



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, May 28, 2013, 5:00 p.m.
455 County Center, Room 402, Redwood City**

Commissioners Present:

Susan Swope – Chair

Rebecca Ross – Vice Chair

Mieke Barrows

Gurjeet Chahal

Marianna Klebanov

Bonnie Miller

Irv Rollins

Al Serrato

Milton Reynolds (Emeritus)

Commissioners Excused: Pat Bresee

Staff Present:

Larry Silver, Deputy Chief Probation Officer (Institutions)

Roy Brasil, Deputy Chief Probation (Realignment)

Marci Dragun, Legislative Aide (Supervisor Slocum)

Additional Attendees:

Moneisa Carson

Braulio Gonzalez, YUCA

Margot Rawlins

Adam Ely

Eileen Manning-Villar

Seren Pendleton-Knoll

Brook Costello, SMCYC/Star Vista

Anne Campbell

Juan Gabriel, YUCA

Kenia Nayar, YUCA

Jerylyn Bohlender

Richard Halpern, Private Defender Program

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 April 30, 2013, were approved as submitted.

II. There were no oral communications.

III. Presentation: Disproportionate Suspensions and Expulsions of Youth of Color, Hispanics and Those with Disabilities in San Mateo County Schools, Anne Campbell, Superintendent, San Mateo County Office of Education.

Anne Campbell presented the results of the San Mateo County Office of Education's (SMCOE) conference, which looked at national, state, and local data on suspensions and expulsions. She stated

that a study by the UCLA Civil Rights Project that came out about a year ago showed that San Mateo County's Jefferson Union High School District and the Ravenswood Elementary School District were in the top ten for the State of California in their rates of suspension. Data collected by the Office for Civil Rights showed that 428,000 students in California were suspended one or more times during the 2009-2010 school year.

Suspension risk in California by race 2009-2010(suspended one or more times):

- African American Students 1 in 6 (18%)
- Native American Students 1 in 9 (11%)
- Latina/o Students 1 in 14 (7%)
- White Students 1 in 17 (6%)
- Asian American Students 1 in 33 (3%)

Bay area schools are putting into place best practices strategies such as School-Wide Positive Behavioral Interventions & Supports (SWPBS), Social Emotional Learning (SEL), and Restorative Justice to provide an operational framework to improving student academic and behavior outcomes.

Commissioner Serrato arrived at 5:26 p.m.

IV. Probation Remarks – Larry Silver, Deputy Chief Probation Officer

- Deputy Chief Silver addressed the Commission regarding his return as Deputy Chief for Institutions—he replaces Deputy Chief Brasil who will now be in charge of Realignment (Adult).
- Deputy Chief Brasil reported that the capital improvement projects at the Youth Service Center (YSC) are in full swing; however, the Loop Road project has been met with some budgetary challenges.
- Chairperson Swope announced that John Keene (currently the Deputy Chief Probation Officer for Alameda County) has been selected as the new Chief Probation Officer for San Mateo County—he starts on June 10.
- Chairperson Swope commented on the Peninsula Conflict Resolution Center (PCRC) project in the hall. Family group conferencing is utilized prior to a youth being released from juvenile hall—the youth's family meets with the probation officer and other service providers that the youth may need once released, and they develop a case management plan with support systems to empower the youth to be successful in their communities.

In response to a question from Vice Chairperson Ross, Deputy Chief Silver stated that Probation does not keep statistics on “time and terminate kids.” He stated that Probation loses jurisdiction once they term out, therefore, the department does not track them.

V. Court Remarks – Judge Susan Etezadi

None

VI. Supervisor's Remarks – Warren Slocum

- Chairperson Swope reported that she and Vice Chairperson Ross met with Supervisor Slocum to discuss his expectations for the JJDPC. She said that Supervisor Slocum said that his office would be open to supporting the JJDPCs convening a regional meeting of the Bay Area's JJDPCs.

In response to a question from Commissioner Barrows, Vice Chairperson Ross stated that the Supervisor entertained the possibility of allowing an intern from his office to assist the commission in visiting regional JJDCs, and seeing how they operate as a commission (i.e. what are they focusing on, how they run their meetings, etc.).

- Chairperson Swope stated that she would speak with incoming Chief Keene to see if funding is available to help host a regional meeting (i.e. Measure A money).
- Commissioner Rollins suggested a representative from the JJDC call the various Chairs in the other counties, and poll their interests and common problems.

VII. Nominations Committee (Miller)

Commissioner Miller introduced and welcomed Commission nominee Adam Ely. Mr. Ely spoke briefly about his background as an attorney and his work on juvenile delinquency matters, particularly as regards to juvenile immigration issues.

M: Miller/S: Klebanov that the Commission recommends Adam Ely to Judge Etezadi for appointment to the Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention Commission. The motion carried unanimously.

VIII. Consideration of Bylaws of the Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention Commission

- Chairperson Swope facilitated a discussion on the bylaws ARTICLE I through ARTICLE VI. She presented the commission with the proposed changes to the reworded Bylaws.

Current Bylaw:

- ARTICLE 4(A): "...The nominating committee shall report its recommended slate to the Commission at the ~~November meeting of the Commission...~~"

Proposed change:

- ARTICLE 4(A): "...The nominating committee shall report its recommended slate to the Commission at the **final meeting of the year...**"

Current Bylaw:

- ARTICLE 4(C): "The officers shall hold their offices commencing January 1st for ~~one year~~ or until their successors shall be duly elected."

Proposed change:

- ARTICLE 4(C): "The officers shall hold their offices commencing January 1st for **two years** or until their successors shall be duly elected."

- By unanimous consent, the members agreed to leave ARTICLE 4(C) as is for now and talk about it again at a future meeting.

M: Barrows/S: Miller that the Commission delete the language in ARTICLE 4(A) of the Bylaws referencing the "November meeting" and insert "final meeting of the year." The motion carried unanimously.

IX. Standing Committee Reports

Education Advocacy (Rollins)

- Commissioner Rollins noted that Commissioners Boitano and Reynolds have done the primary work on the Education Committee in collaboration with the SMCOE.

In response to a question from Vice Chairperson Ross, Commissioner Rollins stated that he would like the Commission to go into greater depth on the expulsion issue. He also stated that once the new commissioners are in place, he would like to have more ideas to supplement, enhance or add a broadening focus on the current interests of the commission.

- Vice Chairperson Ross suggested that the committee look at the issue of incompetency. She stated that the County is dealing with incompetent youth most of whom have IEPs (Individualized Education Programs) and are being served by the education system, yet the County gets into a pattern where Probation cannot place them.

In response to a question from Commissioner Rollins on the definition of incompetent, Vice Chairperson Ross stated that these are kids that are found by the Court to not be legally competent to stand trial—there can be different reasons why (e.g. age or cognitive ability).

Inspections (Bloomfield)

- Commissioner Barrows stated that the main responsibility as commissioners is to inspect facilities that hold County youth—police stations are inspected on behalf of the Court and group homes at the request of the Court.
- Commissioner Barrows suggested that each of the commissioners familiarize themselves with the Inspection Handbook for Juvenile Halls and Camps, Facilities Inspections Reference 2013, and the “Cheat Sheet” (General Guideline Juvenile Facilities/Police Stations).
- Commissioner Barrows polled the commissioners for questions to ask during the course of inspections that focus on the commission’s area of interest, which is programming.
- Commissioner Barrows suggested having inspections scheduled by the July meeting. Police stations and group homes inspections should be completed by the August meeting. YSC and Camp Glenwood inspections should be completed by September meeting.
- Vice Chairperson Ross commented that Excell Readiness Group Home is closing on the 31st.

On Commission consensus, the commissioners will discuss at a future meeting content that should be on the JJDPC website. Commissioner Barrows will compose a list of website content requests based on feedback from fellow commissioners.

YSC Liaison of Committee (Miller/Ross)

- Vice Chairperson Ross stated that the committee has scheduled a tentative meeting for June 12—the intent is to meet every 60 days to follow up on any issues that come up, including education, medical services, and food.

X. Commissioner Representative Reports

Community Schools Advisory Team (Barrows):

Commissioner Barrows reported that South San Francisco High’s Alternatives to Suspensions Program has an 84% success rate—the program encompasses facility visits, community service, and parental involvement. She also reported that The Cleo Eulau Center has changed its name to Acknowledge Alliance.

Juvenile Justice Coordinating Council (Swope):

Chairperson Swope reported that the JJCC plans to have the recidivism data to the contractor, Applied Survey Research, by the end of May. Applied Survey Research will present their recidivism report to the JJCC in August. The final year of the current three-year contracts begins on July 1. The next round of RFPs will be issued in November.

Youth Commission (Chahal):

Commissioner Chahal extended a warm thanks to the commissioners who attended the San Mateo County Youth Commission (SMCYC) Showcase event. SMCYC applications are due by June 3.

XI. Commissioner Comments/Announcements

None

XII. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 7:15 pm.

Tuesday, June 25, 2013, 5:15 - 7:15 p.m.

Location: 455 County Center, Room 402, Redwood City, CA