



COUNTY OF SAN MATEO

Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention Commission

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Minutes of the Regular Juvenile Justice & Delinquency Prevention Commission Meeting Tuesday January 28, 2014 5:15 p.m.

Commissioner Present:

Susan Swope- Chair	Marianna Klebanov
Rebecca Ross – Vice Chair	Margot Rawlins
Mieke Barrows	Irv Rolling
Pat Bresse	Al Serrato
Moneisa Carson	Bonnie Miller
Michael Stark	

Commissioners Excused: Braulio Gonzalez, Richard Boitano (Emeritus), Milton Reynolds (Emeritus)

Commissioners Absent: Gurjeet Chalal, Sandra Gomez

Staff Present: Larry Silver, Deputy Chief Probation Officer (Institutions)

Additional Attendees: Brook Costello-Star Vista
David Cattivera -FLY
Mike Levinson – ACLU

I. Administrative Business:

- Call to Order: The meeting was called to order at 5:15 p.m.
- Roll Call and Establish Quorum: A quorum was established.
- Agenda Review: Agenda was approved as distributed.
- Approval of Minutes: The minutes from the October 29, 2013 JJDC meeting were approved as corrected. **M: /Barrows/S: Carson APPROVED** unanimously.

II. Oral Communications

There were no oral communications.

III. Swearing in of new Commissioner, Michael Stark

Deputy Chief Larry Silver administered the Oath of Office to Michael Stark. He was appointed to his first term as a JJDC Commissioner.

IV. Probation Remarks

Deputy Chief Silver addressed the Commission's concern about youth not attending school because they have their GED or Diploma. Staff is working with retired commissioner, Tom Moore, to put

together a program that would bring some online courses taught by college professors to the hall. The college district's administration is happy to provide the service and Probation will provide whatever help they can, but they will have to find funding. The college may be able to help.

Deputy Chief Silver reported that the numbers are low in the facility right now. They have been slowly declining over the past two years. The exact reason is not clear, but it seems to be a trend throughout the other counties in the region. The boys' intake unit was closed recently because the numbers are so low they cannot justify maintaining a unit with only four or five kids. There is still room in the facility to make sure minors are housed in the right classification.

Glenwood's Capital Improvement Project is almost complete. The administration building is done and now they are looking at the overhang around the walkway. It needs to be reinforced which will be costly, and may require more funding. There is about \$80,000 left in the Capital Improvement Budget which will not cover the cost of the overhang. They still need to restripe the parking lot and create a disability parking spot.

V. Court Remarks

Judge Etezadi sends her regrets. Commissioner Swope hoped she would be here to report on the the Keeping Kids in School and Out of Court Summit. The Chief Judge of the California Supreme Court and the Superintendent of Education for the state are collaborating on a project on keeping kids in school and out of court. The Chief Justice asked all presiding juvenile court judges of every county to put together a multi-disciplinary team. Judge Etezadi, Christine Villanis from Probation, Rick Halpern from the Private Defender's Office, Jim Wade from the District Attorney's Office, Joan Rosas from the County Office of Education, Pravin Patel from Human Services Agency, Toni Demarco from Mental Health and Commissioner Swope attended a two-day meeting in Anaheim in December and 33 of the 56 counties participated. The team is charged with preparing an action plan for the County; and has had two meeting thus far. They will keep the Commission informed of progress.

The sessions that Commissioner Swope attended talked about schools' implementation of social emotional learning curricula (SEL), positive behavior interventions and supports (PBIS) and restorative practices. Wherever school have implemented these practices they have found suspensions and expulsions go down and academic achievement goes up. They gave each County its data. The conveners noted that there are disproportionate suspensions and expulsions of African American, Hispanics and Disables Students in every county in California and in every state in the United States.

VI. Board Remarks

None

VII. Commission Bylaws Review

Commissioner Swope noted that the bylaws require the Commission to review, amend if needed, and approve the bylaws annually. She also reminded everyone that if they cannot make the meeting to either let her or Sandy know so that you will have an excused, as opposed to an unexcused, absence. If you have three unexcused absences, according to Article II, paragraph G, you can be presumed to have resigned. There were no changes proposed, so the Bylaws stand as approved last May.

VIII. Review of JJDC 2013 Activities

Commissioner Swope found that she is supposed to do an annual report for the Board of Supervisors. She asked that the committee chairs give her a couple of paragraphs about what their committees did in 2013; a summary including any committee recommendations for example, having an on-call after-hours medical advice nurse, the advisability of having school in the classroom, rather than on the units, the need for covered access from the units to the school in the rainy season.

IX. Standing Committee Reports

a. Education (Rollins) Commissioner Rollins hopes to have the committee meet no later than February when they will look into the English learner issue. Commissioner Rollins has requested a presentation from Dr. Rosas or one of her colleagues to the committee about how English learners are identified, what services they receive, and what the data says about the students' progress toward proficiency.

b. Inspections (Barrows) Inspection letters and reports were sent out in December. The only outstanding inspection is Our Common Ground. Commissioner Barrows asked Commissioner Swope to take the lead on it. Commissioner Swope said that she and Commissioner Carlson will do it, hopefully this Thursday. She would like to include Commissioner Chahal. Commissioner Barrows asked if there is anyone who would like to chair this year's inspection committee. She has all the documentation and would be glad to help the new chair with the process.

c. YSC Liaison (Miller/Ross) Once Deputy Chief Silver has written his response to the Hall inspection recommendations, they will set a standing meeting in place, every two months, to follow up.

d. Legislative Committee – nothing to report

e. Regional JJDC (Swope) Commissioner Swope hasn't been able to get all the Bay Area JJDC chairs together yet, so she is putting together a survey to get information from them on what they are doing, and what they would like to see in a conference. She spoke with Deputy Chief Villanis who advised her that probation would have a hard time, at during least the first half of the year, in supporting a meeting because of the reorganization of the Probation Department. Commissioner Swope will be working on it between now and July 1st and will revisit scheduling a conference sometime in the second half of the year.

X. Commissioner Representative Reports

a. Community Schools (Carson) The Community Schools Committee met a couple of weeks ago. There were two presentations one by Star Vista on the Child and Adolescent Hot Line Prevention Program they just implemented, which is intended to help improve access to support and resources for youth and parents, and to try to catch children who are experiencing problems early on before they have major issues. The other presentation was about an Alternative to Expulsion Program that South San Francisco United School District has implemented, facilitated by Sheriff Patrick Lucy, from the South San Francisco Unified School District's Board of Trustees.

b. Youth Commission Report-(Stark) This Thursday, the Youth Commission is holding a fund raiser at Pasta Pomodoro in Redwood City. The Youth Commission gets 20% of the bill. Commissioner Stark provided flyers.

XI. Vision for 2014-(Swope) Commissioner Swope distributed a handout on Appropriate Activities for Juvenile Justice Commissions. Some of them the Commission is already doing, obviously the inspections, and we are working with the County Office of Education. There are some other things we could be doing. When speaking with some of the other chairs they seem to get more involved with talking to the kids, representing kids, and going to court with kids, not sure if they are doing it through CASA or doing it as Commissioners which she plans to find out. Judge Etezadi has invited all the Commissioners to do number 3, i.e. attend a Juvenile Court session. It might be worthwhile to do some of these things, one of which is study the effects of legislation on the County. We can talk further about it next month and see if there are some things we might like to do. It would be interesting to hear from a line Probation Officer and from someone from The Big Lift Program. Also, it would be good to visit some of the high schools.

XII. Commissioner Comments/Announcements

Commissioner Rawlins will get a speaker from the Peninsula Partnership Leadership Council on The Big Lift for April. Commissioner Ross will contact someone from the Youth Court to speak at future meetings about the Youth Court and its effectiveness.

At the February meeting, Susan Kole and Dr. Janet Chaikind will give a presentation on the medical services that they provide in the Hall and the Camps.

XIII. Adjournment: The meeting was adjourned at 6:15 p.m.

Next JJDPC Meeting
Tuesday February 25, 2014 at 5:15 p.m.
Location: 555 County Center, Room 402, Redwood City, CA