



**Juvenile Justice Commission
& Delinquency Prevention Commission**

Joint Meeting – December 16, 2025, 5:15 p.m.

I. Preliminary Business

a. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 5:15pm by Commissioner Johanna Rasmussen (Chair).

b. Translation Services

Spanish translation services were available for meeting participants on Zoom

c. Roll Call and Establish Quorum

Commissioners present:

- Johanna Rasmussen, Chair
- Whitney Genevro
- Trena Patton
- Jennifer Blanco
- Paul Bocanegra
- Celina Chen (arrived at 5:21pm)
- Shakeel Ali
- Karin Huber-Levy
- Enya Yuan

Commissioners Absent:

- Niklas Klemmer
- Asteris Ling
- Jiya Venkatesh

A quorum was established.

d. Agenda Review and Approval

The agenda was reviewed and approved as distributed.

e. Recognition of Commissioner Karin Huber-Levy

The Commission recognized Commissioner Karin Huber-Levy for her service and contributions to the Commission.



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II. Oral Communications – Public Comment

Elliot Gan, Clinical Psychologist & Executive Director of Today's Future Sound, provided comment regarding:

- Integration of arts, STEAM, media literacy, and music production into daytime education programming at Hillcrest.
- Questions about credit-bearing opportunities and intersession programs.
- Advocacy for access to creative learning modalities to support academic engagement.
- Observations about Camp Glenwood's closure and its value as a grounding facility for youth.

III. System Partner Updates

a. Private Defender / Youth Legal Services – Ron Reyes

- Activity (past four weeks; some technical limitations):
 - 16 total cases
 - 8 detentions (2 involving 707(b) allegations)
 - 5 out-of-custody arraignments (1 involving 707(b) allegation)
 - 15 police calls to the Miranda hotline
 - 6 involved youth ages 16–17, 2 involved youth age 14 and under
 - Remaining calls pending tracking; no statements were given

Discussion:

- Timing of counsel assignment, Miranda compliance (SB 203), youth making spontaneous statements, police station processing.
- Holistic defense model and parent engagement.
- Commissioners thanked Mr. Reyes for the update and explanation of procedures.

b. District Attorney – Nadia Han

- Reporting period November 19 – December 16:
 - 12 cases filed (5 felony, 6 misdemeanor, 1 infraction)
 - 13 cases reviewed and rejected for charging
- Noted the reporting period was relatively slow.



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c. County Office of Education – Sarah Notch

- 20 youth served at Hillcrest School
 - 1 8th grader
 - 6 10th graders
 - 8 11th graders
 - 5 12th graders
- Nearly all enrolled in CTE Exploring STEM Careers Master Class. A 3-week course that provides 6 academic credits
- Upcoming CTE Work Expo with families invited.
- Round 8 Career Technical Education Grant awarded (partnership with South San Francisco USD).

Follow-ups committed:

- IEP data for Hillcrest students
- Detailed grant information: amounts and activities

d. Probation Department

Chief John Keene

- Law enforcement interactions across 24 cities plus out-of-county cases.
- Explanation of new countywide RFP and procurement requirements.
- Discussion of AB 1367, establishing a 12-month probation cap; questions regarding retroactivity.
- Thanked Vice Chair Huber-Levy for collaboration and service.

Institutions and Juvenile Services Division:

Monthly data read into the record by Chair Rasmussen: Superintendent Ivone Bustos and Assistant Chief Becky Powers were not in attendance.

Probation cases:

- 337 active probation cases
- 21 youth on diversion
- 98 youth court going through court process
- 218 youth on supervision

Gender:

- 78 female
- 258 male
- 1 non-binary



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e. Behavioral Health & Recovery Services – Martha Cervantes

- Introduced as the new BHRS Unit Supervisor
- BHRS is active hiring: Employment officers extended to: 1 AOD case manager; 2 clinician offers are anticipated
- There is currently one Mental Health Clinician serving all youth at Juvenile Hall and SYTF facilities.
- BHRS On-duty “crisis” line for juvenile hall/SYTF available to staff.

Commissioner Discussion:

- Youth report mental health therapy sessions were reduced to weekly or bi-weekly 20 minute sessions due to lack of staffing.
- All family therapy is on hold due to lack of BHRS staffing
- Institutional records document an ongoing pattern of inadequate response from the BHRS on-duty line.
- Commissioners acknowledged BHRS’ recent hiring efforts and emphasized the urgent need to ensure consistent, accessible mental health and therapeutic services for all incarcerated youth.
- Prevention in Action Conference:
 - The conference will host more than 200 educators, school district staff, mental health professionals, justice partners, county employees, policymakers, state and local elected officials, and community-based organizations.
 - More than 30 organizations will participate as tabling partners to highlight programs and services.
 - Behavioral Health and Recovery Services leadership confirmed their willingness to participate.

f. Fresh Lifelines for Youth (FLY)

Reentry Program Update: Adriana, Reentry Case Manager

- Current Clients: 23
- Hiring one additional case manager
- Reentry Law Related Education (LRE) began in October: 13-week course covering Miranda rights, property damage, substance abuse, sealing records, independent living skills. Meets on Wednesday 4:00–7:00 p.m.



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Demographics:

- 222 Hispanic
- 37 Black
- 29 White
- 19 Native Hawaiian /Pacific Islander
- 15 Asian,
- 15 Unknown

Regional distribution:

- North County: 76,
- Mid County: 86
- South County: 110
- Coast 26
- Out of county 39

Institutions

Juvenile Hall snapshot:

- 29 Youth in custody
 - 20 predisposition
 - 9 post-disposition
 - Average Length of Stay: 21 days

Secure Youth Treatment Facility: Secure Track

- Population: 9 youth
 - 8 housed in SYTF
 - 1 housed at Maguire County Jail

Electronic Monitoring Program–EMP

- 13 youth in program
- 9 referrals pending
- 3 Successful completions
- Average length of program participation: 32 days

Continuous Alcohol Monitoring –CAM Device

- 5 Referrals



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- LRE Program participants receive completion certificates. Commission will be invited to future completion ceremonies.
- Youth participated in a 49ers Foundation event in November
- FLY will be launching bi-monthly progress reports/updates for probation officers beginning in January 2026.

FLY In-Custody (REPS) Program – Tati Castaneda

- 10 youth enrolled (8 Secure Track, 2 non-Secure Track)
- Case management hours:
 - Nov: 1,667.95;
 - Oct–Dec to date: 240.85
- Key programming: Restorative Justice workshops, Success Stories workshops
- 4 in CTE internships;
- Commissioners commended innovation, consistency, depth of engagement.

FLY StayFly Program (Ages 18–25) – Carlos Castaneda

- Caseload: 11 youth (10 male, 1 female)
- Current Number of Youth on the Waiting List: 7
- Youth receive One-on-one case management; legal, educational, employment, personal goal support
- 3 youth preparing to graduate HS; 2 transitioning out exploring social work careers
- Housing instability noted as primary challenge

IV. Public Comment

- Becca Kieier, Co-Founder In Our Care requested youth demographic data further disaggregated for unincorporated areas (North Fair Oaks).

V. 2025 Annual Inspection Reports:

- a. Education: Hillcrest School & SYTF Educational Evaluation – Vice Chair Huber-Levy
 - Annual inspection September 2025; four commissioners participated.
 - Observed classrooms, met students and leadership.



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Evaluation Overview:

- Hillcrest School: K–12, fully accredited, serving detained youth.
- 20 students enrolled, all high school; 18 IEPs (89%), 1 504 plan
- Leadership: Principal Freedom Cam, Assistant Principal Jason Arinus
- Focus on trauma-informed, relationship-centered education

Staffing Challenges:

- Multiple resignations; hiring underway; data specialist position filled

Compliance Review:

- External review (Santa Cruz COE/OYCR) – no deficiencies noted

Student Experience & Survey Findings:

- 50% reported no new learning
- 61% teachers sometimes/rarely explained concepts clearly
- 64% behind on HS credits
- 100% no access to classroom technology

Educational Recommendations:

- Differentiate short-term vs. long-term student instruction
- Increase teacher-led instruction, small-group learning, foundational skill support
- Clarify instructional time, core competencies, special education services, intake procedures, decision-making authority, family engagement, assessment metrics, and postsecondary pathways

Postsecondary Education Barriers:

- Limited technology access, shared spaces, Internet restrictions, staff shortages, disciplinary impacts

Career Technical Education (CTE):

- Master classes, construction programs, 15-day intensive programs, credentialed teachers
- Recommendation: clarify funding responsibility, consistent staffing/materials, hire dedicated teachers



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- b. Camp Glenwood:
 - Closed 2019; leased to CalFire (\$25,000/month), funds to County General Fund; unavailable for youth
- c. Camp Kemp:
 - Report submitted at distributed without presentation.
- d. Motions and Votes:
 - Educational Evaluation Reports for Hillcrest and SYTF, Camp Kemp and Camp Glenwood reports approved unanimously.

VI. 2026 Officer Elections

- Chair: Commissioner Johanna Rasmussen
- Vice Chair (Administration): Commissioner Trena Patton
- Vice Chair (Membership): Commissioner Jennifer Blanco

All nominations approved by unanimous roll call vote.

VII. JJDPC Presentation to the Board of Supervisors – Update

- Commission leadership presented to the Board; received strong engagement and commitments for follow-up, including planned study session at Juvenile Hall.
- Commissioners praised presentation and suggested annual Board updates.

VIII. Announcements

- January meeting: set 2026 meeting schedule, receive annual report, and review operating policies.
- Commissioners to receive statewide needs assessment survey from OYCR
- Appreciation expressed for holiday gift bag contributions for incarcerated youth at juvenile hall and SYTF

IX. Adjournment

- Meeting adjourned at approximately 7:21pm