

JUVENILE BOARD MEETING
JUVENILE JUSTICE CENTER, ROOM 8013
JUNE 27, 2007 12:00 P.M.

JUDGE ED EMMETT, CHAIRMAN

SECOND AGENDA

JUDGES: Dempster Shelton
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 JoAnn Jones-Burbridge

I. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

II. OLD BUSINESS

1. Who are the people who received the \$1 million Juvenile Justice Alternative Education Program bus contract? Who are the principals? Have there been lawsuits against the principals or the bus company? Who are their drivers? Do they have buses? Do they have insurance? What other related transportation companies do they run? Have there been lawsuits involving those other companies or those principals? Shelton

2. Why hasn't the TYC Review Officer's position been created and funded? Shelton

3. Has the juvenile warrant position been created to assist law enforcement with the 500 pick ups/writ cases that exist? Does the petitioner, the Harris County District Attorney's Office, have the responsibility of making sure that the service of process is accomplished? What law enforcement agency is responsible for running writ cases in Harris County? Shelton

4. What is the recidivism rate of juvenile delinquents who pass through the juvenile courts of Harris County, Texas? Do we even know? Shelton

5. Status of using foster families for delinquent youth placement. Shelton

6. The status of the girls placement and staffing. Shelton

7. What is the status of detention center planning? Shelton

8. What is the status of the Youth Village building/staffing? Shelton

9. What is the graduation rate from high school of former delinquents? Shelton

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| 10. | Study of passed for service and writ cases to see how they got that way. | Shelton |
| 11. | Harris County Youth Village bulkhead proposal: Does this request for funding undermine legitimate requests for funding? What is the history of this request for funding? What individual ever requested the original bulkhead funding? | Shelton |
| 12. | Is it possible to create a “Sylvan Learning,” an educational component, in each CUPS unit to operate on weekends or at night? | Shelton |
| 13. | Audit of number of juvenile cases directly attributable to Hurricane Katrina evacuees. How many? Nature of? And is there reimbursement from the federal government to help other juvenile programs? What reimbursement have we received related to our efforts related to Katrina evacuee delinquents? | Shelton |
| 14. | What is the status of the general audit of the juvenile probation department? | Shelton |

III. NEW BUSINESS

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| 1. | Has the probation department done an end of the year school audit on all active probationers regarding their school attendance, conduct and academic performance? | Shelton |
| 2. | How do the Harris County Juvenile Probation Department/courts stack up with their counterparts statewide in measurable areas of interest such as length of time detention, number of cases disposed of, cost of attorney per case and recidivism? | Shelton |
| 3. | Proposal for the creation of the accountability section of the Harris County Juvenile Probation Department to include the following areas of interest: TYC Review Officer, Harris County Placement Review Officer and Juvenile Warrant Officers. | Shelton |
| 4. | DA intake procedures—resolution from the Juvenile Board requests equivalent personnel and facilities for the intake of juvenile cases as compared with the adult system. | Shelton |
| 5. | Creation of a best practices probation officer position in each division of the probation department. | Shelton |
| 6. | Is there succession planning for deputy directors and executive director in place? | Shelton |
| 7. | What are the current levels of staffing for the juvenile probation officer position—are there more juvenile probation officers with caseloads or without? | Shelton |
| 8. | What is the benefit, if any, of American Correctional Association accreditation? What does it cost and what is its usage? | Shelton |
| 9. | What faith-based initiatives are at work in the juvenile justice system? | Shelton |
| 10. | Advisability of having a gang caseload in each CUPS unit. | Shelton |
| 11. | Advisability of having a sex offender caseload in each CUPS unit. | Shelton |

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| 12. | Regarding management expertise, is there an institute or program to develop leadership in managers at the juvenile probation department? | Shelton |
| 13. | What were the substantive Texas Youth Commission changes made in this legislative session? | Shelton |
| 14. | What is the distribution of delinquent children based on Harris County Commissioners' precincts? | Shelton |
| 15. | Potential Texas Juvenile Probation Commission funding and utilization of these funds. | Hetzel |
| 16. | Approval of the 2007-2008 Juvenile Justice Alternative Education Program Memorandum of Understanding with Harris County School Districts. | Hetzel |

IV. STATUS REPORTS

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| 1. | Agency Overview | Hetzel |
| 2. | Litigation and Legal Update | Leuchtag |
| 3. | Advisory Council Update | Malazzo |
| 4. | Referee Report | Malazzo |

Ed Emmett, County Judge

SEAL

The Juvenile Board may announce that it will go into executive session on any item listed on this agenda if the subject matter is permitted by law for a closed session.

For those persons requiring special accommodations, please contact Melanie or Karen at 713.222.4809 at the Harris County Juvenile Probation Department at least 24 hours in advance.