

**MONTEREY COUNTY  
COMMUNITY RESTORATIVE JUSTICE COMMISSION  
(CRJC)  
MEETING MINUTES**

Monterey County Government Building  
Monterey Room  
168 W. Alisal Street  
Salinas, CA 93901  
December 16<sup>th</sup>, 2019

*The **Community Restorative Justice Commission** strives to balance the legitimate needs of victims, community, and offenders. The Commission sets policy and makes recommendations for restorative justice programs. These successful programs will enhance community protection and develop empathy and competency in the offender. They will also direct accountability of the offender to the victim and victimized community moving toward restoration and healing.*

**COMMISSION MEMBERS ATTENDING**

X	<i>Marcia Parsons – Vice-Chair, Chief Probation Officer (Todd Keating)</i>	X	<i>Annie Michaels -District Attorney Representative</i>
X	<i>Susan Chapman- Public Defender</i>		<i>-Faith Representative</i>
X	<i>Claudia Link for John M. Phillips, Supervisor-District 2</i>		<i>- Student Representative</i>
X	<i>Angie Ortega -Victim Representative District 1</i>		
X	<i>Deborah Carrillo –Chair, Non-Profit Representative</i>		<i>Wesley Haye – Person with Personal Exp. With Criminal Justice System Representative</i>
	<i>Beatriz Vera-Morga-Victim Representative District 3</i>		<i>Anthony Ivanich -State Corrections Representative</i>
X	<i>Cheryl Ward-Kaiser -Victim Representative District 4</i>	X	<i>Etna Monsalve -Business Representative</i>
X	<i>Kathy Bauer – Victim Representative District 5</i>		<i>James Bass -Local Corrections Representative</i>
	<i>Chief Tina Nieto – Chief Law Enforcement Officers’ Association Representative</i>		<i>-Mayors’ Representative</i>
X	<i>Ronald Dillender -Educators’ Representative</i>		

**Staff:** Elizabeth Crooks, Deputy Probation Officer, RJ Coordinator

**RJP Inc. Staff/Board members:**

Jennie Burciaga, RJP, Inc, Executive Director

**Guests:**

Josephine Cruz, Candidate for Student Representative  
Alec Manas, Field Representative for Assemblyman Mark Stone  
Maria Ruvalcaba, Behavioral Health Specialist

**1. WELCOME:**

- Call to Order at 12:00 PM
- Roll Call (see above)

**2. PUBLIC COMMENT:** NONE

**3. ADOPTION OF MINUTES:** Adoption of minutes from November 18, 2019 (1<sup>st</sup>-Kathy Bauer, 2<sup>nd</sup>-Cheryl Ward-Kaiser)

#### **4. SCHEDULED MATTERS:**

**A. Vacancy Report:** The Student Representative, Faith Representative and District IV positions are open. Cheryl Ward-Kaiser will be now be representing District II, leaving District IV with a victim representative position open.

**B. Commission Member Vote:** Josephine Cruz, Student Representative- all in favor, no oppose.

**C. Exercise option to Terminate B. Vera-Morga's Membership Pursuant to CRJC Bylaws Article X, Section 10.03:** 1<sup>st</sup>-Cherly Ward-Kaiser, 2<sup>nd</sup>-Kathy Baurer, all in favor, no oppose

**C. RJ Functioning Report:** Jennie provided a 2019 Yearend written report and reviewed it. A strategic planning retreat was held on October 17, 2019 to co-draft the organizations next two-three-year strategic plan. Since July 2019, VORP has received a total of 72 referrals. The Chiefs of Probation have recently assembled to begin drafting State Policy titled *Elevate Justice*. RJ in schools has expanded throughout Monterey County, to include a stronger cohort of South County mediators and Countywide District Office representatives. VIP services have been successful implemet3ed at both the Monterey County Jail and the Silver Star Resource Center. Thank you to everyone for the continued support and advocacy.

#### **5. COMMISSION MEMBER ANNOUNCEMENTS:**

1. **Kathy Baurer:** Have a happy and safe holiday! Savor every moment!
2. **Deborah Carrillo:** Have a happy and safe holiday!
3. **Alec Manas:** On January 6, 2020, the Legislature reconvenes.
4. **Cheryl Ward-Kaiser-**It is a privilege to talk with the kids in Juvenile Hall.

#### **6. ADJOURNMENT at 12:50 P.M.:**

Next Meeting January 13, 2020 at 12:00P.M.

Respectfully submitted,  
Elizabeth Crooks

cc: The Honorable Lydia Villareal, Presiding Judge of Superior Court  
The Honorable Stephanie Hulsey, Presiding Judge of Juvenile Court