



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 27, 2014 5:15 p.m. 455 County Center, Room 402, Redwood City

Commissioners Present:

Susan Swope – Chair	Marianna Klebanov
Mieke Barrows	Margot Rawlins
Bonnie Miller	Irv Rollins
Moneisa Carson	Al Serrato
Richard Boitano (Emeritus)	Michael Stark

Commissioners Excused: Milton Reynolds (Emeritus), Rebecca Ross, Braulio Gonzalez

Unexcused: Sandra Gomez

Staff Present: Larry Silver, Deputy Chief Probation Officer (Institutions), Christine Villanis, Deputy Director (Probation Services) The Honorable Susan Etezadi, Presiding Juvenile Court Judge

Additional Attendees:

Erica Wood - SVCF	Charles DuMond
Jose Mendez - UUSM	Michael Levinson – North Peninsula ACLU
Paul Sorbo - BHRS	Marci Dragan – Supervisor Slocum’s Office
Loriann Villanis- SMCOE	Anne Campbell- COE Superintendent
Carol Groom – County Supervisor	

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. Commissioner Swope announced that Commissioner Chalal has resigned as he has graduated high school, taken a summer job, and will be entering UC-San Diego this fall.
- Agenda Review: The Agenda was approved as distributed.
- Approval of Minutes: The minutes from April 29, 2014 JJDPC meeting were approved as corrected. M/ Klebanov S/ Rawlins

II. Oral Communications

There were no oral communications.

III. Probation Remarks

Larry Silver said that occupancy at the Youth Services Center is currently about 90. Camp Glenwood is at 22. Camp Kemp has eight in the Camp Program and seven in the Girls’ Empowerment Program. The hall’s Olympic Games are being held this week at the YSC and Camp Glenwood is coming over to join them. Commissioner Swope and Judge Etezadi said that the Commission would like advance

notice on activities like this so they can come and observe. DPO Silver said he will make sure that happens in the future.

IV: Court Remarks

Judge Etezadi stated that she regretted she could not attend the last two meetings because she was in court until after 6 pm both days.

She welcomed Supervisor Groom to our meeting.

Judge Etezadi noted that Commissioner Swope sat in on her court on two consecutive afternoons last week and Commissioners Stark and Rawlins visited last month. She renewed her invitation to all the Commissioners and others to sit in on a court session. Just let Judge Etezadi know when you would like to attend.

Judge Etezadi announced that Judge Lee has been given a new assignment as Law in Motion Judge effective July 1. Judge Clifford Cretan will be the new Juvenile Dependency and Delinquency Judge.

V. Presentation on The Big Lift Project

Commissioner Rawlins introduced Anne Campbell, San Mateo County Superintendent of Schools, Erica Wood, Vice President, Community Leadership and Grant-making, Silicon Valley Community Foundation, and Supervisor Carol Groom, to give the Commission a presentation on “The Big Lift.”

Anne Campbell began by saying that this project of the Peninsula Partnership Leadership Council (PPLC) began about two years ago. The PPLC is a multi-sector collaborative that includes 80 organizations and about 200 individuals from throughout San Mateo County that focus on the needs of children and youth.

Currently, 42% of the County’s third graders are not reading at grade level. For Latinos, African Americans and Pacific Islanders it is 60%. In grades one to three, children learn to read, after third grade they read to learn. The result for the County is lower productivity, lower competitiveness, and lower tax revenue. Students who cannot read, cannot keep up on their other studies. They often become chronically truant, fail to graduate from high school, and come in contact with the juvenile justice system.

Every child deserves a 21st century education. The goal for The Big Lift is to increase the number of children in San Mateo County reading at grade level in third grade to 80% by 2020. They will accomplish this by providing quality preschool for underserved 3 and 4 year-olds, so they have greater readiness for grade school. Greater readiness should lead to better attendance. They are also looking at providing students with inspiring summers and promoting family engagement.

The Board of Supervisors has provided \$10 million towards this project from Measure “A” funds. They have also received a grant from the Kellogg Foundation. The PPLC continues to fundraise actively.

VI. Committee Reports

a. Inspections Committee (Carson)

Commissioner Carson passed around an inspection sign-up sheet and asked the other Commissioners to sign up to do two inspections. The Commissioners discussed whether to conduct the Camp Kemp inspection separately from the YSC this year. Commissioner Barrows commented that some of the Camp Kemp inspection would overlap with the YSC unit inspection where the girls sleep. It was decided to have a team of six to inspect YSC/Camp Kemp.

The Commission agreed that the focus for this year's inspections will be Health and Mental Health. We will need to develop a list of questions to ask the youth such as:

- Have they had medical or mental health services since they have been here?
- How do you access these services?
- Is the procedure consistent?

Commissioner Rollins suggested that we also get an update on where youth attend school on rainy days (in the school or on the units), and whether there has been any movement towards resolving this issue. He would also like to know about youth's access to technology and the use of community volunteers. If we can get the school piece of the inspections done in June, Commissioner Rollins would be glad to participate. After that he will be out of the country.

Commissioners were asked to send any other suggestions regarding inspections to Commissioner Carson.

DPO Silver advised the Commission that a minor having a landline is not a prerequisite for assignment to Camp Glenwood. The issue is how to know that when a minor goes on a home pass, that they are actually calling from home. It's a safety issue. DPO Villanis said she spoke to a vendor a couple of months ago that has a system that doesn't require a landline for EMP. They are going to do a demo for Probation, then let Probation try it out to see if it meets our needs.

There was some discussion about the landline versus the blue phone at the YSC. DPO Silver said that YSC policy is to allow each minor to make two phone calls from the County phone each week. He also said that Rich Hori is looking into a different vendor or doing away with the blue phones and using only the County phones. Judge Etezadi wants families notified when their children are admitted to YSC that the minors are allowed to use the County's phone line.

b. Education Advocacy Committee (Rollins)

The Committee was not able to meet with Joan Rosas regarding the County's LCAP. They will meet in June to go over the approved plan and make any recommendations for the next review.

c. The YSC Liaison Committee (Miller)

No meeting this month.

d. Legislative Committee (Klebanov)

The Committee met and discussed reorganizing the committee. Current committee members are Commissioners Klebanov, Swope and Rawlins. They plan to identify relevant bills and bring them to the JJDPC's attention. Commissioner Rawlins has spoken with Sarah Rosendahl asking if she would be willing to make a presentation to help us better understand the legislative process. Marci Dragun of Supervisor Slocum's office suggested that if Ms. Rosendahl is not available, we should ask Connie Juarez Diroll of the County Manager's office

e. Regional JJDPC Meeting Committee (Swope)

Commissioner Swope chaired a meeting with the chairs of five other county JJ/DPCs. They shared how they do business:

- Some commissioners receive stipends for meeting attendance. Some do not.
- Some commissions are subject to the Brown Act. Some are not.
- Hall occupancy is down in all the Bay Area Counties. Marin has had as few as two youth in custody. Conjecture is that more youth are being placed on home GPS.

- There is wide concern with the loss of group homes. They attribute this to passage of SB74, which limits the time a youth can spend in a group home. The idea is that youth should be placed in foster homes, but none of the Counties has sufficient foster families available to serve the need.
- Many Commissions are concerned with disproportionate minority contact.
- San Francisco has inspected group homes outside San Francisco City and County.
- Santa Clara's Commission has written Op-Eds to the Mercury News to effect change in Juvenile Probation and Court practices

Commissioner Swope said she spoke with Loc Nguyen from HSA about attending the June JJDC meeting. This will be our first step in understanding how SB74 is affecting San Mateo County. She will let the other commissioners know about the next meeting of the regional JJ/DPC group in case anyone would like to attend.

VII. Commissioner Comments/Announcements

Michael Stark reported that the Youth Commission recently held a showcase to celebrate this year's Youth Commission accomplishments. One was planting a garden at Your House South. Michael was part of that committee. They had planned to hold an Eco-Friendly Fair but it was cancelled. The Youth Commission does not meet in the summer but will begin meeting again in September.

Commissioner Boitano reported that a large County collaborative was formed about a year ago after the Sandy Hook Massacre. Early this month, they held a follow up meeting to talk about the steps taken over the past year regarding school safety. The keynote speaker, Michelle Gay, lost her daughter in the Sandy Hook Massacre. She formed a foundation and goes around the country speaking to groups. Her talk was very powerful. There is a lot of work to be done in the area of crisis response training. Ms. Gay stated that we should never become complacent, it can happen anywhere.

With regard to mental health, the County has provided funding from Measure "A" to provide mental health services in schools and to train school staff on how to identify kids who are having mental health issues and what to do about it. In Commissioner Boitano's school, 45 staff members have already been trained. The program is run by BHR.

Judge Etezadi reminded the Commission about the two-day seminar last fall on "Keeping Kids in School and Out of Court", at which school practices were discussed including disproportionate suspensions, expulsions and that the punitive 601 approach does not work. There are many underlying reasons that kids don't attend school. It could be because of a divorce, domestic violence in the home or many other reasons. We need to better understand the dynamics and interact appropriately with the families to address their problems. The Judge has an ongoing group from that seminar that meets the 3rd Friday of every month at the Law Library to develop protocols for San Mateo County

Commissioner Swope announced that anyone in law enforcement is invited to a Restorative Justice Symposium on Wednesday June 11, 2014 from 9 a.m. – 4 p.m. at Mercy Center, 2300 Adeline Drive, Burlingame. The symposium is co-sponsored by Mercy Center and the Society of St. Vincent de Paul of San Mateo County.

VIII. Adjournment: 6:45 p.m.

Next Meeting: June 24, 2013, 5:15 – 7:15 p.m.
Location: 455 County Center, Room 402, Redwood City, CA