



COUNTY OF SAN MATEO  
Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention Commission  
222 Paul Scannell Drive • San Mateo, CA 94402

## Minutes of the Juvenile Justice & Delinquency Prevention Commission

February 23, 2021 | 5:15-7:15 pm  
Remote Meeting

### MINUTES

**Commissioners Present:** Toni Barrack, Co-Chair; Debora Telleria, Co-Chair; Rebecca Flores, Administration Vice Chair; Melissa Wilson, Membership Vice Chair; Paul Bocanegra; Monroe Labouisse; Sathvik Nori; Susan Swope; Douglas Winter; Johanna Rasmussen; Austin Willis

**Commissioners Absent:** Sonoo Thadaney (leave of absence)

#### Additional Attendees:

Judge Susan Jakubowski – Juvenile Court  
Ron Rayes – Private Defender Program  
Jehan Clark – Probation  
Ameya Nori – Youth Commission Liaison  
Kate Hiester – Fresh Lifelines for Youth  
Janet Borgens – Potential Commissioner  
Steve Duddy – Potential Commissioner  
Karin Huber-Levy – Potential Commissioner  
Victor Lecha III – Potential Commissioner  
Georgia Jack—Potential Commissioner

Sharon Cho – District Attorney’s Office  
Aurora Pena – Behavioral Health & Recovery Services  
Zimora Rodrigues – BHRS  
Supervisor David Canepa—Board of Supervisors  
Lulu David – Potential Youth Commissioner  
Frankie Mascarane—Potential Youth Commissioner  
Christophe Niu—Potential Youth Commissioner  
Kimber Joyce – Sergeant San Mateo PD  
Raquel Villa Linares – Acknowledge Alliance Therapist

#### I. Administrative Business

- a. **Call to Order:** Co-Chair Telleria called meeting to order at 5:15 p.m.
- b. **Roll Call and Establish Quorum:** A quorum was established at 5:15 p.m.
- c. **Welcome and Introductions**
- d. **Agenda Review:** Approved as amended to include Parent Handbook Update.
- e. **Approval of Minutes:** January 26, 2021 minutes approved as amended. Judge Etezadi was present, not Judge Judge Jakubowski. VII a: Some members, not the committee, would like to eliminate SARB’s completely. VII b: The Pastor has asked Monroe and Paul, not the JJDPC, to give a presentation.

#### II. Oral Communication: *None*

#### III. Updates and Trends

- **Juvenile Court** (Judge Jakubowski)



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- Continue to operate with two courtrooms via Zoom. No delays in proceedings; working on finalizing documents related to competency protocols.
- In January, there was a very good CSEC training for court personnel and counsel.
- **Private Defender Program (Rayes)**
  - CSEC training was well attended by district attorneys. Training will raise awareness to notice red flags and direct attention to youth.
  - SB203 raised the age of youth to 17 and under, who need to consult with legal counsel before a police interrogation and the agency is responding well. On call 24hrs/7days a week to assist with this. There has been an increase in calls since COVID. Calls are coming from youth in the new age group due to the new law. Most police agencies seem to be aware of this law and are putting it in practice.
  - Sharon Cho will be partnering with the Private Defenders Office.
- **District Attorney Office (Cho)**
  - Personnel change: Sharon Cho will be working with the Juvenile branch.
  - She has been with the DA's office for 17 years but is new to the juvenile branch.
- **Behavioral Health & Recovery Services (Pena)**
  - Not much has changed. Staff continue to telework and a few staff go into the office to provide face-to-face services when there is a crisis.
  - Youth Mobil Crisis Response – YOUTH SOS will go live July 1<sup>st</sup> for youth up to age 21; it will provide 24/7 coverage. There will be two clinicians, a family partner and a care partner for calls that come in from schools, the community or the home. Their role is to deescalate situations and provide crisis prevention support to families and youth with ongoing case management. There is collaboration with Child Welfare.
  - A state hotline will funnel down to a local hotline in March. There are four cities that will be collaborating with BHRS and Law enforcement.
- **Probation (Clark)**
  - There are 12 youth in YSC, five youth at Camp Kemp; 242 total youth on informal/formal probation; 98 new investigation/intake cases; 11 youth on EMP; three youth are in placement, and nine youth on AB12.



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- Officers are going back into the field to keep in contact with parents. YSC is still not accepting bookings unless they are felony, violent misdemeanor, warrants or an immediate safety risk to the community.
- All cases are being screened at detention; if there is not a risk to the community, they ask for releases on EMP if appropriate.
- As of February 8, YSC has lifted some restrictions for in person visits.
- Partnered with Applied Youth Research to see how programs are working for youth in the hall. The surveys say they enjoy FLY and can't wait for programs to be in person.
- Majority of staff were recently vaccinated.
- There is one youth receiving the Phoenix Reentry Program services.

**IV. Presentation from Supervisor Canepa**

- Thanked the commission for our advocacy. He would like for our county to invest in diversion programs to keep youth from being behind bars.
- It is time to explore whether we should close juvenile hall and provide alternative programming.
- Asks the commission to consider establishing a committee to explore alternative diversion programs for our incarcerated youth.
- Canepa gave kudos for the Parent's Handbook.

**V. Inspections (Flores)**

- Co-Vice Chair Flores will be the inspection lead and will send out the inspection sign-up sheet at the next JJDP meeting.

**VI. 2021 Project Plan Voting**

- Elected Officials (Labouisse)
  - The plan is similar to last year, which is to reach out to elected officials and tell them about our strategy. This year will focus on city council members.
  - Commissioner Swope moved to approve the project. Commissioner Winters seconded the motion. Project approved by unanimous vote.
- Advocate for task force for alternatives to youth incarceration (Labouisse)
  - Form a working group appointed by the Board of Supervisors to look into alternatives to youth incarceration.



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- Barrack moved to accept the plan. Swope seconded the motion. Project approved by unanimous vote.
- Diversion Programs in San Mateo County (Swope)
  - Identify and document diversion programs available for justice-involved juveniles in San Mateo County. Prepare a report for JJDP and Probation with requirements (e.g., commitment and cost) for each diversion program. The goal is to make this information available to juveniles and their families by ensuring that those who assist justice-involved youth are aware of options that can minimize their involvement in the justice system.
  - Swope moved that this project be accepted, Nori and Winter seconded.
  - Public comments: share findings with the community.
  - Project approved by unanimous vote.
- Parent Handbook (Swope)
  - Stakeholders and community members are very pleased with the handbook.
  - 240 have been distributed to schools, Probation is distributing 100 copies, Parks and Rec 150, High Schools have 12, Stanford Law program asked for 20, Library asked for 300.
  - Have distributed 887 copies of each book. Susan is happy to send out copies to anyone who requests it.
- Analyzing After School Programs (Barrack)
  - Will catalog all existing programs and find out any gaps in services in underserved communities. Will recommend a follow up project on how to fill in the gaps.
  - Barrack moved to approve project, Flores seconded. Project approved by unanimous vote.
- Dashboard Project
  - Purpose is to be better informed about the trends affecting youth and to inform what projects we want to take on moving forward.
  - We will look at indicators we can monitor monthly about the criminal justice system and the youth committing crimes. The goal is to see what information is available and determine how to present, source, and maintain the statistics.
  - Barrack moved to approve the project. Approved by unanimous vote.
- Outreach to Underserved Youth and Families (Telleria)



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- Will meet families and youth to understand what some of their needs are to further our work in the years going forward. We will look into creating a youth council to provide feedback to the justice system and work to make our meetings more accessible in underserved communities.
- Telleria moved to move forward with project. Project approved by unanimous vote.
- Lessons learned about COVID-19 (Rasmuseen & Wilson)
  - We will look into which policies and procedures have changed due to COVID and determine which warrant continuation.
  - Wilson moved to approve project. Project approved by unanimous vote.

**VII. Community Ambassador and Coordinator Reports**

- Send questions for Supervisor Canepa to Deborah and Toni Barrack.
- SB823. DJJ is closing and no longer accepting youth effective July 1, 2021.
- Chief Keene will provide a plan regarding YSC to the Board of Supervisors on March 23; we had provided input through the JJCC subcommittee. . No plan to bring back the youth from the DJJ at this time. Will look into bringing youth back once programs are in place.

**VIII. Announcements:** *None*

Meeting adjourned 7:20 p.m.

**Next Meeting: Tuesday, March 30, 2021**