



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, July 30, 2013, 5:15 p.m.
455 County Center, Room 402, Redwood City**

Commissioners Present:

Susan Swope – Chair
Rebecca Ross – Vice Chair
Pat Bresee
Gurjeet Chahal
Mieke Barrows,

Braulio Gonzalez
Marianna Klebanov
Margot Rawlins
Al Serrato
Richard Boitano (Emeritus)

Commissioners Excused: Bonnie Miller and Moniesa Carson

Staff Present:

The Honorable Susan Irene Etezadi, Presiding Juvenile Court Judge
Warren Slocum, Board of Supervisors (District 4)
John Keene, Chief Probation Officer
Larry Silver, Deputy Chief Probation (Institutions)
Christine Villanis, Deputy Chief Probation Officer (Juvenile)

Additional Attendees:

Sandra Gomez – HSA/Self Sufficiency
Brook Costello – Star Vista/SMCYC

I. Administrative Business:

- Call to order: The meeting was called to order at 5:16 p.m.
- Roll Call and Establish Quorum: A Quorum was established
- Agenda Review: The agenda was approved as distributed.
- Approval of Minutes: The Minutes of June 25, 2013 were approved as submitted.

II. Oral Communications

No Public Comment

III. Probation Remarks

- Chief Keene introduced himself.
- He started June 10th almost 8 weeks ago.
- He sees his role as supporting staff.
- He believes there are more opportunities for Probation in prevention and educating our communities.

- Deputy Chief Silver reported that Camp Kemp Camp for Girls will to re-open on August 12th. It will combine a residential and a day program.

IV: Court Remarks

- Judge Etezadi said that she was glad everyone was able to meet our new Chief Probation Officer, John Keene. She is very pleased that he is with us.
- Judge Etezadi asked about swearing in Adam Ely tonight, Rebecca Ross said that it will be postponed because has taken a position with the County Counsel's Office so we have to determine whether that creates a conflict of interest.
- The Judge invited all the commissioners to visit juvenile court, to get a perspective on how they function.

V. Juvenile Competency Meeting with Citizens Review Panel Members

- Deputy Chief Villanis and Susan Swope met with John Ragosta and Ben Loewry of the Citizens Review Panel to discuss the Competency issue.
- Commissioner Swope reported that Mr. Loewry indicated that there are currently only four juveniles who could not be adjudicated because they were incompetent to assist in their defense. One is violent and is being kept in the hall.
- She said if the problem is as rare in other Counties that there would be no incentive to find a solution to these youth falling through the cracks.
- Chief Keene said that they get around 40 such cases a year in Alameda County.
- Commissioner Swope has contacted the Center for Juvenile Law and Policy at Loyola Marymount to see how this is being handles/addressed elsewhere in California.
- Deputy Chief Villanis noted that the County is still working with SC County and UVA to see about using their program for establishing competency in minors.

VI. Commissioner Recruiting

- Commissioner Swope said we now have two adult vacancies and one vacancy for a youth commissioner.
- Gurjeet Chahal has left the youth commission; he intends to continue on the JJPDC.
- This year's Youth Commissioner Mixer is on August 19th from 5:30 to 7:00 p.m. Commissioner Swope is unable to attend and asked for Volunteers. Chief Keene, Margot Rawlins and Gurjeet Chahal all said they would go and try to interest a youth commissioner to apply for JJDCP.
- The Adult Ally training is October 24, 2013, from 5:00 to 6:00 p.m. In the Board of Supervisors Chambers.

VII. Standing Committee Reports

Education Advocacy:

- Commissioner Rollins has had an exciting year working with the County Office of Education on issues around disproportionate suspensions and expulsions of students of color, Hispanics and the disabled in San Mateo County schools. He, and Commissioners Emeritus, Boitano and Reynolds are part of a committee planning more symposia on this as part of the Office of Education's Respect 24/7 project.

Inspections:

- Commissioner Barrows stated that it would be good for new commissioners to partner with an experienced commissioner to conduct inspections.

- She asked that each Commissioner sign up for two inspections.

Legislative Committee

- Commissioner Swope asked whether anyone is interested in chairing the Legislative committee, Commissioner Klebanov is willing to be the co-chair.
- Commissioner Bresse suggested that we need to define what we want our legislative Committee to do.
- Judge Etezadi, Chief Keene and Supervisor Slocum voiced concern about the amount of work that would have to go into this committee.

Commissioner Representative Reports

- Commissioner Swope reported that the Juvenile Justice Coordinating Council postponed its meeting because the program evaluation data are not yet available to complete the report.

VIII. Commissioner Comments/Announcements

- Commissioner Swope said that Toni DeMarco will be at the August meeting to tell us about Mental Health Services for youth in San Mateo County, particularly for those in custody or at-risk.
- Supervisor Slocum complimented the court and the selection committee on a job well done selecting John Keene; he feels it was an excellent choice. Looking forward to great things from him.

IX. Adjournment: The meeting was adjourned at 6:27 p.m.

**Next Meeting August 26, 2013, 5:15 – 7:15 p.m.
Location: 455 County Center, Room 402, Redwood City, CA**