



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, January 29, 2013, 5:00 p.m.
455 County Center, Room 402, Redwood City**

Commissioners Present:

Susan Swope – Chair
Rebecca Ross – Vice Chair
Pat Bresee
Marianna Klebanov

Bonnie Miller
Irv Rollins
Al Serrato

Commissioners Excused: Mieke Bloomfield

Staff Present:

Cal Remington, Interim Chief Probation Officer
Roy Brasil, Deputy Chief Probation Officer
Warren Slocum, Board Member (District 4)
Marci Dragon, Legislative Aide to Supervisor Slocum

Additional Attendees:

Richard Boitano, Commissioner Emeritus
Sandra Gomez, Human Services Agency
Daniella Aguilar
Kris Cannon
Moneisa Carson
Gurjeet Chahal, YUCA
Brook Costello, Star Vista
Rebecca Duran, Friends for Youth
Adam Ely, Private Defender
Juan Gabriel, YUCA

Braulio Gonzalez, YUCA
Annie Loya, YUCA
Eileen Manning-Villar
Andrew Niklaus, FLY
Kenia Nayar, YUCA
Seren Pendleton-Knoll, Star Vista
Margot Rawlins
Jerson Sanchez, YUCA
Jasmine Soria, YUCA

I. Administrative Business:

- Call to Order: The meeting was called to order
- Chief Remington administered the Oath of Office to Susan Swope—she was reappointed to second term as commissioner through December 31, 2016.
- Roll Call and Establish Quorum: A quorum was not established
- Agenda Review

Approval of Minutes:

Approval of the minutes was delayed for lack of quorum.

Chairperson Swope introduced and welcomed Calvin “Cal” Remington, Interim Chief Probation Officer, to the Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention Commission.

II. Oral Communications:

No Public Comment

III. Probation Department’s Current Status—Plans and Concerns

- Chairperson Swope addressed Interim Chief Remington concerning the possibility of future county investigations to ensure that wards of the county have been safe.
- Interim Chief Remington stated that there are no county investigations underway. He stated that if something comes up during the current FBI/US Postal Service investigation, it will be pursued. The current investigation is not within County jurisdiction.
- Chairperson Swope stated that she was chosen to sit on the search committee to participate in the nationwide search for a new Chief Probation Officer; the committee is co-chaired by Judge Foiles and Judge Etezadi.

Commissioner Serrato’s arrival at 5:25 pm constituted the presence of a quorum.

M: Bresee/S: Klebanov to approve the minutes of the October 30, 2012, meeting. The minutes were approved unanimously as distributed.

- Supervisor Slocum thanked Interim Chief Remington for his report on the state of the Probation Department.

In response to a question from Supervisor Slocum on how probation staff is being supported through counseling, Interim Chief Remington indicated that Deputy Chief Brasil implemented a process of bringing staff together along with mental health personnel to discuss the impact of recent developments in the department.

IV. Inspection Follow-up (classes in units, medical staff on call, food complaints, Glenwood future)

- Deputy Chief Brasil reported that classes are held in the unit sometimes out of safety concerns with in-custody youth (e.g. gang affiliation). Staff has to manage the movement of the population within the facility to minimize the mixing of non-associated youth. He stated that severe weather can also impact the decision to hold in-unit classes.
- Probation has implemented a process of tracking the number of days classes are held in the housing unit and the days that classes are held in the school department.

Commissioner Miller arrived at 5:40 p.m.

In response to a question from Chairperson Swope, Deputy Chief Brasil stated that there are 111 youths at the YSC. He stated 12 of those youth were brought in from Camp Glenwood because of a fight on the sports field, and those youth may eventually face charges filed by the District Attorney.

- Deputy Chief Brasil reported that there is medical staff available at the camp every day from 7 am until 11:00 p.m. Medical issues that arise between the hours of 11:00 p.m. and 7:00 a.m. are handled by on-duty staff, or the sick/injured youth is transported to the county hospital for more serious issues.
- Deputy Chief Brasil is working with Correctional Health to potentially have the triage nurse at the Maguire Correctional Facility available by phone to the hall staff. He stated that staff is trained to call 9-1-1 or take youth to the county hospital should there be any doubt regarding the seriousness of a youth's health issue.
- Deputy Chief Brasil clarified that he has implemented a system at the YSC's Forest 2 and Elm 7 as well as Camp Kemp maintaining a binder on every youth that logs their daily activities. It will be implemented on the remaining units by May.
- He also said that the security of Loop Road has been approved and funded.
- HD cameras with audio should be installed throughout the hall by next year.

Vice Chairperson Ross arrived at 5:50 p.m.

- On commission consensus, it was agreed that Vice Chairperson Ross and Commissioner Miller will meet with YSC staff and Correctional Health to discuss outstanding issues around state nutritional requirements and alternatives—this grew out of concern that some youth stated the meals left them hungry.

V. Consideration of Emeritus Status for Richard Boitano and Milton Reynolds

M: Ross/S: Miller to confer emeritus status on former commissioners Richard Boitano and Milton Reynolds.

VI. Review of Current Activities/Projects

Education Advocacy (Rollins)

- Commissioner Rollins reported that the committee has partnered with the San Mateo County Office of Education to organize and implement a series of professional development opportunities for San Mateo County high school administrators—looking at alternatives to suspensions and expulsions.
- Commissioner Boitano reported that numbers attributed to racial disparities in discipline are striking (2010 county data). The committee is working to address this issue with the school districts and the county office of education.
- The committee met with County Superintendent of Schools, Ann Campbell, and all of her deputies to organize three symposiums. The first two symposiums were well attended with approximately 80 people in attendance at each.
- The third symposium will be held April 9 at the Sobrato Community Conference Center in Redwood City—registration is through the San Mateo County Office of Education website. The guest speaker will be Eric Guthertz, Principal, Mission High School (San Francisco Unified School District).
- The Office of Education has committed to support three more symposiums next year under the auspices of its 24/7 Respect Program.

Nominations (Miller)

- Chairperson Swope reported that the commission has received 7 applications to fill 5 vacancies. She described the application process for the benefit of the applicants who were present. Applicants are required to attend two meetings prior to appointment; be interviewed by the Commission's Nominating Committee; be recommended by the full Commission to the Presiding Juvenile Court Judge who makes the appointment, which is finally approved by the Board of Supervisors.

Legislative (Klebanov)

- Commissioner Bresee reported that the committee has not met. She stated that the committee will not schedule a meeting until there is more activity out of Sacramento.
- Commissioner Bresee reported that she is aware of only one legislative bill in process, which is a family law matter about dueling stay-away orders.

Inspections (Bloomfield)

- Chairperson Swope reported that Commissioner Bloomfield has agreed to chair the Inspection Committee again this year.

VII. Brainstorming: Ideas for 2013 and Beyond

- Chairperson Swope facilitated a discussion on other areas of interest to the commission this term.
- Vice Chairperson Ross suggested the commission receive monthly updates from the District Attorney's Office, Private Defenders, and other key managers in the county. She had an opportunity to speak with Rick Halpern in the Private Defenders Office, and he is willing to come on regular basis to provide updates.
- Chairperson Swope said that beginning in February, the commission will receive regular updates from the Youth Commission.
- Vice Chairperson Ross stated that the commission has a huge responsibility to the youth at the YSC, and that she would like to see the commission take a stronger role in terms of ongoing monitoring of the facility. It was agreed that Commissioners Ross and Miller will be the ongoing liaisons with hall staff throughout the year to provide more oversight than the annual inspection affords.
- Commissioner Rollins stated that he would like to invite representatives from the San Mateo County Office of Education to review for the JJDCP the programs that are available for non-disabled and disabled youth (e.g. special education programs). What re-entry services are being provided for youth being released from YSC? Are exit strategies being developed for the youth? What do the data on a youth's education credits on entering and leaving the hall show?

In response to a question from Supervisor Slocum about statistics on which districts the youth at the hall come from, Deputy Chief Brasil stated that he would provide the supervisor's office the data by district.

- On commission consensus, Vice Chairperson Ross and Commissioner Miller will meet regularly with YSC staff to monitor the nutritional, education and medical needs of the youth.

VIII. Court Remarks

No update

IX. Commissioner Representative Reports

Juvenile Justice Coordinating Council:

Chairperson Swope reported that the JJCC met on November 9. Applied Survey Research is evaluating JJCPF and JJCPA funded programs. The County is also contracting with Santa Clara County to use its curriculum on restoring/establishing youth competency for adjudication.

Youth Commission:

Gurjeet Chahal reported that the Youth Commission will have a forum on human trafficking of minors in April.

X. Commissioner Comments/Announcements

Supervisor Slocum, who is the Commission's new Board liaison replacing Rose Jacobs Gibson, noted that he likes to have data and statistics on issues—he is looking forward to receiving the analysis by district on the youth at the YSC.

XI. Adjournment

Tuesday, February 26, 2013, 5:00 - 7:00 p.m.
Location: 455 County Center, Room 402, Redwood City, CA