate and appropriate education in accordance with Article 6 of Title 15 of California Code of Regulations.
- The Placer County Grand Jury should follow-up with California Forensic Medical Group to ensure that minors are receiving adequate medical and mental health service including proper medication.

The Juvenile Justice/Delinquency Prevention Commission of Placer County finds that the Placer County Juvenile Detention Facility is in compliance with Section 5 of Title 15 of the California Code of Regulations; Welfare and Institutions Code Section 210 and Juvenile Court Law.

Inspection Report completed by Commissioner: **Sam Stodolski**

On this date: **February 9, 2015**



Signed

CC:

Marshal Hopper, Chief, Placer County Probation

Jeff Cann, Superintendent, Placer County Juvenile Detention Facility

Hon. Colleen Nichols, Supervising Juvenile Court Judge, Placer County Superior Court

Placer County Grand Jury

Placer County Board of Supervisors