

JUVENILE JUSTICE COMMISSION MAY, 2020 REPORTS

Presiding Judge of the Juvenile Division, Judge Lucero

We are still on track to complete our 2019 Annual Data Report.

Here is the finalized protocol for moving forward in the JJ Court Division from May 11, 2020 through July 30, 2020:

This is a fluid situation and things may change, but this is what we are aiming for at this time.

Please make sure all of your teams have the documents. It is also recommended that all professionals and families wear face coverings when entering the Juvenile Justice courthouse to protect all of our health. If someone is in need of a covering please ask one of the judges. I am hopeful that we can all have a few on hand to share.

Please keep in mind that many activities continue outside the courtroom as well, such as weekly stakeholder meetings, CITA Court Reviews with the Judge Lucero and the CITA Team via Skype and Zoom, DIY Meetings with Judge Alloggiamento and her team, Forensic Oversight Protocol meetings under the leadership of Judge Bondonno, newly formed subcommittees overseeing remote access and case resolutions also led by Judge Alloggiamento, and lots of training opportunities for everyone are in abundance during this COVID-19 crisis.

I want to thank each and every one of you for continuing to be available as thought partners and problem solvers with optimal service to our community, and to our youth and families as the number one priority.

Dependency Court. Judge Chung

In dependency, the court has been holding remote hearings by Skype in urgent matters (e.g., detention hearings, selection and implementation hearings) ever since the shelter-in-place order was first issued in mid-March. Although many other hearings have had to be continued, the court has been working with the justice partners to expand the types of hearings that may be heard by Skype until all of the courtrooms are able to be reopened.

- The previously announced Family Reunification Day event that was scheduled to take place on June 9, 2020 has been postponed. We are still hoping to hold it on another date in 2020.
- As you probably already know, the court's Beyond the Bench event on May 15, 2020 has also been postponed indefinitely.

Office of Mediation and Ombuds Services (OMOS), Ruth Maurice

Office of Mediation and Ombuds Services (OMOS) is conducting all business operations remotely via email, phone and video conferencing and that County employees and County community members are able to reach OMOS mediators, directly.

OMOS mediators are adept at conducting individual meetings and mediations through Zoom and are able to help coach interested participants to utilize the technology and move forward with their VOM matters.

The VOMP team continues to process referrals and conduct mediation consultations by phone with youth offenders, their families, and victims. We are also able to continue to receive referrals from the DAO for adult cases, as well as from adult Probation for Young Adult DEJ victim offender mediations.

Additionally, OMOS is included on the County's Covid-19 Impact Services page (<https://www.sccgov.org/sites/opa/opa/covid19/Pages/home.aspx>) as a provider of eviction moratorium mediations between landlords and tenants. If any families with which you work are in need of mediation services related to housing, repayment of rent, unlawful detainer and eviction, pre-day-of-court Small Claims, Civil Harassment and Probate cases, and other Covid-19-related concerns, please refer them to our County Community Mediation line: 408-993-4130 or opencase@ceo.sccgov.org and our website: www.sccgov.org/omos.

County Office of Education, David Putney

The Court Schools (Osborne and Blue Ridge) are providing academic programming for all the students and the high school graduates. Students have access to online courses via Odysseyware, educational enrichment packets, reading books, and journals. The high school graduates have access to online industry certification programming, reading books, and journals. Students have access to their teachers through the computer programs to ask questions and to receive support.

Juvenile Probation Department, Institutional Services Division, James Ranch Facility, Jill Ugalde:

- During Covid19, visiting at the Ranch has been redefined to include group counseling sessions hosted in the pod by our onsite Mental Health Providers (while practicing social distancing) and Zoom virtual meetings are held in the James Ranch Conference Room for such programs as, the Beat within and the Young Women's Freedom Center. Further, probation has also begun to facilitate virtual one on one visits with individual providers using tablets, as well as provide family face time/ zoom visits on the weekends, which also rotates through the pods during week days.

- Additional precautions probation has taken to keep our youth and staff safe from infection include, daily temperature taking, youth and staff wearing cloth masks, all common areas are now marked with decals for social distancing reminders, and cleaning supplies remain fully available for regular sanitization of the facilities.
- The James Ranch youth have been working hard preparing thank you cards, letters, and banners to all of those in the community who have donated time, equipment, and services during the pandemic. The youth made two large banners in thanks of our health care providers who have selflessly cared for our loved ones during this time. The banners were proudly displayed in several areas of Valley Medical Center, and very well received! Further, thank you cards and letters have been delivered to those in the community who have taken the time to make cloth masks to keep us safe at the James Ranch.

Behavioral Health Services, Vanessa Cornejo, Mental Health Program Manager

- For BHSD, contracts for the 602 panel for FY21 are en-route to be executed for July 1st.
- Vanessa Cornejo has been working with Jay Suekawa, Court Unit Supervisor, on the pending 602 evaluations that have not been completed due to Shelter-In-Place. There are 5 pending evaluations. We have coverage for IC urgent evaluations if ordered (1 per week).
- BHSD's DIY Youth Advocates have been providing daily support to all youth and families, expanding outside the DIY calendar during SIP. This consists of a brief check-in before and after the hearing, answering questions or supporting connection to support and resources. Probation and the Courts support of this has been greatly appreciated.
- The Youth Therapeutic Integrated Program, run by Starlight at the Ranch is continuing to hold face-to-face individual and group sessions at the Ranch. In addition, they are supporting linkages to re-entry services for youth that have or are scheduled to be released.

Custody Health Services, Chia-Chen Lee

- We have implemented multiple strategies in detection, prevention and education for Covid-19, from adding intake Covid screening prior to youth entering the facility, masking for youth and staff, daily temperature monitoring for staff and youth, social distancing, hand washing, opened a unit for new admission for 14 days quarantine, admission swab ASAP testing and 12th days swab testing, every two hours overhead reminding social distancing/hand washing and overall youth and staff education.
- Public health assistant officer, Dr Rudman inspected both facilities' on 4/23 & 4/24 and was "impressed" with our Covid-19 strategies.
- We are training all nurses to conduct Covid swabs under the guideline of a newly developed Standardized Procedure to make testing available 24/7 and easy access for both facilities. There is no need to wait for a physician for swab testing.
- As youth are a representation of our Santa Clara County community, it is not surprising to us that Juvenile Hall has **one confirmed Covid-19 case**. It was detected during a **non-symptom routine screening**. The youth is doing well and will be ready to end the quarantine on the evening of 5/14 if conditions remain the same.