



## 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, April 30, 2013, 5:00 p.m.**  
**455 County Center, Room 402, Redwood City**

**Commissioners Present:**

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

Marianna Klebanov  
Bonnie Miller  
Irv Rollins  
Al Serrato  
Richard Boitano (Emeritus)

**Commissioners Excused:** None

**Staff Present:**

The Honorable Susan Irene Etezadi, Presiding Juvenile Court Judge  
Warren Slocum, Supervisor (District 4)  
Cal Remington, Interim Chief Probation Officer

**Additional Attendees:**

Moneisa Carson  
Braulio Gonzalez, YUCA  
Margot Rawlins  
Eileen Manning  
Jerson Sanchez, YUCA

Daniela Aguilar, YUCA  
Tara Schmidt, FLY  
Brook Costello, SMCYC/Star Vista  
Jerylyn Bohlender

**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 March 26, 2013, were approved as submitted.

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

**III. Probation Remarks – Cal Remington, Interim Chief Probation Officer**

Reorganization:

- Chief Remington distributed the new Probation Department organizational chart. He reported that Phase 1 of the department's reorganization was complete—he said that the needs of juvenile and adult offenders are different and the reorganization recognizes that.

- There are now five divisions: 1) Institutions, Larry Silver; 2) Juvenile, Christine Villanis; 3) Adult, Regina Wilson-Henry; 4) Realignment, Roy Brasil; and 5) Administration, Hong Liu.
- Phase II, now in process, incorporates better allocation of resources and workloads. When complete, the reorganization will bring the department in line with evidence-based practices.

#### Camp Kemp:

- Chief Remington and Judge Etezadi acknowledged that Juvenile Hall is not a good setting for the Girls Camp.
- The department is researching the feasibility of establishing a day treatment center at the Camp Kemp facility that would include a school and a small residential component. A hybrid, with a residential and a day treatment component would make re-opening Camp Kemp cost effective. The ideal would be to have 9 to 10 in resident and approximately 20 in the day treatment.

#### **IV. Court Remarks – Judge Susan Etezadi**

Judge Etezadi stated that she has asked Deputy Chief Brasil to look into providing youth in the hall with free or inexpensive phone calls—the current cost of phone calls for in-custody is cost prohibitive for many families.

Judge Etezadi shared that she and Commissioner Swope sit on the panel to select the next Chief Probation Officer for San Mateo County. Six candidates were interviewed and narrowed down to two finalists, who will be considered by the full panel of San Mateo County’s Superior Court judges, who will make the final decision, probably by the end of May.

#### **V. Nominations Committee (Miller)**

Commissioner Miller introduced and welcomed Commission nominees Moneisa Carson, Braulio Gonzalez and Margot Rawlins to the commission. The three nominees made opening statements and answered questions from the members of the commission.

M: Miller/S: Ross that the Commission recommend all three candidates to Judge Etezadi for appointment to the Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention Commission. The motion carried unanimously.

Judge Etezadi stated that she had reviewed the candidates’ applications, and she approved all three for appointment to the Commission. As soon as their appointment has been ratified by the Board of Supervisors, they can be sworn in.

#### **VI. Review of Current Activities/Projects**

##### Education Advocacy (Rollins)

- Commissioner Rollins reported that the meeting at the San Mateo County Office of Education on April 9 was well attended—approximately 80 people. He stated that the discussion highlighted the data on suspensions and expulsions in the County’s schools and alternative ways to deal with school discipline.
- Chairperson Swope stated that she has invited Anne Campbell, Superintendent, County Office of Education, to speak to the commission at the May meeting.
- Commissioner Boitano stated that there are three symposiums planned for next year.

#### Legislative (Bresee/Klebanov)

- Commissioner Bresee reported that the committee will meet immediately after JJDPC and should have a report at the next meeting.

#### Inspections (Bloomfield)

- Commissioner Barrows will be asking all commissioners to sign up for inspections next month. Anyone who needs a copy of the inspection binder, or who might be interested in leading the inspection process next year should contact her.
- Commissioner Barrow will meet with new commissioners to provide training on the inspection process.
- Commissioner Barrows stated that each year the commissioners choose a focus area to target during the course of inspections. The choices considered by the commissioners were: Programming; Nutrition/Exercise; Grievances; Educational Placement; Communication between education and mental health.
- On commission consensus, education and programming will be the focus of the 2013 facility inspections.
- Commissioner Barrows will provide the inspection forms for Commission review at the May meeting.

#### YSC Liaison of Committee (Miller/Ross)

- Vice Chairperson Ross talked about the hall having fewer in-unit school days, which may have resulted from better weather, and the staff's commitment to transport the kids to the school.
- She has had discussions with school staff regarding the benefits of a school curriculum taught based on academic level—the youth are currently taught based on their assigned housing unit.

#### San Mateo County JJDPC Bylaws

- The commissioners will review and vote on bylaws at May meeting.
- Chairperson Swope commented that Article IV, Section A, "...The nominating committee shall report its recommended slate to the Commission at the November meeting of the Commission..." will need to be corrected since the Commission does not hold a November meeting.
- Commissioner Bresee suggested that the term for Chair be changed to a two-year term instead of the one-year term as specified in the bylaws.

### **VII. Commissioner Representative Reports**

#### Community Schools Advisory Team (Barrows):

No update.

#### Juvenile Justice Coordinating Council (Swope):

No update.

#### Youth Commission (Chahal):

Commissioner Chahal reported that the Human Trafficking Forum on April 18 was successful approximately 80-100 people attended. The San Mateo County Youth Commission Showcase will be held on May 23 in the Board of Supervisors Chambers – County Center.

## **VIII. Commissioner Comments/Announcements**

- Chairperson Swope announced that she attended the San Mateo County District Attorney's Victims Services observance of National Crime Victims Week on April 25.
- Chairperson Swope distributed copies of "My Child Was Arrested What Do I Do?" pamphlet, which helps families understand the San Mateo County Juvenile Justice System.
- Commissioner Rollins also reported on the Beyond Newtown Conference on safe schools that was held at Oracle. Task Forces are being formed to follow up on the conference discussions.

## **IX. Adjournment**

**The meeting was adjourned at 6:30 pm.**

**Tuesday, May 28, 2013, 5:15 - 7:15 p.m.**

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