

Minutes of the Juvenile Justice & Delinquency Prevention Commission
February 23, 2020
5:15-7:15 pm
455 County Center, 4th Floor, Room 405, Redwood City

MINUTES

Commissioners Present: Co-Chair, Toni Barrack, Co-Chair Debora Telleria; Co-Vice Chair Sonoo Thadaney; Susan Swope; Douglas Winter; Monroe Labouisse; Valerie Gibbs; Paul Bocanegra

Commissioners Absent: Co-Vice Chair Rebecca Flores; Michele Gustafson; Melissa Wilson

Probation Staff Present: Administrative Secretary Jannet Bonilla

Additional Attendees:

Ally Hoppis – Behavioral Health & Recovery Services	Judge Susan Etezadi – Juvenile Court
Aurora Pena - Behavioral Health & Recovery Services	Bettina Graf - San Mateo County Office of Education
Kate Heister – Fresh Lifelines for Youth	Mary Young - San Mateo County Office of Education
Jenee Littrell – San Mateo County Office of Education	Yuni Cisneros - Fresh Lifelines for Youth
Ron Rayes – Private Defender Program	Sathvik Nori – Youth Commission

I. Administrative Business:

- a. Call to Order: Co Chair Barrack called meeting to order at 5:15 p.m.
- b. Roll Call and Establish Quorum: A quorum was established at 5:16 p.m.
- c. Welcome and Introductions
- d. Agenda Review: **Approved** as amended.
- e. Approval of Minutes of January 28, 200: **Approved** as amended.

II. Oral Communications

None

III. Restorative Justice Practices, Social & Emotional Learning, Positive Behavioral Interventions and Supports in SMC Schools

- a. Bettina Graf, Restorative Practices Lead with the Office of Education, provided a presentation on the purpose of Restorative Justice. Restorative Justice practices are used for positive changes in the community by reducing suspensions while working in collaboration with discipline. Juvenile Hall and Hillcrest currently have Restorative Justice Practices; trainings on Restorative Justice are also provided to staff. The Office of Education has provided Restorative Justice Training to 10 different schools throughout San Mateo County; Jenee Litrell stated that although Bettina has provided trainings to 10 schools, there are other schools also practicing restorative justice who were trained by other providers.

- b. Mary Yung, Coordinator with the Office of Education, presented on Positive Behavioral Interventions and Supports (PBIS) which is a part of California's Multi-Tiered System of Support (MTSS). "PBIS is a multi-tiered framework to improve and integrate all data, systems, and practices affecting student outcomes every day". PBIS measures social competence and academic achievement in order to provide youth the proper amount of services. Findings have shown that although schools have been provided trainings throughout the County, not all of them are implementing the practices.

IV. Addressing Mental Health and Substance Abuse Issues

- a. Aurora Pena with Behavioral Health and Recovery Services (BHRS) said she would like to see residential treatment centers available to help address mental health and substance abuse issues, more seasoned staff at centers, and intensive outpatient services. Currently there can be a long wait list for services. Ally Hoppis mentioned she would like to see Camp Glenwood used as a residential treatment center or a revamped juvenile hall to help youth stay closer to home.
- b. Judge Etezadi stated it can be complicated to address the mental health and substance abuse issues as there are so many different types of substances and mental health needs in addition to lack of services. She mentioned that the Competency Program is one resource BHRS is currently using to restore youth to competency. Judge Etezadi said she has had conversations with Chief Keene around Medication Assisted Treatment (MAT), which is currently used in the jail to treat adults who are very addicted to alcohol or substances by curbing cravings. Aurora Pena mentioned that it can be difficult to find psychologists who are willing to prescribe MAT to youth as there isn't enough information on the effect they can have and no long term studies on juveniles.
- c. Ron Rayes stated he shares common thoughts with the Courts and BHRS around mental health and substance abuse issues. Mr. Rayes would like to see a drug/mental health court calendar to connect youth with services and assure they follow through with a transitional plan like FLY and CASA. Santa Clara County has a website showing what a drug court would look like. Drug court would be utilized post disposition.
- d. Jenee Littrell stated the Office of Ed is working hard to provide resources to educate schools on picking up on early warning signs of mental health needs and substance abuse. The office of education is working on a grant to bring more BHRS services into schools.
- e. Probation sent in their thoughts on mental health and substance abuse; they mentioned the need to improve awareness of early warning signs in schools and with parents. They also mentioned the need for affordable therapists and Spanish speaking therapists.

V. Strategic Plan

Commissioner Labouisse stated they are one month into a three-month effort to come up with a clear strategic plan. In the first phase they are gathering information. All commissioners have been interviewed as well as 10 different partners including Police Stations, Health Services, DA, Private Defenders, Courts, and Community Based Organizations. They will summarize the data they have received and come up with goals. Commissioner Labouisse went over a few highlights from interviews including questions around causes of juvenile delinquency and the common concerns of economic stress and systemic racism. Interviewees also stated the importance of starting prevention and rehabilitation at an early age and need of affordable after school programs like Boys and Girls Club and Job Skills programs. The strategic plan team also received suggestions that the commission do more to advocate for resources and needed funding. During the next JJDPC meeting the final strategic goals will be considered for approval.

VI. Project Report Outs

- a. Youth Court didn't have any updates.
- b. Commissioner Swope reported she spoke to Bill Silverfarb who informed her that Supervisor Canepa agreed to give up to \$10,000 from measure K for the design, layout, and printing of the Parent Handbook. Commissioner Swope is working on the letter proposal and getting estimates for the work. She would like to see the project finished by June 15th.
- c. Commissioner Labouisse will review and edit the first draft of the 2019 annual report.
- d. Co-Chair Telleria will send the JJDPC Google Drive link to commissioners.
- e. Co-Chair Telleria reported she has received updated inspection forms from the BSCC for the facilities, Police Stations, and education supplement. She asked commissioners to review the forms and forward her any suggestions/concerns so they can be voted on during the next meeting.

VII. Youth Commission Update

Sathvik reported the Youth Commission continues to work on the 2020 Census and the San Mateo Community Collaboration for Children's Success. The Youth Commission will also attend the Rise 2020 Women's Empowerment Conference at Skyline College on March 7th.

VIII. Announcements

None.

Meeting adjourned 7:13 p.m.