

County of Santa Cruz



JUVENILE JUSTICE AND DELINQUENCY PREVENTION COMMISSION MINUTES

Thursday, January 12, 2023

5:30 p.m. – 7:00 p.m.

Regular Meeting

Microsoft Teams

I. CALL TO ORDER/ROLL CALL: Meeting called to order at 5:34 p.m.

Present: Athena Reis, Ben Rice, Beverly Brook, Cynthia Druley, David Brody, David Lucio, Deutron Kebebew, Kieran Kelly, Sandra Romero

Excused: Elaine Johnson, Elias Gonzales

Ex Officio: Judge Denine Guy (absent), Sara Ryan

Staff: Gerardo Leon Garcia

II. CONSENT AGENDA: Commissioner Kebebew moved to approve the Consent Agenda (Adopt Resolution for AB361, Approval of Agenda, and Approval of Minutes from December 8, 2022); Commissioner Reis seconded.

Motion Passed

Aye: Reis, Rice, Brook, Druley, Brody, Lucio, Kebebew, Kumar, Kelly, Romero

No: None

Abstain: None

Absent: Johnson, Gonzales

III. PUBLIC COMMUNICATIONS: DJ Pittenger, Chair of the San Luis Obispo Juvenile Justice Commission introduced herself. Angel Garcia, Office of Youth and Community Restoration (OYCR), announced that OYCR will be visiting Santa Cruz County on March 21st. In addition to meeting with probation OYCR will be contacting community partners. Commissioners are invited to attend the community partners meeting. She will advise of the time when the time gets closer. She also advised Debra Lewis is no longer with OYCR.

Judge Vinluan joined the meeting after public communications. He is the incoming Juvenile Court Judge beginning on March 13, 2023.

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- IV. ANNOUNCEMENTS: Commissioners Druley and Brook announced Court Appointed Special Advocates (CASA)'s new Juvenile Justice program which will provide advocates for justice-involved youth. CASA is currently advertising for a Program Manager to develop this program. The job announcement was forwarded to Commissioners and is also posted on Indeed.
- V. MONTHLY STATISTICAL INFORMATION FROM PROBATION/JUVENILE HALL: Division Director Sara Ryan shared there are currently 13 youth in the Juvenil Hall. There were three grievances in December: Mother and father not allowed to visit; a three-week special program and no staff responded to the three-week special program grievance for three days. All grievances were resolved with Division Director Ryan acknowledging and following up with staff regarding addressing grievances promptly. There were 11 room confinements which involved 7 incidents including one youth who was involved in four incidents. Commissioner Brody reviewed grievances.

Commissioner Kumar inquired as to what does 'Special Programming' entail and what is it used to address. Division Director Ryan related that Room Confinement is used when a youth needs a 'time out.' Special Programming is used to address conflict among youth and safety of all youth. Special Programming is reviewed daily. It includes a youth being out when other youth are in their rooms. Staff makes sure the youth has access to all education and physical programs as required by law. However, the evening free time program might be denied. Unstructured time is earned.

All phone calls are free for youth pursuant to the new state law.

Pursuant to AB 2644 - Custodial Interrogation, Division Directors Flores and Ryan, and Public Defender Rogers are working to comply with the Public Defender's Office being notified within two hours of a youth's arrest.

Division Director Ryan shared how Juvenile Hall was weathering the storms. There are buckets and tarps, and the kitchen and Unit A classroom have flooded. Currently the youth are eating in the day room and Unit A's school is being held in the day room as well. There are no in-person visits until the dining area is okay. General Services has inspected these 'temporary measures', as has the Office of Environmental Health and both agreed the Hall is doing what they can and there is no direct harm to the youth. Division Director Ryan emphasized that the Hall is old and needs a number of repairs and hopefully the renovations will address some of these issues. There was a day when they thought they might have to evacuate but it wasn't necessary. Commissioner Lucio inquired about what are the evacuation plans specifically. Division Director Ryan related that they have a contract with Santa Clara County Juvenile Hall to evacuate there; however, Plan B would be to contact other neighboring counties if need be.

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Division Director Ryan shared that the Assistant Division Director of Juvenile Hall is an open position as Hugo Calderon is now in the Adult Division. Jose Flores is her peer as Division Director of the Juvenile Division and Jimmy Cook is the Assistant Division Director.

- VI. GUEST AGENCY: Jasmine Najera and Adriana Mata from Pajaro Prevention and Student Assistance (PVPSA). Please refer to the attached PowerPoint for details of their presentation.

Ms. Najera encouraged Commissioners to visit their three sites: 335 East Lake, 411 East Lake, and 240 E. Lake in Watsonville. She hopes to work collaboratively with the Commission to improve outcomes for all of our youth.

Commissioner Romero inquired about translators for Mixteco-speaking families. Ms. Mata shared they have a contract with a translator who Commissioner Romero could use.

Commissioner Lucio inquired about clinicians as Sonoma County Juvenile Hall currently only has one on staff. Ms. Najera indicated that there is a lack of clinicians to hire. She shared that they provide supervision for clinician interns which is why they are able to provide the services they do. However, they could use more clinicians as well.

Ms. Najera stated that there are waiting lists of children/youth need services. There is a lack of mental health services capacity at their agency and others across the county as it is very hard to hire licensed clinicians. That said, she said that there is great work being done within the community, but many of them are working in "silos".

They invited all Commissions to visit their facility and/or contact them for additional questions. Ms. Najera's contact information is: jasmine.najera@pvpsa.org.

- VII. ACTION ITEMS:

1. Report from the SB190/823 subcommittee on their visit to the Sonoma Secure Treatment Facility that holds youth from Santa Cruz: **ITEM TABLED**

- VIII. INFORMATION ITEMS: None

- IX. SUB-COMMITTEE UPDATES:

1. Steering/Outreach: Commissioner Romero reported that they met on 12/27/22 and recommended having sub-committees submit brief reports prior to Commission meetings; having guest speakers every other meeting and to meet in person in February.

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2. Juvenile Hall Inspection: Commissioner Druley reported that the Inspection Report was not submitted to the Board of Supervisor (BOS) except as correspondence. Probation will submit the Inspection Report along with the Department's response as an agenda item. Probation is aiming for a March BOS meeting. Commissioner Druley will advise when it is on the BOS calendar.
3. SB190/SB823: Commissioners Druley, Lucio, and Brook provided a brief overview of their tour of the Secure Treatment facility in Sonoma and meeting with our three youth housed there. As a follow-up to their visit they met with Chief Fernando Giraldo, Division Director Jose Flores, Supervising Probation Officer Belle Perez, and Deputy Probation Officer Javier Diaz and shared their observations.

Key issues discussed with them and in this meeting were: lack of mental health supports, the distance to Sonoma and subsequent difficulties with family visits, lack of vocational and other programs, and the youth's expectations surrounding them. It was reported that Chief Giraldo had indicated that Behavioral Health could contact Sonoma about offering interim mental health services by Zoom if they have the capacity to do so.

Commissioner Lucio will submit the report prior to the February meeting.

4. Delinquency Prevention: Commissioner Kebebew reported that they scheduled two meetings but were only able to meet once. They plan to contact the San Luis Obispo Juvenile Justice Commission to inquire how they are addressing prevention. He also indicated he would like someone from PVPASA and Pajaro Valley Unified School District (PVUSD) to attend their sub-committee meetings.
 5. By-Laws: Commissioner Rice reported that the Commission will discuss and finalize the Responsibilities/Duties of the Commission in the February meeting. Commission Rice will be out of town, so we will try to determine how to bring him in via technology. If not in attendance in person, he will not be able to vote on any action items.
- X. ADJOURNMENT: Meeting adjourned at 7:08 p.m.

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JUVENILE JUSTICE AND DELINQUENCY PREVENTION COMMISSION

JUVENILE JUSTICE DELINQUENCY PREVENTION COMMISSION'S FINDINGS PURSUANT TO ASSEMBLY BILL 361 AUTHORIZING TELECONFERENCE MEETINGS AS A RESULT OF THE CONTINUING COVID-19 PANDEMIC STATE OF EMERGENCY AND HEALTH OFFICER RECOMMENDATION FOR SOCIAL DISTANCING

WHEREAS, Juvenile Justice Delinquency Prevention Commission is a legislative body under the Brown Act as defined under Cal. Gov. Code section 54952(b) and Santa Cruz County Code Section 2.38.110; and

WHEREAS, on September 16, 2021, Governor Newsom signed Assembly Bill 361 ("AB 361"), urgency legislation effective immediately, that amended Government Code section 54953 to permit legislative bodies subject to the Brown Act to continue to meet under modified teleconferencing rules provided that they comply with specific requirements set forth in the statute; and,

WHEREAS, pursuant to AB 361 and Cal. Gov. Code section 54953(e)(1)(A), a legislative body may meet under the modified teleconferencing rules during a proclaimed state of emergency, and where local officials have imposed or recommended measures to promote social distancing; and

WHEREAS, on March 4, 2020, Governor Newsom issued a Proclamation of State of Emergency in response to the COVID-19 pandemic, and which remains in effect; and

WHEREAS, on September 30, 2021, Santa Cruz County Public Health Officer Dr. Gail Newel strongly recommended that legislative bodies in Santa Cruz County continue to engage in physical/social distancing by meeting via teleconference as allowed by AB 361 and confirmed that she will regularly review and reconsider this recommendation and notify the public when it is no longer recommended; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to AB 361 and Cal. Gov. Code section 54953(e)(3), within 30 days of the date the legislative body first holding a teleconferenced meeting under the modified rules, and every 30 days thereafter, a legislative body can continue to hold such teleconference meetings provided it has reconsidered the circumstances of the state of emergency and determined either that the state of emergency continues to directly impact

the ability of the members to meet safely in person or that local officials continue to recommend measures to promote social distancing; and

WHEREAS, on December 8, 2022, Juvenile Justice Delinquency Prevention Commission, held a subsequent teleconference meeting under AB 361; and

WHEREAS, this Juvenile Justice Delinquency Prevention Commission has reconsidered the circumstances of the current state of emergency and finds that the COVID-19 pandemic continues to directly impact the ability of members of the public to participate safely in person and further finds that the Santa Cruz County Public Health Officer continues to recommend measures to promote social distancing; and

WHEREAS, in the interest of public health and safety, and due to the emergency caused by the spread of COVID-19, the Juvenile Justice Delinquency Prevention Commission deems it necessary to utilize the modified teleconferencing rules set forth in AB 361;

NOW, THEREFORE, the Juvenile Justice Delinquency Prevention Commission makes the following findings by a majority vote:

Section 1. The foregoing recitals are true and correct, and adopted as findings of the Juvenile Justice Delinquency Prevention Commission.

Section 2. Effective immediately, and for the next 30 days, the Juvenile Justice Delinquency Prevention Commission will meet via teleconference as authorized under AB 361 and Government Code section 54953(e)(3).

Section 3. No later than thirty (30) days from making today's findings, or at the next scheduled meeting, the Commission will reconsider the circumstances of the COVID-19 state of emergency and, if necessary, adopt subsequent findings to continue holding teleconference meetings in accordance with Government Code section 54953(e)(3).

PASSED AND ADOPTED by the Juvenile Justice Delinquency Prevention Commission in Santa Cruz, State of California, this 12 day of January, 2023, by the following vote:

AYES: 10

NOES: 0

ABSENT: 2

ABSTAIN: 0

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2/3/2023

Cynthia Druley, Chair
Juvenile Justice Delinquency Prevention
Commission

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ATTEST:

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Gerardo Leon-Garcia /6/2023
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Commission Secretary

Approved as to Form:

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JUVENILE JUSTICE AND DELINQUENCY PREVENTION COMMISSION AGENDA

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- I. CALL TO ORDER/ROLL CALL
- II. CONSENT AGENDA:
Adopt Resolution for AB361
Approval of Agenda
Approval of Minutes from December 8, 2022
- III. PUBLIC COMMUNICATIONS: Any member of the public will be allowed a maximum of 3 minutes each to address the Commission on any item listed on today's Agenda and/or any other topic within the scope of the responsibility of the Commission. If the issue or matter is not listed on today's agenda, Commissioners will not take actions or respond immediately to any public comment, but may follow up later, either individually or at a subsequent meeting.
- IV. ANNOUNCEMENTS (Including items via email on file)

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(Accept and File)
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2. Juvenile Hall Inspection: Druley – Chair, Kebebew, Kelly, Lucio, Reis
3. SB190/SB823: Lucio – Chair, Brook, Gonzales, Kumar, Romero
4. Delinquency Prevention: Kebebew – Chair, Brody, Gonzales, Johnson, Reis
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AYES:

NOES:

ABSENT:

ABSTAIN:

Cynthia Druley, Chair
Juvenile Justice Delinquency Prevention
Commission

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ATTEST: _____
Commission Secretary

Approved as to Form:

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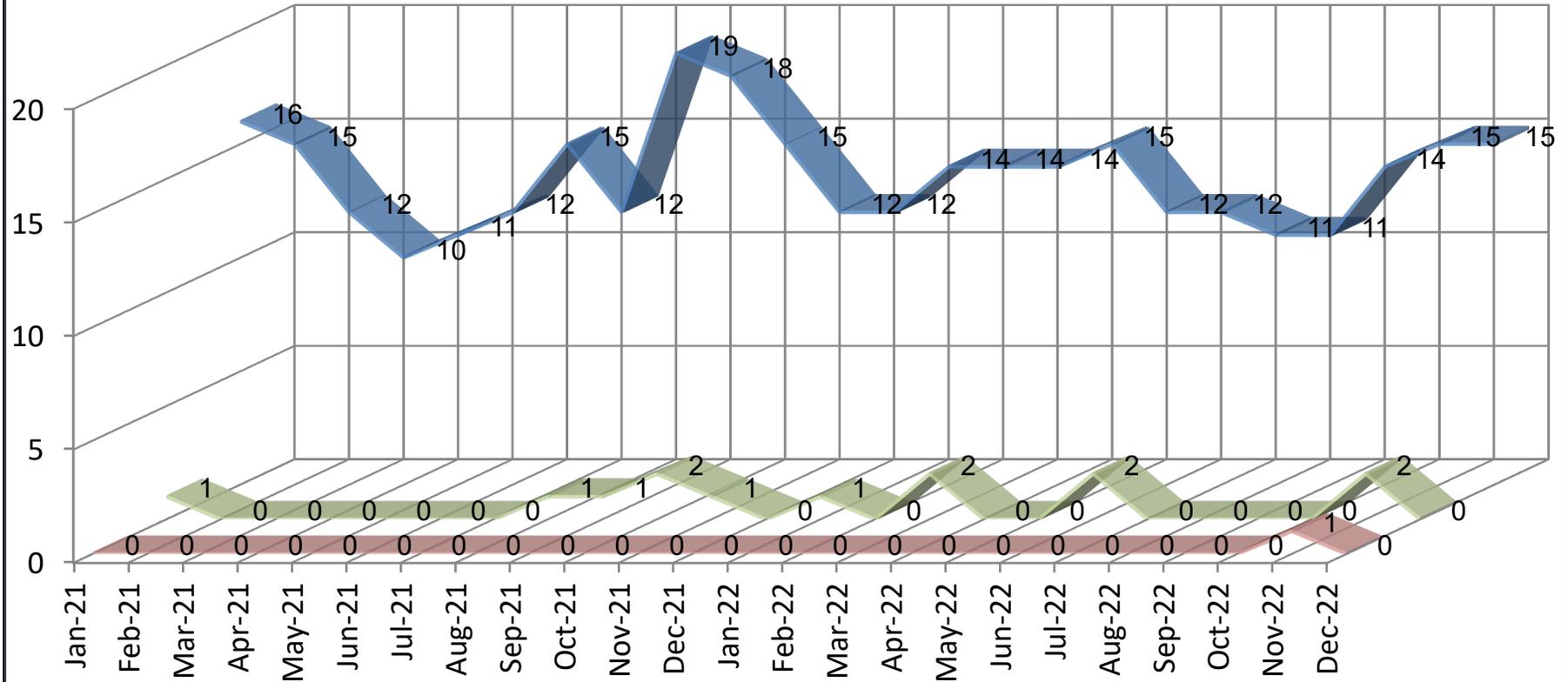
There were no firearm related bookings in December.

Youth on probation by area of residence:

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1	93722 Total
1	93906 Total
1	93907 Total
1	94602 Total
5	95003 Total
1	95004 Total
2	95005 Total
3	95006 Total
1	95007 Total
3	95010 Total
3	95018 Total
2	95019 Total
1	95041 Total
8	95060 Total
9	95062 Total
5	95065 Total
4	95066 Total
2	95073 Total
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128	Grand Total

Santa Cruz County Juvenile Hall Physical Altercations: Overview

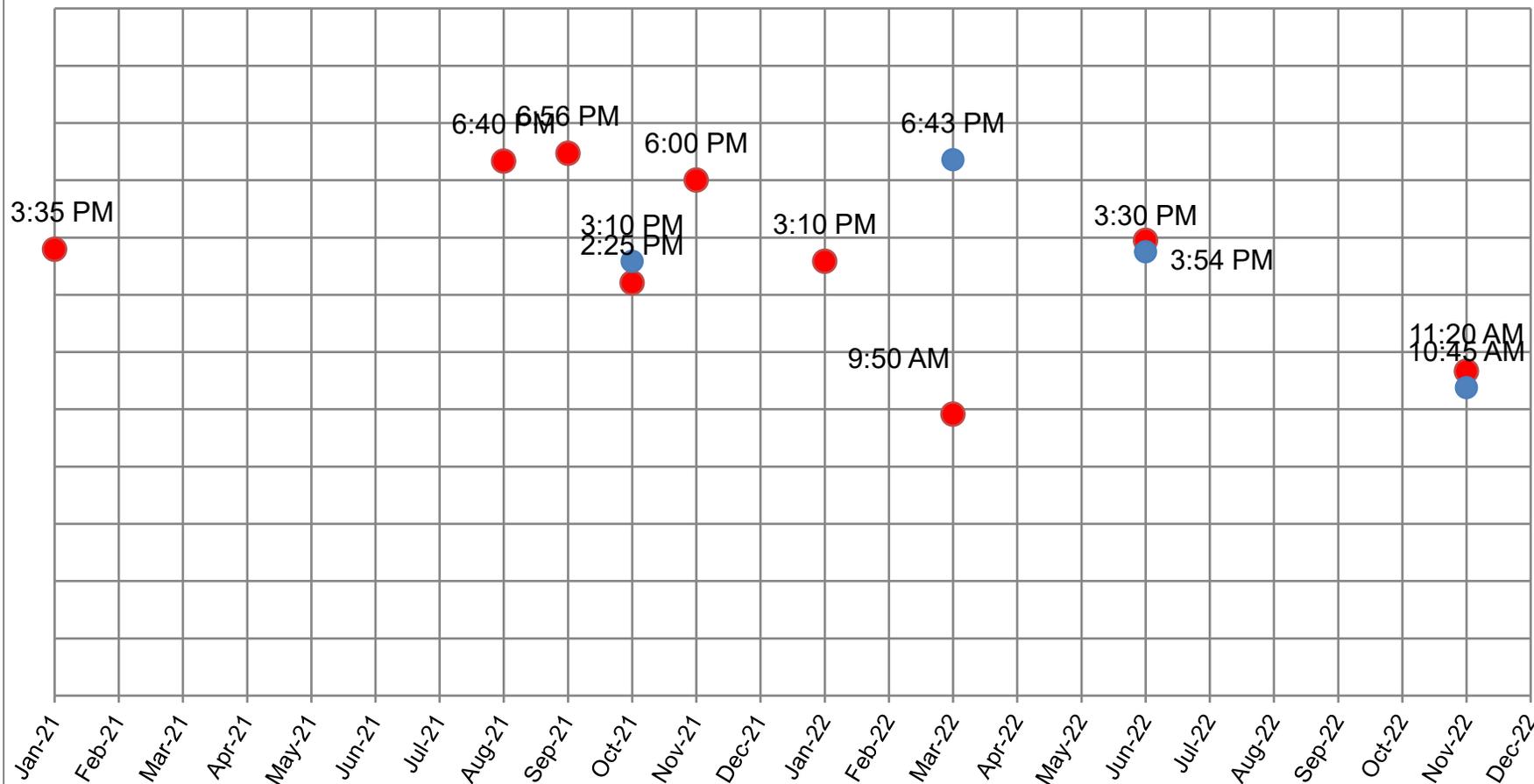
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 ■ # Altercations
 ■ ADP



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Santa Cruz County Juvenile Hall Physical Altercations: Time of Day

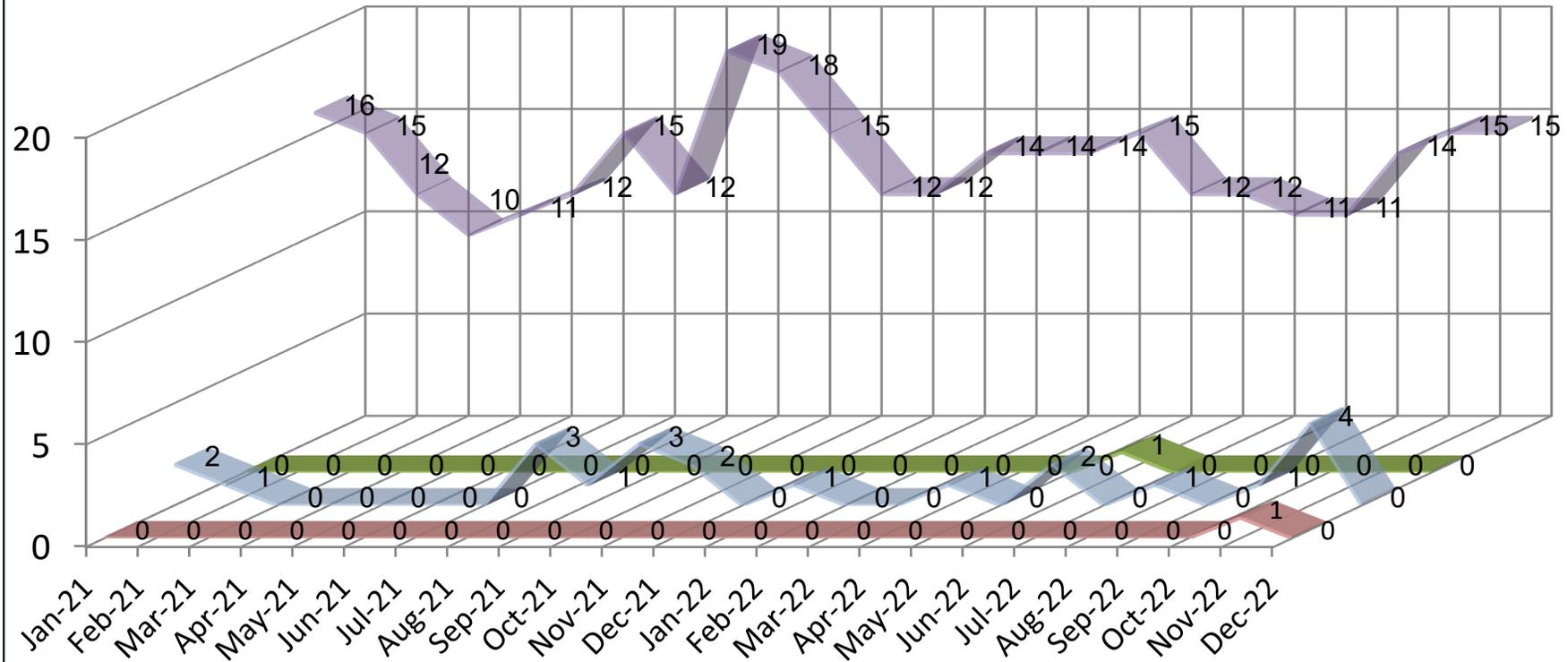
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- ▲ Time of 3rd Altercation



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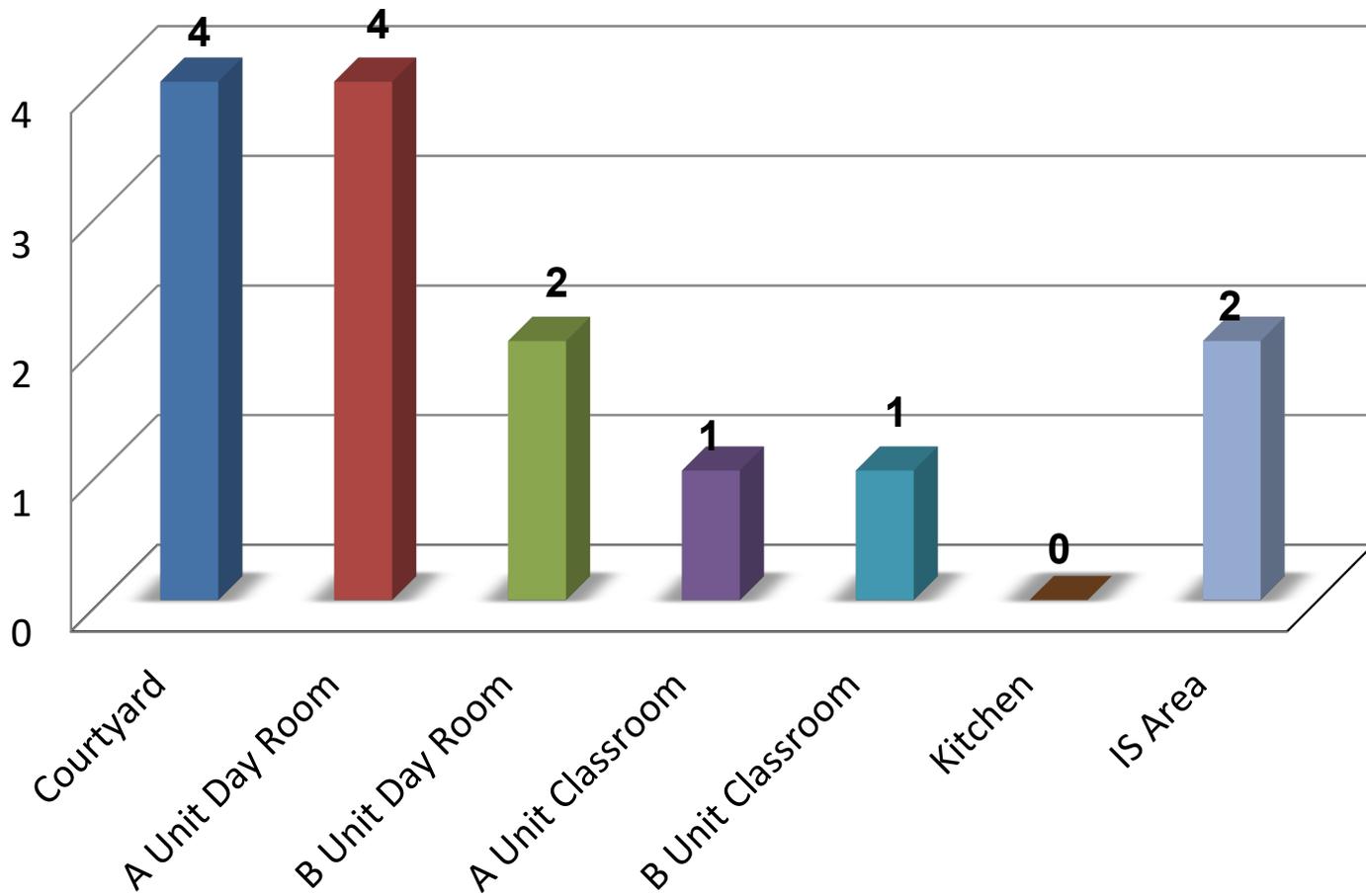
Santa Cruz County Juvenile Hall Use of Force: Overview

■ Injuries to Minors
 ■ # Control Holds
 ■ Injuries to Staff
 ■ ADP



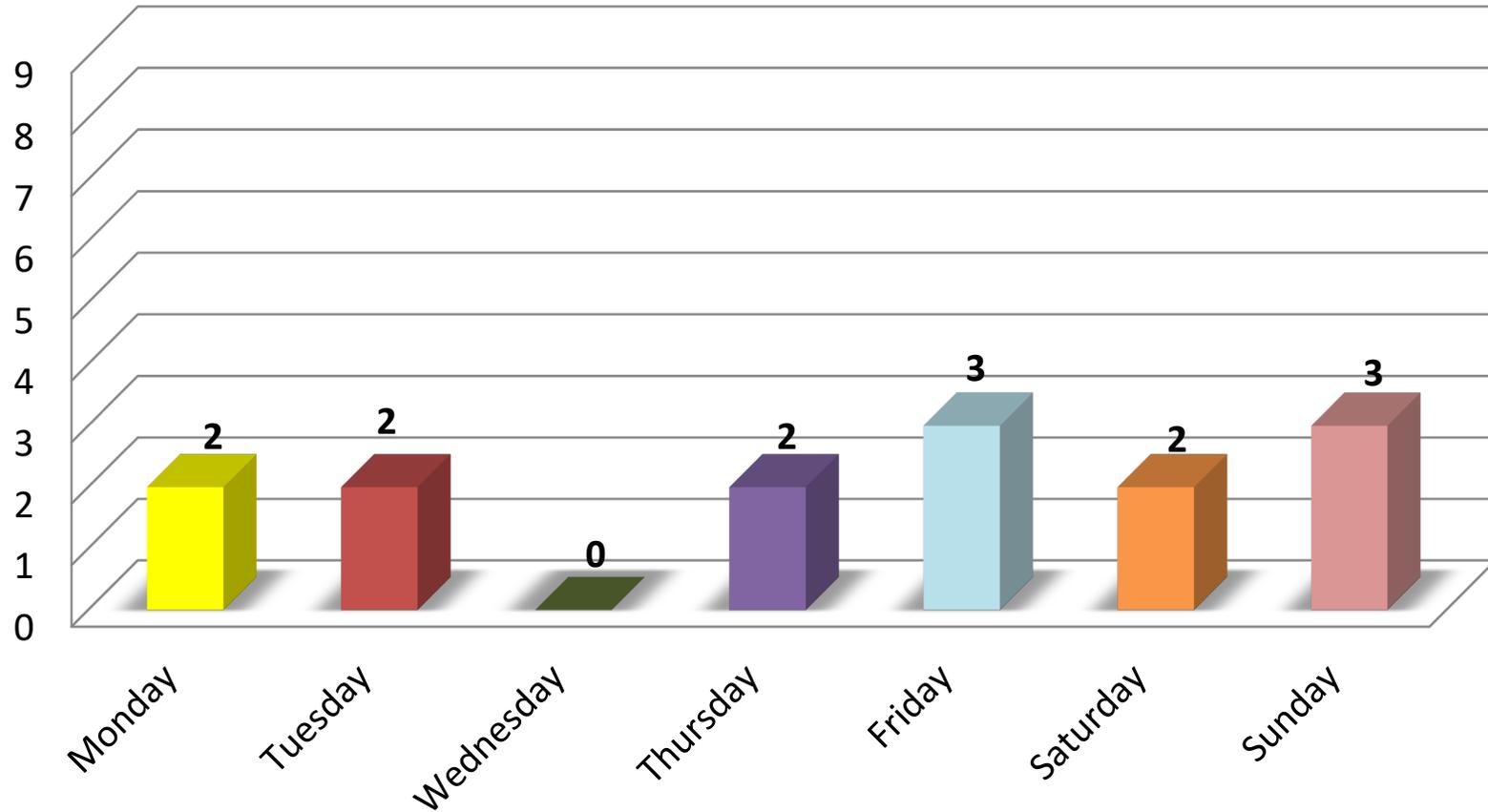
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Santa Cruz County Juvenile Hall Physical Altercations: Location



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Santa Cruz County Juvenile Hall Physical Altercations: Day of the Week

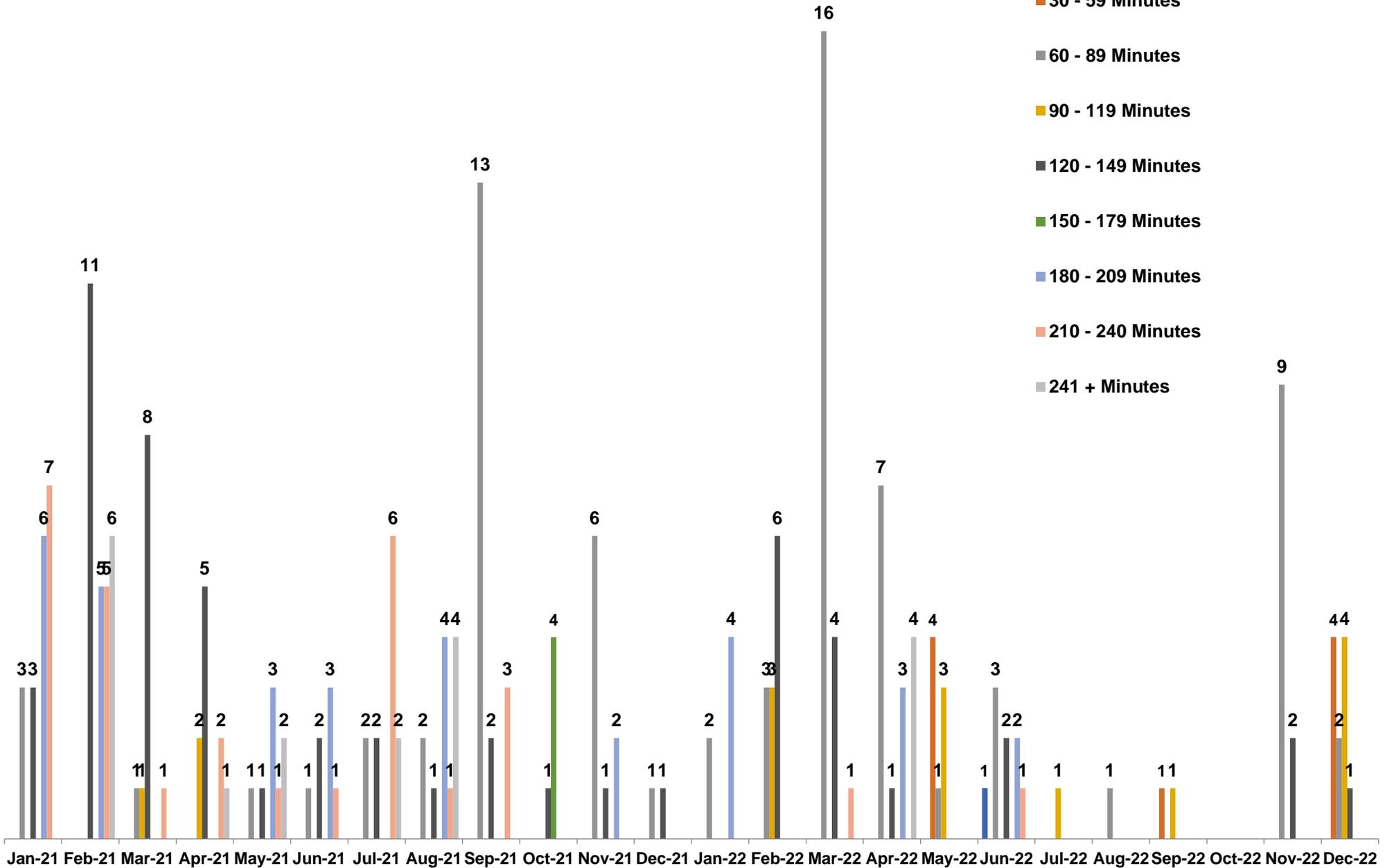


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Santa Cruz County Juvenile Hall Room Confinement by Minute

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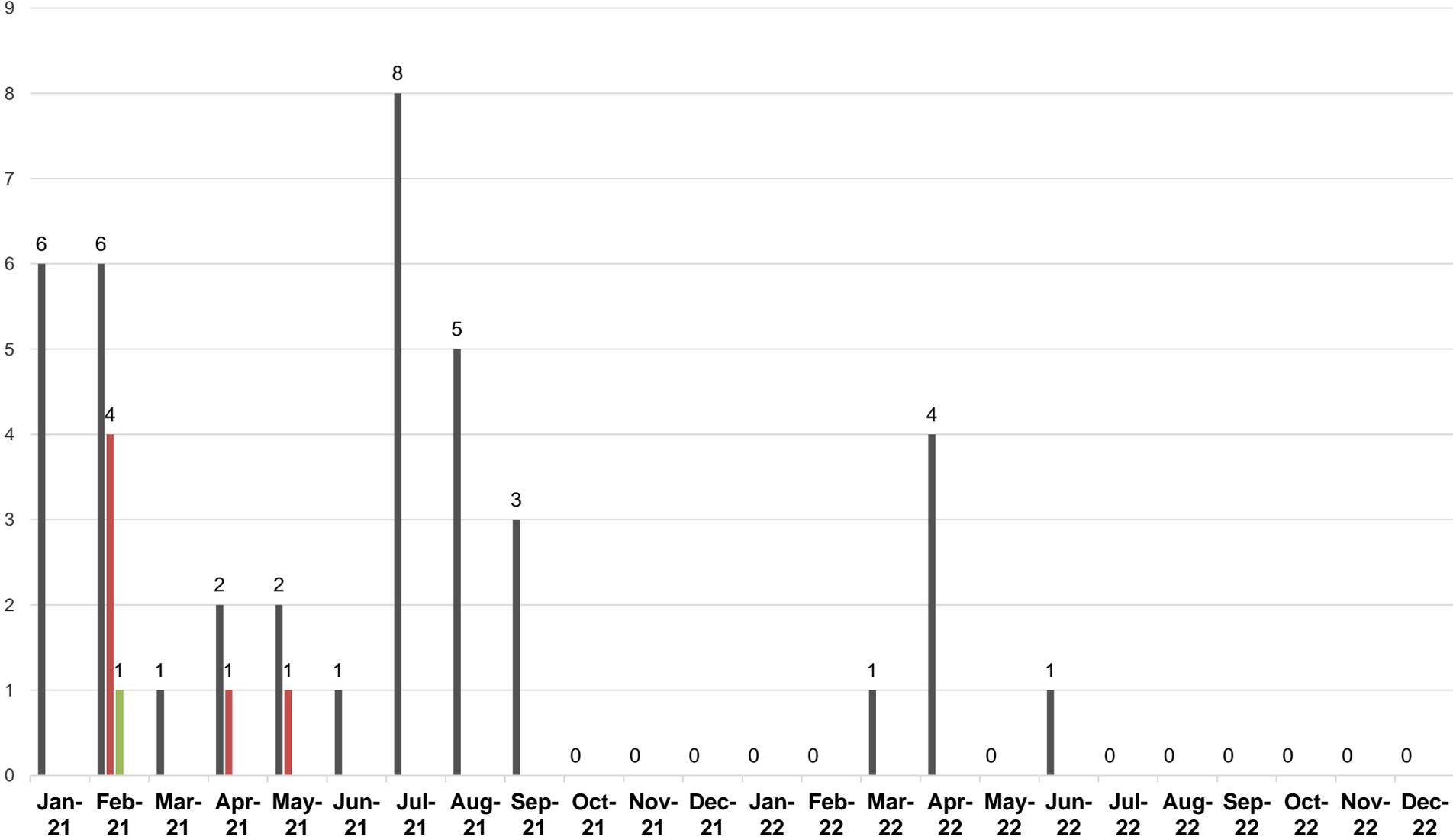
- 0 - 29 Minutes
- 30 - 59 Minutes
- 60 - 89 Minutes
- 90 - 119 Minutes
- 120 - 149 Minutes
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- 180 - 209 Minutes
- 210 - 240 Minutes
- 241 + Minutes

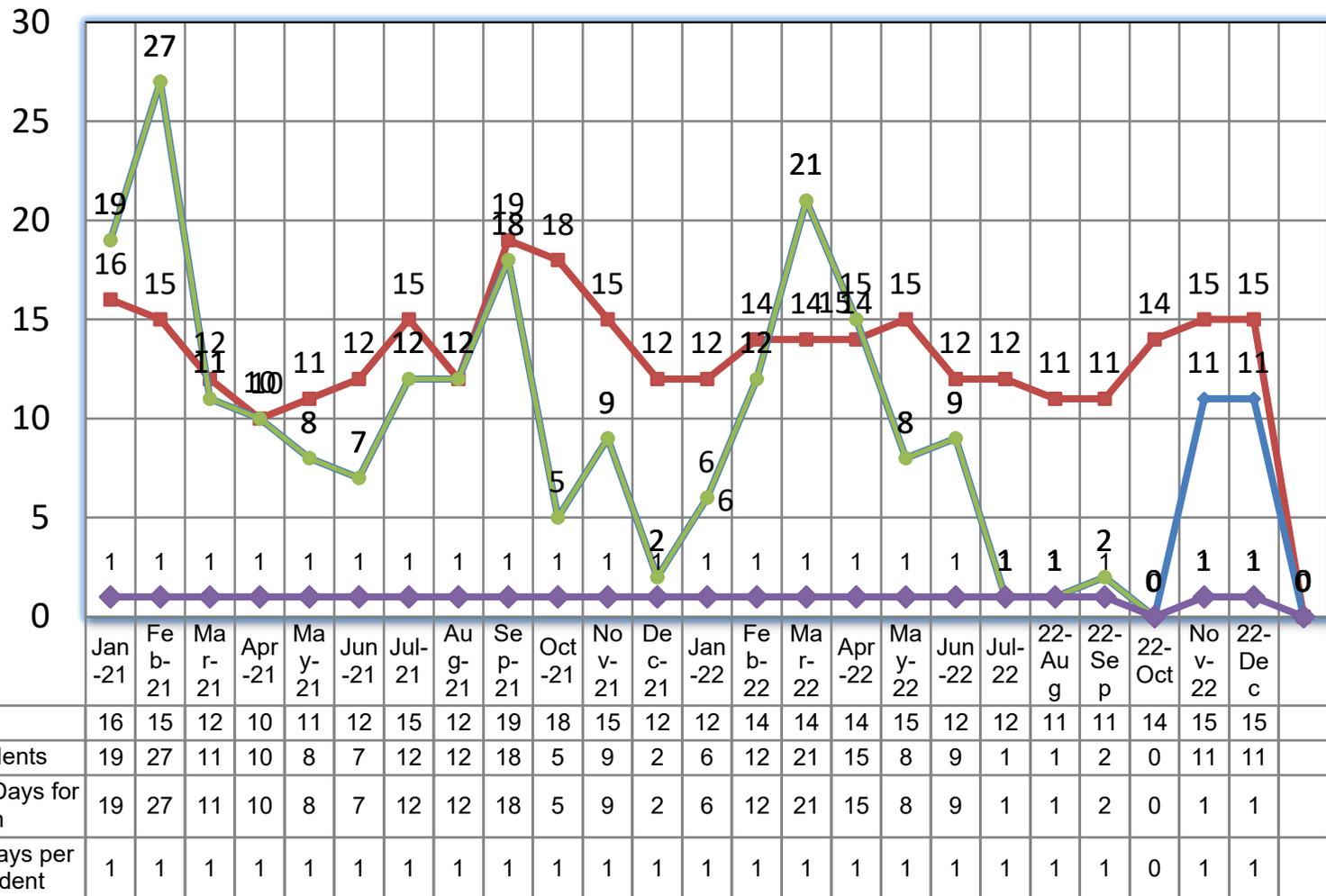


Santa Cruz County Juvenile Hall Room Confinement over 4 Hours

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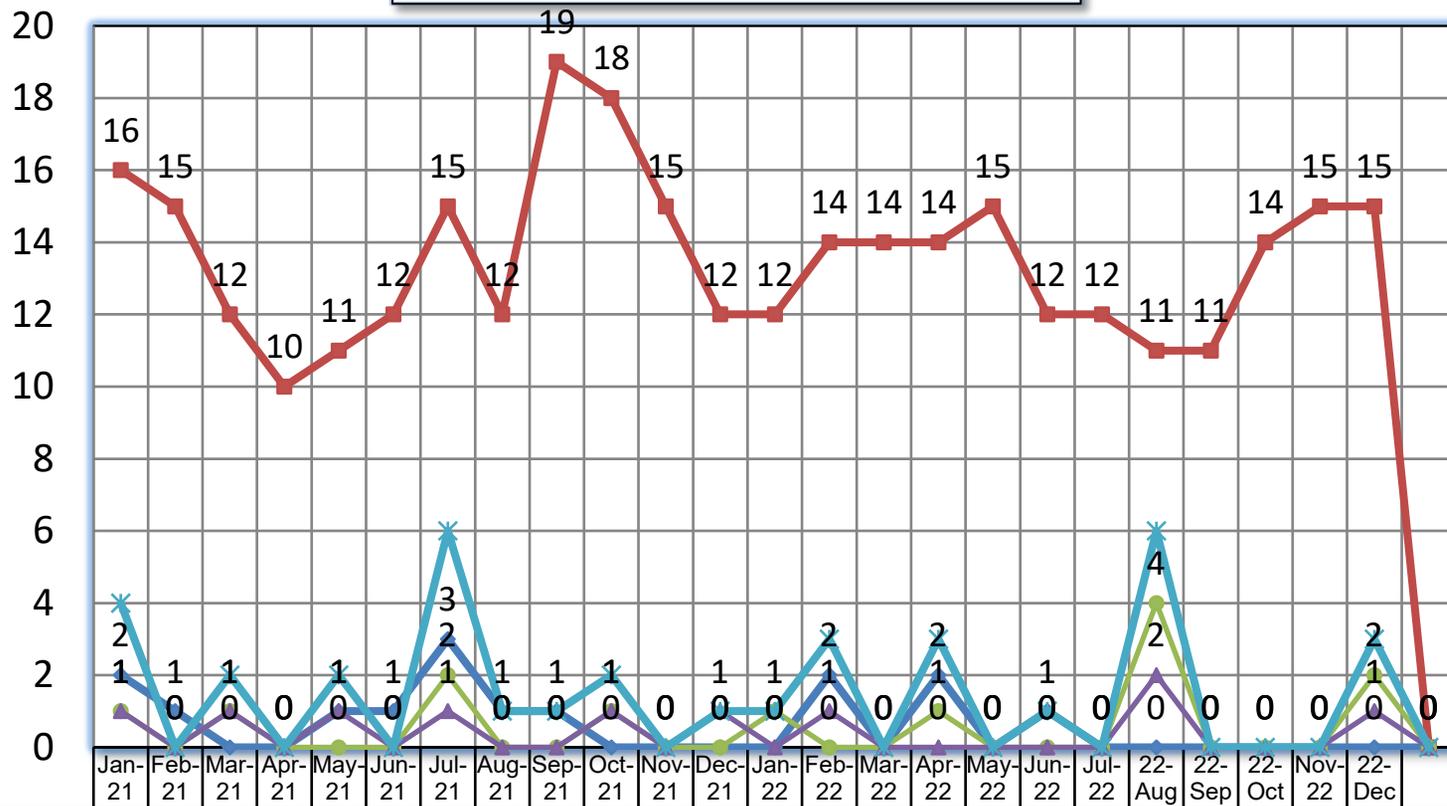
4 - 5 Hours
 6 - 7 Hours
 8 - 9 Hours
 10 - 11 Hours
 12 Hours





Santa Cruz County Juvenile Hall
 Room Confinement: Overview
 January 2021 - December 2022

Santa Cruz County Juvenile Hall Grievances: Overview



	Jan-21	Feb-21	Mar-21	Apr-21	May-21	Jun-21	Jul-21	Aug-21	Sep-21	Oct-21	Nov-21	Dec-21	Jan-22	Feb-22	Mar-22	Apr-22	May-22	Jun-22	Jul-22	22-Aug	22-Sep	22-Oct	Nov-22	22-Dec
ADP	16	15	12	10	11	12	15	12	19	18	15	12	12	14	14	14	15	12	12	11	11	14	15	15
Conditions	2	1	0	0	1	1	3	1	1	0	0	0	0	2	0	2	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0
Discipline	1	0	1	0	0	0	2	0	0	1	0	0	1	0	0	1	0	0	0	4	0	0	0	2
Staff/Policies	1	0	1	0	1	0	1	0	0	1	0	1	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	2	0	0	0	1
Total # Grievances	4	0	2	0	2	0	6	1	1	2	0	1	1	3	0	3	0	1	0	6	0	0	0	3

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Pajaro Valley Prevention and Student Assistance, Inc

Improve the quality of life for children, youth and families by providing mental health, substance use and prevention services. We advocate for public policies that protect and advance the health and wellbeing of the community.

Our Motto: Together, We Change Lives



Our Mission



Our History

- ▶ Founded in 1989
- ▶ Dedicated Non-Profit to PVUSD: Student focused
- ▶ Early work focused on gang intervention and substance use
- ▶ Expansion to community focus in the mid 1990s
- ▶ Clinical Training and Internships for MSW/MFT students

Our Framework



Socio-Ecological Model

At PVPSA, We recognize that behavioral health of individuals is not separate or isolated from other dimensions of their overall well-being.

Our Services & Programs

Individual and Interpersonal Services

- ▶ Behavioral Health Services
 - ▶ Mental Health and Substance Use
 - ▶ School based/Community based
 - ▶ First 5 Monterey County Partnership: Pediatric mental health (0-5 years old)
 - ▶ Trauma Informed Multi-Disciplinary Critical Incident Response Team (MDT)
- ▶ Restorative Justice Services
 - ▶ Watsonville Police Department/ Probation
- ▶ Substance Use Education Services
- ▶ Parenting Education
- ▶ Youth Leadership Development

Organizational and Community Efforts

- ▶ Collaboration *is* Health and Wellness Work
 - ▶ Community Prevention Partners
 - ▶ COVID Response VIDA Project
 - ▶ Healthy Start Collaborative
 - ▶ South County COVID Triage Group
 - ▶ Migrant Education Association



Our Services & Programs

Public Policy Efforts

- ▶ Youth Reclaiming Voice and Power
 - ▶ Limit access to alcohol and cannabis; equity focus
- ▶ Community Prevention Partners
- ▶ Promotoras de Salud (CHW's)
- ▶ Empower Watsonville Youth



Other Services

- ▶ Practicum site
 - ▶ Partner with colleges and universities
 - ▶ 15-20 interns per year
- ▶ Migrant Education
- ▶ Youth Paid Internships (20-35 per year)
- ▶ Training for teachers, staff

Our friendly bilingual staff will assist you at any of our three locations:

**MAYOU FAMILY
COUNSELING CENTER**
411 East Lake Avenue, Watsonville



**ADMINISTRATION
BUILDING**
335 East Lake Avenue, Watsonville



**PREVENTION & RESTORATIVE
JUSTICE CENTER**
240 East Lake Avenue, Watsonville



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What do youth need?

- Meaningful Relationships & Opportunities to Engage in Community
- Meaningful social activities & employment opportunities
- Adult mentorship & Support
- Mental Health Resources
- Housing & Food: these basic needs are often a common theme we hear from youth

Any Questions?

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