



## 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, June 25, 2013, 5:15 p.m.**  
**455 County Center, Room 402, Redwood City**

**Commissioners Present:**

Susan Swope – Chair  
Pat Bresee  
Moniesa Carson  
Gurjeet Chahal  
Braulio Gonzalez

Marianna Klebanov  
Margot Rawlins  
Al Serrato  
Richard Boitano (Emeritus)

**Commissioners Excused:** Mieke Barrows, Bonnie Miller, Rebecca Ross, Irv Rollins

**Staff Present:** The Honorable Susan Irene Etezadi, Presiding Juvenile Court Judge  
Christine Villanis, Deputy Chief Probation Officer (Juvenile)

**Additional Attendees:**

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

Marco Chavez – YUCA  
Tara Schmidt – FLY

**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
- Approval of Minutes: The Minutes of May 28, 2013, were approved as submitted.
- Deputy Chief Christine Villanis administered the Oath of Office to Moneisa Carson, Braulio Gonzalez and Margot Rawlins—all three were appointed to first terms as commissioners through December 31, 2016.

**II. There were no oral communications.**

**III. Probation Remarks – Christine Villanis, Deputy Chief Probation Officer**

Deputy Chief Villanis talked about the Probation Department reopening the Margaret J. Kemp Camp for Girls, which will have both an in-custody and day program. The programming provided at the girls' camp will accommodate approximately 30 girls at full capacity—anticipated start date is August 12.

#### **IV. Meeting Place and Time:**

Chairperson Swope facilitated a discussion on continuing to hold the JJDPC meetings in Room 402 from 5:15 until 7:15 p.m.

Commissioner Serrato commented that he favored making current location and time permanent since it is a good location, and it allows easy access for visitors, which was not possible at the YSC.

The Commission approved County Center Building 455, Room 402 from 5:15 to 7:15 as the JJDPCs permanent meeting location and time by unanimous consent.

#### **V. Standing Committee Reports**

##### Nominations Committee:

Chairperson Swope introduced and welcomed JJDPC nominee Sandra Gomez. Ms. Gomez briefly talked about her background and her passion for working with youth. She has worked for San Mateo County (Human Services Agency) for the past 10 years.

M: Bresee/S: Rawlins that the Commission recommends Sandra Gomez to Judge Etezadi for appointment to the Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention Commission. The motion carried unanimously.

##### Education Advocacy:

Commissioner Boitano stated that there are 3 planned Respect 24/7 symposiums for the next school year—at least one of the symposiums will focus on suspension and expulsion data.

The San Mateo County Office of Education (SMCOE) will work closely with Millbrae Schools and Jefferson Union High School District to implement some of the methodology that was discussed at the symposiums last year. Millbrae Schools and Jefferson Union High School District were chosen for the pilot project based on their committed participation in those symposiums.

##### Inspections:

Chairperson Swope talked about the 2013 sign-up sheet for facility inspections; the police station inspections should have at least 2 commissioners. Commissioners Chahal and Bresee agreed to share the responsibility of inspecting the police stations.

The commission will focus on programming at the Youth Service Center (YSC), Camp Glenwood and group homes. At the YSC and Camp Glenwood the commission will also take a more in depth look at education.

Chairperson Swope asked for comments on a list of suggested questions (JJDPC Inspections 2013 – Focus Area: Programming and Education). Commissioner Bresee commented that “programming” is a pretty broad topic, and suggested that the commissioners be flexible and aware of what is available and/or appropriate for a particular group.

Commissioner Boitano recommended that the inspection team ask about how the programming deals with students that are English learners. At what level? How do they know?

## **VI. Court Remarks – Hon. Susan Etezadi**

Judge Etezadi welcomed the new commissioners to the JJDP. She also announced that John Keene, Jr. is the new Chief Probation Officer for San Mateo County—he was sworn in on June 18.

## **VII. Request of San Mateo County Citizens Review Panel re: Juvenile Legal Competency**

Chairperson Swope introduced a letter that she received from the San Mateo County Citizens Review Panel (SMCCRP) regarding their concerns about youth competency to stand trial.

Deputy Chief Villanis said that she met with Paul Sorbo, Behavioral Health and Recovery Services, to discuss the competency issue. She stated that the law changed a few years ago in that it added developmental immaturity (inability to assist in their defense) as a category. San Mateo County (SMC) does not currently have a program to deal with developmental immaturity.

Santa Clara County (SCC) has a competency program contracted through the University of Virginia (UVA) to help individuals understand the criminal justice system and how they can participate in their own defense. San Mateo County Probation met with SCC and delegates from UVA to discuss the possibility of subcontracting with SCC; if negotiations are unsuccessful, SMC will work to develop a program in-house.

Judge Etezadi clarified how the “restoration of competency” program works in the judicial process. She also commented that San Mateo County (Juvenile Court) has not had many youth that were deemed incompetent.

Chairperson Swope proposed that she and Deputy Chief Villanis meet with the Chair of the SMCCRP to discuss their concerns/needs and report back to the commission.

## **VIII. Commissioner Representative Reports**

### Youth Commission:

The Youth Commission will do their final formal interviews on July 8 with Supervisor Groom—12 new youth commissioners will be selected for next year.

## **IX. Commissioner Comments/Announcements**

- Annual Training Conference and Vendor Show for JJDP Commissioners in Orange County (Irvine)—September 10-13.
- Commissioners who have not turned in their Form 700 should do so immediately. New commissioners will need to complete Form 700 assuming office—forms will be sent via email next week.
- Chairperson Swope will share three reports with the commission, which will be sent to the commission via email: 1) California Crime Victims’ Voices; 2) The Comeback States; 3) Promoting Safe Communities, National Juvenile Justice & Delinquency Prevention Coalition.

## **X. Adjournment: The meeting was adjourned at 6:10 pm.**

**Tuesday, July 30, 2013, 5:15 - 7:15 p.m.**  
**Location: 455 County Center, Room 402, Redwood City, CA**