

## PROBATION DEPARTMENT

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Chief Probation Officer



## COUNTY OF SAN MATEO

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At-large community  
representative

**Susan Swope**  
Juvenile Justice  
Delinquency Prevention  
Commission

## JUVENILE JUSTICE COORDINATING (JJCC) COUNCIL Meeting May 2, 2014

### MINUTES

#### Members Present:

Rick Boitano	Dave Norris (for Susan Manheimer)
Rick Halpern	Trisha Sanchez
John Keene	Susan Swope
John Maltbie	Randy Torrijos (for Dave Pine)
Loc Nguyen	Steve Wagstaffe

**Members Absent:** Susan Etezadi; Steve Kaplan; Joan Rosas; Jane Smithson

**Additional Attendees:** Clarise Blanchard (Star Vista); Erica Britton (Pyramid); Alisha Parrish (Pyramid); David Cattivera (FLY); Beth Walton (Acknowledge Alliance)

#### I. CALL TO ORDER

- The meeting was called to order at 2:07 p.m.

#### II. PUBLIC COMMENT

- There were no public comments.

#### III. INTRODUCTIONS

#### IV. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

- Minutes Approval - Susan Swope noted that there was no attendee list included in the November 15, 2013 minutes. Chief Keene stated that an attendee list would be included in the minutes for future meetings.

**M:** Maltbie/**S:** Swope to approve minutes from November 2013:  
The minutes were **APPROVED** as distributed.

#### V. NEW BUSINESS

##### A. Update on Recidivism Study (PPT Presentation) - Jen Van Stelle, ASR)

- Lisa Colvig-Amir, of ASR introduced Jen Van Stelle to present an update to the recidivism report delivered by ASR at the November 2013 JJCC Meeting.

- The goals from the original Recidivism Study remained the same:
  1. To estimate the rate of re-entries into the juvenile justice system, using more granular indicators of recidivism
  2. To estimate the rate of first entries into the juvenile justice system
  3. Use these data to discuss and agree on common definitions of recidivism for the county
  4. Use these data to establish benchmarks for county juvenile services and track trends
  5. Set up a framework to more fairly evaluate the justice related outcomes of the variety of programs funded
- What we're trying to learn
  1. What percent of youth have contact with the juvenile justice system after their program start date?
    - a. What are the characteristics of youth who recidivated compared to those who didn't?
    - b. What are the predictors of recidivism in juvenile justice system?
  2. What are the characteristics of youth who went on to have first contact with Probation, compared to those who didn't?
    - a. What are the characteristics of youth who went on to have first contact/entry into juvenile justice system?
    - b. What are the predictors of first contact/entry into juvenile justice system?

## **Study Population and Summary of Findings**

### ***Phase I***

Phase I consisted of evaluating the percent of youth who sustained new law violations, the percent of sustained law violations by program, those with a first new sustained law violation, and the various predictors of recidivism. Phase II will include more of this data.

Phase I data suggests a similar pattern among court-ordered and non-court-ordered youth in that both groups received a new violation within the first six months of program enrollment. However, youth with no prior contact received a new law violation within the last six months of program enrollment. Significant predictors of recidivism include:

- Gender
- An increased PACT risk level

### ***Phase II***

After the findings from Phase I were presented, members of the JJCC presented some additional questions for Phase II.

Chief Keene noted that one of the goals of the Probation Department in moving forward with this next phase is to make sure that programs are working for criminal-justice involved youth. He further stated that he wants

to see if we can identify external factors, such as the age decline of the population as a factor.

Council member S. Swope commented that it might be best to look at the kinds of offenses the youth in this cohort are committing, that being, is it their 1<sup>st</sup> event or are these part of a series of subsequent events? Do all of these youth somehow commit the same offenses?

The discussion and questions raised became part of the research questions for data that would be captured in Phase II, these include:

1. What is the demographic composition of youth in the study?
2. What are the characteristics of youth with a sustained law violation but no priors?
3. Which risk factors tend to cleave together and form distinct groupings?
4. Of the youth who have a new, sustained law violation, what percentage of these violations are more severe, less severe or equal to the initial offense (harm reduction)?

**Phase II (Current Status to date):**

- Refresh last year's analysis with expanded target population
- Analyze the data to answer the new research questions
- Summarize Phase II findings
- Present findings at JJCC Meeting

**B. Budget/Contracts Update – Noelle Vergara**

- Noelle Vergara reported that funding would remain the same for the 2014-2015 fiscal years. Contracts are currently being updated beyond the recent extension and are scheduled to be heard by the Board on June 17<sup>th</sup>. Deputy Chief Villanis shared that she has been hosting quarterly check-in meetings with the CBOs. This has been a good avenue for CBOs to share information about trends they are seeing in the schools and community.

**C. Remaining Meeting Dates for 2014:**

- All meetings will be held at 455 County Center, Redwood City, CA 94063 in Room 101, at 2:00 p.m. The remaining meeting dates for 2014:
  - August 1, 2014
  - November 7, 2014

**VI. ADJOURNMENT**