



## 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 29, 2014 5:15 p.m. 455 County Center, Room 402, Redwood City

##### Commissioners Present:

Susan Swope – Chair	Marianna Klebanov
Rebecca Ross – Vice Chair	Margot Rawlins
Bonnie Miller	Irv Rollins
Braulio Gonzalez	Al Serrato
Moneisa Carson	Mieke Barrows

**Commissioners Excused:** Richard Boitano (Emeritus), Milton Reynolds (Emeritus)  
Michael Stark and Irv Rollins

**Unexcused:** Sandra Gomez, Gurjeet Chalal

**Staff Present:** Larry Silver, Deputy Chief Probation Officer (Institutions), Christine Villanis, Deputy Director (Probation Services)

##### Additional Attendees:

Richard Halpern - PDP	Judge Lee – Juvenile Court
Jose Mendez - UUSM	James Wade – DA's Office
Paul Sorbo - BHRS	Kenia Najar- Youth Commission
Loriann Villanis- SMCOE	Juan Gabriel- Youth Commission
Marci Dragun – Supervisor Slocum's Office	

#### 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: Agenda was approved as distributed.
- Approval of Minutes M/ S/ A/ Carson. The minutes were approved as distributed.

#### II. Oral Communications

There were no oral communications.

#### III. Probation Remarks

Christine Villanis reported that she spoke with Judge Etezadi about Sue Burrell's presentation on Juvenile Competence at our last meeting. They will work with the Public Defender, the District Attorney, the Court Clerk, and Behavioral Health to develop a protocol.

Larry Silver said that Probation is still struggling with staffing issues at the Youth Services Center; they are currently down 18 staff, not including 10 staff who are on leave for various reasons. Their background investigation is lengthy and comprehensive with the result that candidates are sometime disqualified at the last minute.

## **VI. Committee Reports**

### **a. Inspections Committee (Barrows)**

Commissioner Barrows will meet with Commissioners Gonzalez and Carson to discuss their chairing this year's inspection process.

Commissioner Barrows wishes there were a central location to store information on Commission processes, so that having information available to future commissioners does not rely on it being passed from person to person.

### **b. Education Advocacy Committee (Rollins)**

Commissioner Rollins was unable to attend tonight's meeting. Commissioner Swope stated that next month we will have a presentation from Superintendent of Schools, Anne Campbell, on their Big Lift Project. The Education Committee will be meeting with Superintendent Campbell and Deputy Superintendent Rosas to review the County's Local Control Accountability Plan (LCAP).

### **c. The YSC Liaison Committee (Ross)**

Commissioners Miller and Ross met with Deputy Chief Larry Silver and Director Rich Hori to discuss some of the items that were addressed in the inspection report and in the letter from Deputy Chief Silver. At this point, minors have school less often on the units. Weather proofing the flooring in the school is in the planning stages. Because of staffing issues, YSC staff is becoming very creative to get the minors to school. Commissioner Miller appreciates Deputy Chief Silver and his staff's creativity in solving some of the problems and thinking of other ways to get things done.

YSC is still working on getting a uniform Youth Log in place; they may use the log that the F building is using as a model. YSC just implemented an Unusual Activity Log for all units.

Deputy Chief Silver discussed the idea that some time down the road, assignment of direct-file youth to the Forrest 2 unit may be based on behavioral, rather than charge, issues. If minors are behaving they may be integrated into school and into other units.

Camp Kemp girls are still sleeping at the YSC. The goal is to eventually have the girls spend 24/7 at Camp Kemp. They are in discussions with the County Manager's Office.

Deputy Chief Villanis will meet with the County Manager's Office next week to discuss options for Camp Kemp. Currently, the County Managers Office feels there are too few girls there to be cost effective. Camp Kemp has been reopen for almost a year. Even with the addition of the Girls Empowerment Program, there are still some issues to work out but it seems to be going well. The school department is giving positive feedback.

Commissioner Miller said that the Pyramid Program will implement a re-entry program in July to help minors and their families connect with the services they need when the minor is released from custody.

### **d. Legislative Committee (Klebanov)**

One of Commissioner Klebanov's thoughts in reconstituting the Legislative Committee was to have it track and update the Commission on some of the relevant bills each month so that Commissioners are

at least aware of them. At the end of the year the committee will revisit whether this committee should be placed on “inactive status”. She is thinking of asking Sara Rosenthal if she is willing to do a presentation on legislation at a future meeting.

**e. Regional JJDPC Meeting Committee (Swope)**

On May 5<sup>th</sup>, the chairs of six of the nine Bay Area Counties’ Juvenile Justice/Delinquency Prevention Commissions will meet in San Francisco to begin dialogue and planning for a Bay Area regional meeting.

**V. Commissioner Comments/Announcements**

Commissioner Carson was not able to attend the Community School Advisory Committee, but she reported based on their minutes. They discussed the County’s LCAP and how the funding has changed. They discussed moving technology into the school. Initially, they were against it because of monitoring issues, but they decided they would like to implement it to help kids stay up-to-date on technology. They upgraded their library and had a presentation on truancy.

Commissioner Ross expressed her concerns over dual jurisdiction kids. HSA has done away with all the facilities where we could place these minors. As a result, some of these minors who cannot go home to their families for some reason are being held in custody. Commissioner Ross would like to ask someone from HSA to discuss the situation. At the least, we should write a letter to them to voice our concerns. We need to get some answers about what we can do with these kids. Deputy Chief Silver said we are at the mercy of the court, we have no control, and we have no group homes to send them to. Commissioner Ross will draft a letter to Loc Nguyen at HSA.

Ann Campbell and Erica Wood will give a presentation at our next meeting on The Big Lift, a project designed to have all the children in the county reading at grade level by third grade.

**IV. Adjournment: 6:45 p.m.**

Next JJDPC Meeting:  
Tuesday May 27, 2014 at 5:15 p.m.  
Location: 555 County Center, Room 402, Redwood City CA