

MINI-CASSIA JOINT JUVENILE PROBATION COMMITTEE

Meeting Minutes

January 11, 2022

The Mini-Cassia Joint Juvenile Probation Committee met this day with Kent R. Searle (Cassia Commissioner) chairing the meeting.

Also in attendance: Dixie Tate (Juvenile Probation), Renee Waite (IDJC Liaison), Jarrod Thompson (Cassia Undersheriff), Dave Pinther (Minidoka Sheriff), McCord Larsen (Cassia Prosecutor), Lance Stevenson (Minidoka Prosecutor), Jeanne Allen (Cassia High Principal), Trent Bodily (Juvenile Detention Director), Mitzi Ramsey (Minidoka County Deputy Clerk), Tonya Page (Minidoka Clerk), Michelle Wallace (Cassia County Deputy Clerk), and Joe Larsen, (Cassia Clerk) present.

Called to Order: Cassia County Commissioner Kent Searle at 7:30am

Review and Approve Meeting Minutes

7:30 AM The Mini-Cassia Joint Juvenile Probation Committee Minutes for December 14, 2021, were discussed. A motion was made to approve said minutes by Jarrod Thompson, seconded by McCord Larsen, followed by a unanimous yeas vote.

Reports of Activity:

Dixie Tate, Chief Probation Officer

Dixie reported that a replacement juvenile judge has not yet been appointed by the 5th Judicial District but that Judge Bollar has been handling the juvenile court matters for now. They are currently only holding juvenile court every other week.

She has advertised for an open juvenile probation officer position in the County first and now it is open to the public through Indeed and will be listed through Job Service as well. This posting will be closed around January 27th with interviews starting on February 4th and a name will be presented to this committee on February 8th. That name will then be presented to the Minidoka Board of Commissioners on February 14th for final approval.

Drug and alcohol treatment continues to grow with 41 kids in the state funded SUDS program. That is the highest it has been. They have administered 81 drug tests in December. Out of the 81 tests, 29 of them were dirty. They have submitted a reimbursement to the state for \$596.64 to offset the cost of that testing. They currently have three participants in drug court and one individual that is going to inpatient drug and alcohol treatment. That population is growing. The WILD program did a lot of work in December. The girl WILD program, supervised by Joy, worked for the Humanitarian Center, the Burley Public Library, the Wilson Theater, the Burley VFW, and Minico High School staying busy over Christmas break logging 120 hours. The male WILD helped the Cassia County Maintenance, Lake Walcott, Emerald Lake, and the Minidoka County Museum logging 181.5 hours for December with that program continuing to grow. Dixie is working on her last round of staff evaluations with three remaining.

IDJC District 5 Liaison – Renee Waite

District 5 is at an historic low with only 17 youth in custody; one from Cassia County and six from Minidoka County. The numbers are low, but the complexity of situations with youth is at an all-time high. The Legislature kicked off yesterday and they are finalizing data to share with counties and for the Director to present to the Legislature in early February. They are looking at legislation to continue to build on the diversion efforts and making sure that those low-level first-time offenders that have a tendency to self-correct, have that option and for diversion and that the kids coming before the courts are the kids that really need that intervention. They are working internally to streamline time when youth come into custody. They want to make sure they are using all the information available from the community rather than redoing some of the assessments and testing, or keeping kids longer than they should. They know that too long in custody can lead to institutionalization and other issues.

Juvenile Detention Center – Trent Bodily, Director

Trent reported that they currently have eight Juveniles in detention; five from Minidoka County and three from Cassia County. He will be meeting with the Minidoka County School District to pilot an anti-bullying program in the detention center. He does not know the specifics of that as of yet, but he will bring that up in the future. The more programs they can get in the Juvenile Detention Center the better. They are currently fully staffed and everything is going well. There will be an employee retirement coming up in March but there is no firm date on that as of yet. They will be working towards a replacement for that position.

Others Present

Clerk Tanya Page reported that JPO has brought in a total of \$76,012.00 of outside revenue, but most of that is the Block Grant, cigarette/tobacco tax, and the lottery. She reported that the financials looked really good. Both Cassia and Minidoka Counties will fund their semi-annual budgeted allotments and they should be posted by February 1st.

Clerk Joseph Larsen They are in a holding pattern with the assignment of a new Juvenile Judge. Deputy Court Clerk Connie Uriguen who clerked for Judge Hodges will be retiring the last week of March and he will be working on a replacement for her. Judge Pittard, who was selected to fill Judge Hodges' Magistrate Judge vacancy, will have his investiture and swearing-in ceremony at 3:00 PM Friday, January 28th. Cassia County will be making their Juvenile payments on January 24th to Minidoka County. Cassia County will be conducting these meetings for this year, so please send any agenda requests to our office.

Jeanne Allen, the Cassia County High School Principal joined the meeting for the first time.

Unfinished Business Discussion

Dixie reminded everyone of the upcoming Community Suicide Prevention Event on Monday, January 17th. This is sponsored by Mini-Cassia PAUSE & Cassia School District. They will have free dinner from 5:00 to 6:15 PM at the Burley High School Cafeteria, and then a presentation from 7:00 – 9:00 PM with

Kevin Hines in the King Fine Arts Center. (information is attached to the minutes)

Adjournment

7:52 AM Undersheriff Thompson made a motion to adjourn, seconded by McCord Larsen. Motion carried.

Next Juvenile Probation Meeting

Scheduled for 7:30 a.m. Tuesday, February 8, 2022

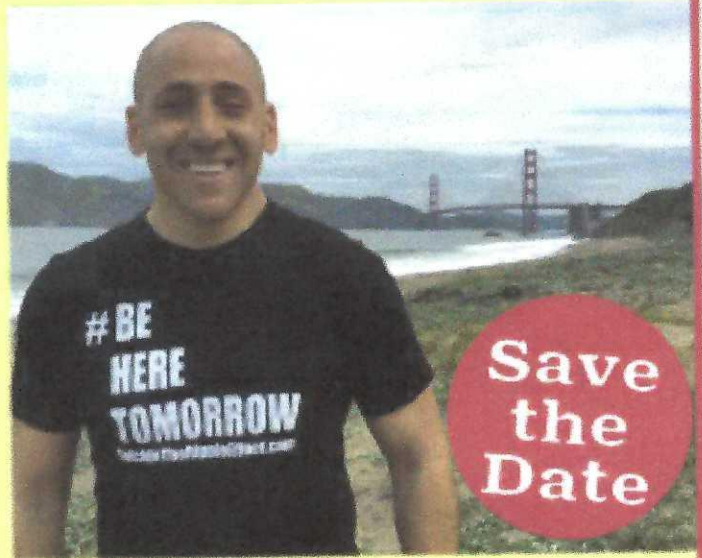
COMMUNITY SUICIDE PREVENTION EVENT

MONDAY, JANUARY 17TH

FREE

**5-6:15 p.m. | Potato Bar
Burley High School Cafeteria**

**7-9 p.m. | Kevin Hines
King Fine Arts Center**



Kevin Hines is one of only thirty-four to survive the fall off of the Golden Gate Bridge, and the only one to regain full physical mobility. The fall would break his body, but not his spirit. Kevin's story is a remarkable testament to the strength of the human spirit and a reminder for us to **LOVE THE LIFE WE HAVE.**

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