

TEXAS JUVENILE PROBATION COMMISSION BOARD MEETING

May 20, 2011
Brown-Heatly Building
Austin, Texas

COMMISSIONERS PRESENT

Jean Boyd, Vice Chair
Migdalia Lopez
Scott O'Grady
Rene Ordoñez
Bob Shults

COMMISSIONERS ABSENT

Will Conley
Billy Wayne McClendon
Ray West, Chair
Lea R. Wright

TJPC MANAGEMENT STAFF PRESENT

Vicki Spriggs, Executive Director
Lisa Capers, Deputy Executive Director and General Counsel
Chris Hubner, Chief of Staff
Kristy Almager, Staff Services Manager
Nancy Arrigona, Director Research
Denise Askea, Director Placement Services
Linda Brooke, Director External Affairs and Policy Development
Annie Collier, Deputy Chief Financial Officer
Kevin DuBose, Director Abuse, Neglect & Exploitation
Scott Friedman, Director Compliance
Bill Monroe, Chief Financial Officer
Jim Southwell, Director Management Information Systems
Genovia Spencer, Human Resource Manager
Cindy Weisinger, Director Training

TJPC STAFF PRESENT

Kati Branch
Linda Brown
Nadine Butler
Luis Guerrero
Rachael Kapur
Diane Laffoon
Karen Roe
Kaci Sohrt
Michael Suda

1. Call to Order – J. Boyd

Commissioner Jean Boyd called the board meeting of the Texas Juvenile Probation Commission to order at 10:00 a.m.

2. Excuse Absences – J. Boyd

A **motion** was made by Commissioner Ordoñez and **seconded** by Commissioner Lopez to excuse the absence of Commissioners Conley, McClendon, West and Wright. Motion passed unanimously.

3. Approval of Minutes from March 25, 2011 Board Meeting – J. Boyd

A **motion** was made by Commissioner Shults and **seconded** by Commissioner Ordoñez to approve the minutes as presented. Motion passed unanimously.

4. Update on Fiscal Year 2011 Expenditures – B. Monroe

The amount of reductions that are planned in the Commission's budget and are required to go back to the legislature is \$7 million. Some of it is from the departments that did not make full expenditures last year, and the Commission was able to apply those returned funds to the reductions required by the legislature.

The total amount of salaries has also been reduced. There will be no pay raises planned in this current cycle. The administrative budget for the whole year is 3.67% and year to date we are at 2.8%, so overall the administrative expenditures are under budget.

Many decisions have been made in the legislature with ten days to go. The replacement for page 11 in the board packet contains newer columns. As the conference committee went through the Commission's budget, column 'S' tells you which chamber [the House or Senate] they decided to go with. For probation assistance they went with the Senate, which will fund 5 additional monitors for the Commission. The Senate put forward \$1 million more in their bill than the House did, and the conference selected that chamber for the bottom line. By going with the Senate, the Harris County Boot Camp was fully funded as well.

As for the Grant C funds, the conference committee set the target at 1,111. If more than that number of commitments occurs, they expect there to be an exchange of funds between the departments and the institutional side of the new agency. The Governor did sign the bill yesterday, which leads to the Rider that was attached, Article V, Special Provisions. This indicates the way the bill pattern of the merged agencies will look. It does provide language for the Legislative Budget Board (LBB) or the Governor's Office and working with the transition team to make some alterations that reflects the intentions of the structure.

Goal A is predominantly all of the current TJPC funding and Goal B is predominantly TYC funding, whereas Goal C is totally combined administration for core operations. If we look at the TJPC portion, Prevention and Intervention is one of the new items for the new agency for those kinds of services. There is an amendment to the piece of legislation that is still pending in both chambers that would actually provide some funding for prevention and intervention services.

No action was required for this item.

5. Discussion and Possible Approval of the Texas Juvenile Probation Commission's Internal Audit Plan for Fiscal Year 2011 – K. Lopez-Gonzales

Kim Lopez-Gonzales represented Garza and Gonzalez, the CPA firm that performs the Internal Audit services for the Commission. Included in the packet is the Internal Audit Plan for Fiscal Year 2011. This plan has been prepared following Generally Accepted Auditing Standards and International Standards for the Professional Practice of Internal Auditing as determined by the Institute of Internal Auditors. A risk assessment process was used. Various documents were reviewed and interviews were conducted with various employees.

The risk assessment summary can be found on page 18 of the packet. There are 18 identified audit topics, and based on a risk assessment they are broken out between high risk, moderate risk and low risk. There are two areas being recommended for internal audit for fiscal year 2011 and those are item #1, the highest risk which is the Levels of Care Program Monitoring of the Post Adjudication Facilities, and item #8, Management Information Systems.

This audit plan has been discussed with management, any concerns or questions they may have had were addressed, and the two areas recommended to them did not change from what is being presented here.

A **motion** was made by Commissioner Lopez and **seconded** by Commissioner Ordoñez to approve the TJPC Internal Audit Plan for fiscal year 2011. Motion passed unanimously.

6. TJPC Advisory Council Update – D. Vance

The first handout is a summary of the Advisory Council's work. The attachment has a couple of standards for review. We are not looking for any action today. The Commission staff is still looking at these standards, and they may or may not modify them. There have been 3 chief sub-committee meetings since the last board meeting in March, which were held on April 1st, 14th and 15th and again last week. Five primary topics discussed were:

- 1) Consolidation of TJPC and TYC
- 2) Grant funding formula revision
- 3) Potential reduction in state funding
- 4) Juvenile programming
- 5) Standards of care.

The next handout relates to Standard 343.600. A workgroup consisting of mental health professionals met in February, 2011 to discuss concerns with this standard dealing with psychological evaluation requirements. The current standard requires a juvenile to have updated psychological exams done, and one of the components of that is that updated psychometric testing be done every 365 days, whether in the clinical opinion of the psychologist giving the exam, the child needs the testing or not.

Issue #1 is that a psychological update must be conducted by a licensed doctoral-level psychologist as required in TJPC standard 343.600. A "Psychological Evaluation" shall be distinguished from a "Behavioral Health Assessment" and therefore components required of a "Behavioral Health Assessment" do not apply to a "Psychological Evaluation."

A Psychological Updated Evaluation should include the following components:

- 1) A Clinical Interview
- 2) A review of files and associated records in the possession of the juvenile probation department
- 3) Collateral interviews are not required, but may be conducted as deemed necessary and appropriate by the doctoral-level licensed Psychologist
- 4) Updated Psychometric Testing shall be conducted only if in the professional opinion of the attending doctoral-level licensed Psychologist, psychometric testing is necessary and warranted
- 5) If updated Psychometric Testing is determined by the doctoral-level Psychologist to not be necessary or warranted, then language to that effect shall be included in the report indicating that previous scores have been determined to be valid

Issue #2 is that a Mental Health paraprofessional should not be allowed to conduct psychometric testing involving personality assessment. By state law, these can only be conducted by a licensed Doctoral-level Psychologist. These changes were approved by the chief sub-committee and went to the Commission staff to look at.

Currently Standard 343.816 allows juvenile probation departments to use chemical restraint, i.e., pepper spray in the incidence of a riot, which is defined as 3 or more juveniles being out of control. The Advisory Council has decided that there may be instances that occur when we have one very big individual we try to restrain who is a threat to themselves or others. If it's approved by the facility administrator and there are certain protections we put in place in this proposal that could be done to help improve safety and security, we feel like chemical restraint in those situations would be appropriate.

The last thing we want to do is hurt a staff member or child during a restraint and I've been on many restraints in my life and it's not always easy, sometimes it's very difficult with a kid who is extremely out of control and athletic. Especially in smaller and moderate sized counties where they don't have a lot of staff that could help in this kind of situation. We think this would be a more humane and safer way to do it in those limited situations. We put it together and Commission staff is looking at it right now to give us some feedback.

Mr. Vance was asked if he has found any resistance to his input or his analysis as to what is going on, either

on an individual basis or as a state agency. The response was that no, he has not experienced that, they have healthy discussions and the Commission staff are always respectful and listen to the input. The suggestions are always reviewed by staff seriously. He then was asked if he would be shy or dishonest about letting the board know if he thinks there's a better way to do something, or when he disagrees with staff about how they are doing things. And Mr. Vance confirmed that was not the case, and said that the Commission staff and Advisory Council work very well together.

No action was required for this item.

7. Update on Allegations of Abuse, Neglect and Exploitation for Fiscal Year 2011 – K. Dubose

So far through April, fiscal year 2011, there were 300 allegations of abuse, neglect or exploitation. As in the past, the majority of allegations originates from secure detention facilities, and then from secure placement facilities. Again, the majority of the allegations were physical abuse, physical restraint, with the second most reported classification being physical abuse, non-restraint related. Having had 300 allegations, we only have 119 that are pending, which is significantly better than any other time. This is because we have been fully staffed for over a year now.

On page 34 you can compare the numbers dating back to fiscal year 2005. Again, for this fiscal year we are at 300 allegations, and last year we were at 636 with 4 months remaining we are trending towards having fewer allegations than we did in fiscal year 2010. The most interesting thing is that in fiscal year 2010 at this time of year, we were at 425, which was 29% higher than this year.

No action was required for this item.

8. Discussion and Possible Approval of Amendments Made to Chapter 341 Texas Juvenile Probation Commission Rules Relating to the Certification of Staff for Initial Publication and 30-day Public Comment Period in the Texas Register – C. Weisinger

Ms. Weisinger is requesting approval of Chapter 341 for a second 30-day public comment period. The changes in this chapter clarify who *may* be certified as a juvenile probation (JPO) or supervision officer (JSO), and who *must* be certified. The board approved publication of this chapter for a public comment period at the March board meeting, but an error was discovered that needed to be corrected. The supervisor of JPO's or JSO's has been moved from who *may* be certified over to those who *must* be certified.

This change was necessary to ensure consistency between these standards and our neighboring statutes in the Human Resources Code, and it is the only change to these same standards that were approved at the March board meeting.

A **motion** was made by Commissioner Shults and **seconded** by Commissioner O'Grady to approve amendments made to Chapter 341 related to the certification of staff for initial publication and 30-day public comment period in the Texas Register. Motion passed unanimously.

9. Discussion and Possible Approval of Amendments to Chapter 344 Relating to a New Certification Category for Final Publication and Adoption in the Texas Register – R. Kapur

These amendments were published in the April 8, 2011 issue of the Texas Register for a 30-day public comment period, and during that time, one public comment was received from Harris County. This question did not result in any changes to the language of the standard. Therefore, we request that the board approve the amendments to Chapter 344 for final publication and subsequent adoption in the Texas Register.

A **motion** was made by Commissioner Lopez and **seconded** by Commissioner Ordoñez to approve amendments to Chapter 344 relating to a new certification category for final publication and adoption in the Texas Register. Motion passed unanimously.

10. Discussion and Possible Approval to Withdraw New Chapter 355 Rules Relating to Non-Secure Juvenile Facilities as Published in the April 8, 2011 Issue of the Texas Register – R. Kapur

The Commission requests that the board approve the withdrawal of new Chapter 355 as published in the April 8, 2011 issue of the Texas Register, due to technical items that need to be addressed.

A **motion** was made by Commissioner O'Grady and **seconded** by Commissioner Ordoñez to approve the withdrawal of new Chapter 355 rules relating to non-secure juvenile facilities as published in the April 8, 2011

issue of the Texas Register. Motion passed unanimously.

11. Discussion and Possible Approval of Amendments to the Electronic Data Interchange Specifications for Initial Publication in the Texas Register – N. Arrigona

Ms. Arrigona is requesting approval to post the changes to the Electronic Data Interchange (EDI) Standards. These standards are the format and guidelines of the data that is reported to the Commission every month. Primarily the changes deal with data collected in the program table that is reported to the agency. In working with departments on recent program registry entries, it was discovered that the program table is being used to collect and track more than community-based programs, its intended purpose.

The proposed changes would enable departments to continue entering the data they need to track on the program table while allowing the Commission to isolate community versus non-community programs and juvenile participation from parent participation. It also will distinguish between program components and the actual program itself.

These data element changes have been discussed with those non-Caseworker departments (Tarrant, Harris, Bexar and Denton Counties) most effected by the changes, with no objection. Even though the Juvenile Case Management System (JCMS) is very close to being used, this is also a way to ensure these changes will be incorporated into JCMS.

A **motion** was made by Commissioner Shults and **seconded** by Commissioner Lopez to approve the amendments made to the EDI Specifications for initial publication in the Texas Register. Motion passed unanimously.

12. Discussion and Possible Approval of an Amendment to Chapter 349 Relating to Disciplinary Actions for Final Publication and Adoption in the Texas Register – K. Roe

This is related to the Commission's authority to certify and discipline certified officers. We proposed changes to these standards in 2010 and we received a comment from Smith County. Section 349.300 in the Title 37 Texas Administrative Code is regarding when a code of ethics violation is reported to the Commission for investigation and possible disciplinary action.

Smith County suggested a change to this standard by adding the requirement that clarified the agency's responsibility to notify the chief administrative officer and the facility administrator at that county when a report of an ethical violation was received by the Commission. In response, the amendment was added that if someone reports an ethics violation to the Commission, we agree to notify the county administration within 3 working days of the receipt of the violation, so they would be aware of it and be able to review it as well.

A **motion** was made by Commissioner O'Grady and **seconded** by Commissioner Ordoñez to approve the amendment made to Chapter 349 relating to disciplinary actions for final publication and adoption in the Texas Register. Motion passed unanimously.

13. Review, Discussion and Possible Action Regarding Disciplinary Action in the State Office of Administrative Hearings' Docket No. 665-10-4999; Texas Juvenile Probation Commission v. Rosetta Jackson, TJPC Certification No. 18770; A Certified Officer (Proposal for Decision and Final Order) – K. Roe

This is a request for recommendation to revoke the certification of Rosetta Jackson, who was certified as a juvenile detention or supervision officer and held certification number 18770. Ms. Jackson was employed at the Bill Logue Juvenile Detention facility in McLennan County, Texas from 2005 until 2007. In 2007, the Commission received a report that Ms. Jackson engaged in behaviors that violated some of the agency standards.

The report from the McLennan County facility was reviewed and TJPC's Investigator Lesly Jacobs also investigated this claim. The facts showed that Ms. Jackson indeed violated the agency Code of Ethics and some agency standards. Ms. Jackson disagreed with those findings, and challenged the recommendation to revoke her certification, and a hearing was held before the State Office of Administrative Hearings (SOAH) on October 18, 2010. The hearing was conducted by Administrative Law Judge Anne Perez, and she issued a proposal for decision in Ms. Jackson's case in December of 2010. In that proposal which is included in the packet, Administrative Judge Perez recommended revocation of Ms. Jackson's certification.

This item was up for consideration at the March board meeting, but Ms. Jackson contacted the Commission and was unable to be here because of illness and so we rescheduled it for today. Ms. Jackson called at 8:05 this morning and said she was in traffic in Round Rock, and called again at 8:55 and said the axle had broken on her vehicle. Ms. Roe tried to call her at the cell number she had left and got no answer. She listened again to her message, and she was waiting for a tow truck, and wanted to express her regrets that she couldn't be here. Ms. Jackson did not ask for a continuation or a postponement. Judge Boyd asked to note the time as 11:05 a.m.

Your review of the Proposal for Decision is governed by the Texas Administrative Procedure Act, Tex. Gov't Code §2001.058(e) (Vernon 2010) which provides:

(e) A state agency may change a finding of fact or conclusion of law made by the administrative law judge, or may vacate or modify an order issued by the administrative law judge, only if the agency determines:

- (1) that the administrative law judge did not properly apply or interpret applicable law, agency rules, written policies provided under Subsection (c), or prior administrative decisions;
- (2) that a prior administrative decision on which the administrative law judge relied is incorrect or should be changed; or
- (3) that a technical error in a finding of fact should be changed.

The agency shall state in writing the specific reason and legal basis for a change made under this subsection.

A proposed Final Order, adopting the administrative law judge's findings, is included for your review. Staff will request that the Board issue a Final Order regarding Ms. Jackson's certification. If the proposed Final Order is adopted as presented, Ms. Jackson's certification will be permanently revoked.

A **motion** was made by Commissioner Ordoñez and **seconded** by Commissioner Shults to approve the decision and Final Order of the State Office of Administrative Hearings regarding the disciplinary action of Rosetta Jackson. Motion passed unanimously.

14 Review, Discussion and Possible Disciplinary Action Regarding Certified Officers Kendrick Campbell, George Mason, Anthony Ruiz, Billy Thompson, Randy Hargrove, William Burleson, Patsy Sturdivant, Cynthia Brown, Ramon Escobedo, Elton Howard, and Shalona Simpson, for Review of Default Hearing Proposals for Decisions from the State Office of Administrative Hearings – K. Roe

The Commission is making an effort to complete all investigations and resulting actions taking appropriate disciplinary action following investigations in the allegations of abuse neglect or exploitation. These cases involve 11 certified officers. They are all cases in which revocation of the officer's certification was recommended by the Commission following the investigation report connected to violation of agency standards or, in some cases abuse, neglect or exploitation.

In each of these cases the officer did not reply to the petition served on him or her, our rules require the officer file a written answer and request a formal hearing if they wish to contest the disciplinary action against them. In none of these 11 cases did the officer file a written answer to the charges and ask for the administrative hearing before the State Office of Administrative Hearings (SOAH). In some of these cases the officer called and agreed to relinquish their certification verbally, but did not complete the process for doing that.

These cases were presented to SOAH as part of our effort to finalize the directive and complete the disciplinary process. We held these hearings on March 30th and 31st and in each of these cases Administrative Law Judge Sarah Ramos found that the officers had received proper notice of the charges against them and failed to appear. Judge Ramos issued the Proposals for Decisions and recommended the officers' certifications be revoked in each of these cases.

Just as in the other contested cases the Government Code §2001.058(e) requires that you adopt these unless you find one of the 3 types of errors described earlier. Ms. Roe requests that the board accept the Proposals for Decision from SOAH in these 11 cases and revoke the certifications of these officers.

A **motion** was made by Commissioner Lopez and **seconded** by Commissioner Shults to approve the default hearing Proposals for Decisions from SOAH regarding the disciplinary action of the above named certified

officers. Motion passed unanimously.

15. Review, Discussion and Possible Disciplinary Action Regarding Certified Officers Kris Bonuz, Lavelle Conley, Vincent Edwards, Anthony Holmes, Fred Lock, Mike Diaz, Elvin Mumphord, Juan Solis, and Sundiata White for Review of Request for Default Orders Under 37 Texas Administrative Code Chapter 349 – K. Sohrt

Kaci Sohrt presented eight disciplinary cases with requests that the Board issue default orders in the case. New rules were adopted last year that allow for the disposition of a case by default without having to refer the case to SOAH. This applies in cases in which the certified officer does not respond to the formal charges in writing as they are required to do and in which they did not request a hearing.

The cases presented are part of an ongoing effort to clear older cases, which means the probation period on them has expired. The purpose of the default orders is to have the discipline as a part of their record. None of the officers currently work in the field; this ensures their disciplinary record will be accurate if they return to the field.

The Board's options are to enter the default order or order the case to SOAH. If a case is ordered to SOAH and the officer fails to appear, a default order in the way Ms. Roe presented would come back to the Board. Ms. Sohrt requested the board approve the default orders in each of the cases.

A **motion** was made by Commissioner O'Grady and **seconded** by Commissioner Shults to approve the disciplinary action of default orders regarding certified officers Kris Bonuz, Lavelle Conley, Vincent Edwards, Anthony Holmes, Fred Lock, Mike Diaz, Elvin Mumphord, Juan Solis, and Sundiata White. Motion passed unanimously.

**16. Executive Director's Report – V. Spriggs
- Agency Activity Update**

Bill Monroe talked about the probation assistance line item. The Commission has not been able to monitor basic probation services in at least five years, while keeping with the mandate to monitor facilities every year of the biennium. And so, the Commission is being given five additional staff to be able to expand that portion of our responsibility, and to be able to provide trainings and technical assistance as needed to work with the new youth coming into the facilities.

The commitment target is 1,783 commitments for each year of the current biennium. The new budget proposed by the Legislative Budget Board (LBB) is 1,111. We had requested that number be moved up to 1,300 because it's a drastic decrease, there was a budget reduction that was taking place at the same time, and we were asking the departments to work with more serious offenders, which will cost more in funding to provide services to those youth.

Departments continue to work hard to divert youth from TYC, and we wanted to make sure that they at least have a margin of breathing room. Leadership's rationale was since the Commission's budget was restored back to 95% of what it was coming into the session, they did not feel that the additional padding was required.

Mr. Monroe also referenced the prevention line item, which is a new item in our budget to transfer into the new agency. That money will allow for what the state does not currently have, which is a coordinated mechanism for overseeing prevention dollars going into communities across the state.

Senate Bill 653 eliminates both TJPC and TYC effective the evening of November 30th. The creation of the new agency will be effective December 1st, and all of the services and functions in the facilities will transfer into one agency called the Texas Juvenile Justice Department (TJJD). To assist in that process between September 1st and ultimately March 2nd, there is a transition team that will be comprised of seven members appointed by the Governor and chaired by a representative of the Governor.

I have been asked if there will be focus groups, and no, there should not be focus groups. I have been asked if there will be some oversight of the new agency's organizational structure, and the answer to that is no, because that is the job of the Executive Director once they're appointed to that agency but certainly that board will work in conjunction with the new board and the new Executive Director. There is so much as it relates to the day to day operations of TJPC and TYC that needs to be coordinated to make sure that is a seamless turning of the lights on and off on December 1st and the transition team will be busy enough.

Cherie Townsend and I have already started working on some of the issues that need to be addressed so we can give it to the transition team. You have the transition time period, and the creation of the new governing board, which will have 13 members. The Governor will make that appointment, and our hope is that there will be some of TYC's board and some of our board transitioning over to that new board, as well as layering in the new members of the board, so that we don't just lose all the institutional knowledge that's on our respective boards.

The Governing Board is required to establish the mission of the department, with the goal of establishing a cost effective continuum of services. Prevention and intervention services is a new mandate of the new department, so it basically just carries over, in fact, at this point, all contracts currently into will be entered into for the biennium. TJPC enters biennium contracts with departments and that contract will be in effect. All services and agreements that we provide, as well as those that TYC provides, whatever agreements we have will just transition into the new agency, so there is no renegotiation.

There have been questions that kept coming back to the subcommittee of the Advisory Council and it is important that we make that distinction, because the full Advisory Council does entail representation of TYC, Child Protective Services and TEA. We have an annual meeting with the full Council, and we have ongoing meetings and probation work with the chiefs. We currently have two chiefs representing each region of the state. We have seven Regional Chief's Associations and we try and make sure they represent small, medium and large departments.

Advisory Council. This legislation requires seven chiefs, as well as an expanded composition of two juvenile court judges, the new agency's probation services director or the director's designee, and one representative of the county commissioner's court. So we have an expanded representation requiring a new board composition, but we still have seven chiefs, because it's been effective having that regional representation.

Sometimes we are initiating standards for clean up or proposing a new set of standards, and we vet those through the Advisory Council. Others, like the two that were presented today, originate in the Advisory Council, and they vet those up to us, either way, that process starts in the Advisory Council meeting.

Abuse, Neglect and Exploitation Data. Both the TYC hotline and our number will come into a toll free 24 hour call center. Our system, probation is already used to calling a certain number that has been established for quite a while, and TYC has its own number that's out there. A 24-hour call center will be established where both lines will be maintained 24 hours a day, every day.

Programs and Services Evaluation System. The department shall establish and implement a system to evaluate the effectiveness of county and state programs and services for youth. Again, there is accountability to make sure that state and local dollars are being spent in a way that's producing the best results.

Charter schools. This is a new one, authorized to the State Board of Education to grant a charter on the application of a detention correctional residential facility. Basically, if a county applies and says they want to operate a charter, TEA has to provide that charter.

Strategic Planning. The new board shall develop regularly updated performance measures, and use those measures in determining funding levels for programs and services. My hope is whoever they select as the Executive Director of that new agency will not lose sight of the philosophy of partnership that has always been dominant and a fundamental part of this agency's culture.

There are other items and this document just summarizes the bill for you, for your information. The last page of this document shows the timelines for the Texas Juvenile Justice Department. The effective date of the bill is September 1, 2011. The bill was signed last night.

The appointment of the transition team will take place between September 2nd and October 1, 2011. The appointment of the new board is between September 2nd and December 1st. The appointment of the Executive Director is not specified, the new board hires the Director. The transition team is to coordinate and oversee the transition of services and facilities from TJPC and TYC to TJJD and prepare a transition plan, and it ceases to function by the end of February, 2012. The abolishment of TJPC and TYC and creation of the new Texas Juvenile Justice Department is December 1st and the appointment of the members to the Advisory Council on Juvenile Services will also take place on December 1st. So, there is a lot between now and December 1st.

When I started at TJPC in October of 1983, there were not many staff in the agency. There may have been 20. One of the founding staff of TJPC was a gentleman named Keith Rudeseal. Keith retired in 1997 or 1998, and Keith passed away on Monday. I would just like to take this opportunity to note that.

Other areas to cover, June 27th through July 1st we will have a big co-sponsored conference with TJPC, TYC and the Criminal Justice Management Institute of Sam Houston University. That will be here in Austin, and it's a multi-topic conference.

The Post-Legislative Conference will take place July 6th and 7th, and then immediately following that, in the same hotel on July 8th, we have our Budget Conference. July 17th through 23rd is the national Probation, Parole and Community Supervision week, and the theme of that week is *Creativity in the Time of Crisis*, which is absolutely appropriate.

Commissioner Boyd has made her opinion very clear about her feelings about this legislation and its decision, and she is extremely concerned about the timeline, not appointing a transition team until September 2nd and no clue on when the Executive Director is being appointed. It is her hope that whoever the Executive Director is, they have some juvenile experience. It was very frustrating when the person put in charge of TYC had absolutely no experience in juvenile justice.

Commissioner Boyd went on to say,

In my mind it's a very bad decision on the part of the legislature, you would think if they're going to do this, they would at least have some transition period for implementation to insure appropriate planning is done. I just think it's a sad day for juvenile justice. There's been very little planning and very little input from the juvenile justice community.

I have been working with Vicki, this board, and this agency since 1987 and it has made a tremendous difference in juvenile justice and our ability in the community to serve children and families. I still feel that losing this board, we, in juvenile justice and particularly people in juvenile probation, are losing a valuable agency and tool and we will all suffer from this, I'm just so unhappy. I do appreciate the hard work and job that you have all done over the years.

No action was required for this item.

17. Public Comments – J. Boyd

No public comments were received at this time.

18. Adjourn – J. Boyd

A **motion** was made by Commissioner Ordoñez and **seconded** by Commissioner Shults to adjourn. Motion passed unanimously. The board meeting adjourned at 11:37 a.m. The next board meeting will be held on July 15, 2011.