



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, March 26, 2013, 5:00 p.m. 455 County Center, Room 402, Redwood City

Commissioners Present:

Susan Swope – Chair
Maria Barrows
Pat Bresee

Gurjeet Chahal
Al Serrato

Commissioners Excused: Marianna Klebanov, Bonnie Miller, Irv Rollins, Rebecca Ross

Staff Present: Cal Remington, Interim Chief Probation Officer
Roy Brasil, Deputy Chief Probation Officer

Additional Attendees:

Milton Reynolds, Commissioner Emeritus
Eileen Manning-Villar
Moneisa Carson
Braulio Gonzalez, YUCA
Juan Gabriel, YUCA
Daniela Aguilar, YUCA

Kristine Cannon
Seren Pendleton-Knoll, Star Vista
David Cattivera, FLY
Kenia Nayar, YUCA
Jerson Sanchez, YUCA

I. Administrative Business:

- Call to Order: The meeting was called to order at 5:12 p.m.
- Roll Call and Establish Quorum: A quorum was not present.
- Agenda Review
- Approval of Minutes: Deferred for lack of a quorum.

II. Oral Communications: None

III. Inspections (Barrows):

- Commissioner Barrows provided information on the upcoming 2013 inspections and suggested getting started on inspections earlier this year.
- Every year the commissioners inspect juvenile hall (YSC), Camp Glenwood, and any police station that has held youth in secure detention in the previous calendar year.
- The list for police station inspections is provided by Board of State and Community Correction (BSCC) in June. The BSCC will provide the commission a preliminary list next week. Commissioner Barrows suggested that the commission use the preliminary list to get started on police station inspections.

- Commission Barrows reported that Judge Diaz instituted inspection of group homes a number of years ago. According to Pravin Patel, Human Services Agency Manager, and Roy Romero, Probation Services Manager-Placement, the highest use group homes for dependent youth were Excell Readiness and MAC Group Home; the only ones used for in-county delinquent youth were Canyon Oaks and Our Common Ground.
- MAC Group Home and Our Common Ground were inspected last year—Excell Readiness and Canyon Oaks will be top candidates for inspection this year.
- Chairperson Swope recommended that the commission inspect all the in-County group homes that housed San Mateo County youth in 2012, or currently house them.

Swearing in of Commissioner Chahal

Chief Remington administered the Oath of Office to Gurjeet Singh Chahal—he was appointed to first term as youth commissioner through December 31, 2016.

Commissioner Serrato’s arrival at 5:15 p.m. established a quorum.

Approval of Minutes

M: Bresee/S: Barrows to approve the minutes of February 26, 2013, meeting. The minutes were approved as submitted.

IV. Probation Remarks – Cal Remington, Interim Chief Probation Officer

- Chief Remington reported that the reorganization of the department to separate juvenile from adult probation is progressing. The next phase of the process is to assess department needs versus department resources and redirect resources where necessary.
- Chief Remington talked about human trafficking being a primary area of focus for the department, and stated that Deputy Chief Brasil has two probation officers dedicated to working with human trafficking victims.
- Chief Remington indicated that the department is looking at implementing new programs and may be able to use Measure A money to fund some of those programs. For example, they will work more closely with schools and focus on the violence on campus—the plan would utilize more mental health resource officers on campus.
- Deputy Chief Brasil reported that the department has implemented more services for in-custody youth transitioning back to their communities. He stated that this will greatly enhance services for youth needing housing, job assistance, mental health or medical services—community-based organizations (CBOs) will facilitate the process.

In response to a question from Commissioner Serrato on whether there will be a probation officer in every school, Chief Remington stated that there is not enough money to put one in every school, which is one of the reasons for the team concept.

V. Court Remarks

None

VI. Consideration of Commission Meeting Place and Time

- Chairperson Swope noted that it has been a challenge to start Commission meetings on time. She suggested starting a little later or moving the meeting back up to the YSC where it is closer to the PDP attorneys and Judge Etezadi. She asked the attendees and commissioners to offer their suggestions/preferences on meeting places—many around the room commented.
- Commissioner Serrato suggested the commission stay at County Center and try starting the meeting at 5:15 p.m.

M: Serrato/S: Barrows to change the JJDPC meeting time to 5:15 p.m. for a three-month trial period starting in April. The motion carried unanimously.

VII. Review of Current Activities/Projects

Education Advocacy (Rollins)

Commissioner Reynolds reported that the Respect! 24/7 meeting will be held on April 9 at the Sobrato Center in Redwood Shores from 9:00 a.m. until noon. Registration is required. He asked the secretary to the commission to send the registration link to the commissioners

Nominations (Miller)

Chairperson Swope reported that Commissioners Miller, Klebanov, and she have interviewed 8 of the 9 candidates. She anticipates that the committee will make recommendations at the next JJDPC meeting.

Legislative (Bresee/Klebanov)

Commissioner Bresee reported that most of the bills they are reviewing are still in committee [in Sacramento]. She has received information on SB61, which has to do with youth being held in solitary confinement in adult and juvenile facilities.

Inspections (Barrows)

Commissioner Barrows suggested commissioners who are interested in inspecting particular facilities to let her know—she will start the sign-up at the next meeting.

VIII. Discussion of Potential Work Plan—2013 and Beyond, e.g.,

- Chairperson Swope suggested that the commission might decide to look into immigration issues—perhaps align forces with the Youth Commission on like issues.
- Commissioner Barrows suggested developing a resource manual for future commissioners—she will consult with Chairperson Swope on Chair responsibilities and facility inspection protocol.
- Chairperson Swope stated that the Bylaws of the Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention Commission will be reviewed and approved at the next meeting—she acknowledged that this should have been done at the January meeting.
- Chairperson Swope suggested the commission host a Regional JJDPC meeting (i.e., ½ day workshop); she would bring a work plan back to commission for discussion at the May meeting.
- Other commissioners thought that the commission should wait until it's at full strength before adding projects, and that the commission's current limited bandwidth should be taken into account.

IX. Commissioner Representative Reports

Community Schools Advisory Team (Barrows):

Commissioner Barrows reported the March meeting included a presentation by the Office of Education on positive behavior intervention and support. The Inclusion Institute will hold a workshop with Sequoia High School June 12-14—details on the San Mateo County Office of Education website. The Community School graduation will be at Gateway on May 22 at 3:00 p.m.

Juvenile Justice Coordinating Council (Swope):

Chairperson Swope reported that the JJCC will not meet until May.

Youth Commission (Chahal):

Gurjeet Chahal reported that the Environmental Protection Committee is hosting an Eco-Friendly Fair on Saturday, April 6, from 10:00 a.m. until 4:00 p.m. at the County Center in Redwood City. There will be a Human Trafficking Forum on April 18 from 4:30 until 6:30 p.m. The Immigrant Youth Committee is accepting nominations for the Passion, Dedication, and Determination - Immigrant Youth Award through April 4. The Youth Commission is actively seeking applications for the next term—the process is open to youth ages 13 to 18.

X. Commissioner Comments/Announcements

Commissioner Bresee reported that the Governor is proposing making it optional for counties to provide funding for housing for persons 18 to 21 under AB12.

X. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 6:30 pm.

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