

Tulare County  
Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention Committee  
Zoom Minutes – September 27, 2022

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**Place:** Zoom

**Members Present:** Jennie Bautista, Sneha Kumar, Sam Weiser, Megan Casebeer

**Members Absent:** Bud Darwin, Galen Quenzar,

**Additional Attendees:** Margarita Luna, Jose Gonzalez, Elisa Queenan

- I. **Call to Order:** Deputy Chief Probation Officer Margarita Luna called the meeting to order at 3:52 p.m.
- II. **Public Comments:** There were no public comments made at this meeting.
- III. **New Business:**
  - a. **Juvenile Court Update:** Probation Division Manager Jose Gonzalez gave an update on behalf of the Juvenile Court. The Court is working with Probation on making sure Probation is following the process and protocols for SB 823 DJJ Realignment Act. Currently Tulare County has a total of Eight (8) youth committed to the Secure Youth Treatment Facility.
  - b. **Probation Update:** Deputy Chief Probation Officer Margarita Luna said DJJ is set to close July 1, 2023. Currently Probation has eight (8) SYTF youth; however, there are approximately fourteen (14) that could come back to Tulare County. Probation is working with DJJ for a transitional plan for the youth. Probation has a new mental health provider, Precision Psychiatric Services, Inc. An update will be provided at the next meeting.
- IV. **Actions Items and Discussion:**
  - a. **Actions Items:** There were no action items to be approved at this meeting.
  - b. **Discussion:**
    - i. Applications are being received from potential new commission members. Some of the applicants have connections to current commission members, other applicants have applied based on social media posts. There needs to be a process on how applicants are vetted. Sneha Kumar suggested having applicants attend a future meeting and let them speak about themselves and why they would like to serve on the commission. Jennie Bautista suggested scheduling phone interviews with the applicants to ask them questions, then report back to the commission on potential commission members. Jennie reiterated the need for diverse perspectives for those who will be serving on the commission as well as the desire to support delinquency prevention.
    - ii. Margarita Luna said going forward a zoom link will be posted on the website so the public may have easy access to attend the meetings. The agenda and meeting minutes will be posted on the website as well.
    - iii. Elise Queenan with Porterville City College introduced herself and spoke about her interest in becoming a commission member. Elisa will be teaming up with Jeffrey Jacobs also with Porterville City College to work together as commission members.

