



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, October 28, 2014, 5:15 p.m. 455 County Center, Room 402, Redwood City

MINUTES

Commissioners Present: Susan Swope – Chair, Rebecca Ross – Vice Chair, Mieke Barrows, Marianna Klebanov, Bonnie Miller, Margot Rawlins, Irv Rollins, Rick Boitano - Emeritus

Commissioners Excused: Al Serrato,
Unexcused: Michael Stark

Staff Present:

Larry Silver, Deputy Chief (Institutions)
Toni DeMarco – BHRS

Christine Villanis, Deputy Chief (Juvenile Services)

Additional Attendees:

John Frye – SMCOE Court & Schools
Valerie Gibbs - Sequoia Union High School District
Lara Montoya – Notre Dame de Namur University

Joan Rosas – SMCOE

I. Administrative Business:

- Call to Order: The meeting was called to order at 5:17 p.m.
- Roll Call and Establish Quorum: A quorum was established.
- Agenda Review: The agenda was corrected to reflect there is no presenter today.
- Approval of Minutes: **M:/Ross, S:/Barrows** to approve the minutes from the September 30th meeting as distributed. **Approved** unanimously.

II. Oral Communications

Commissioner Rawlins introduced Ms. Michelle Gustafsen, who has an interest in joining the JJDPC. This was Ms. Gustafsen's first meeting.

III. Probation Remarks

Deputy Chief Villanis said that the Probation Department will be implementing JAIS, a new, more comprehensive assessment tool in November. Staff will be trained in its use in October and early November. Commissioner Barrows asked whether there's a list of specific questions for POs to use during the interview process with juveniles. Deputy Chief Villanis said yes, the script used in the assessment provides information about the motivation of the juveniles as well as their family dynamic. This will help probation better determine the services each minor's needs. Commissioner Rawlins asked if any of the questions on the assessment related to trafficking. Deputy Chief Villanis commented that there is a separate assessment tool used for CSEC screening. Commissioner Miller

asked if the Commission could see the tool and how it works. Deputy Chief Villanis said that she would look into this possibility.

Deputy Chief Silver reported that YSC is working on exit route signage to complete the final piece of the corrective action plan in response to the recent State inspection of the Juvenile Hall and Camps. He also mentioned that holiday dinners will be taking place soon and invited the Commissioners to attend. Deputy Chief Silver also introduced Rod Moore to the Commission. Mr. Moore will serve as the interim Director replacing Director Rich Hori, who has been reassigned.

IV. Court Remarks

There were no court remarks.

V. Committee Reports

a. Inspections Status and Review of Inspections (Rawlins)

Glenwood (Barrows)

Commissioner Barrows introduced Toni DeMarco, of Behavioral Health and Recovery Services. Ms. DeMarco came to address the Commission's questions about juveniles with specific education and/or mental health issues and how they presented to the Resource Review Board (RRB). *Are these issues taken into consideration when a youth is assigned to Glenwood, and how are services provided based on these needs?*

Toni DeMarco explained that the Glenwood mental health clinicians are there only 20 hours per week. The issue with providing additional hours and services comes down to funding. Because of budget cuts, some services provided in the past have been eliminated. The clinician currently serving Glenwood has 17 boys on her caseload and has to provide services to court-ordered youth within her 20-hours per week allotment. Medi-Cal does not cover mental health services for youth who are in detention or at Glenwood. (Only youth who have a general placement order are eligible for Medi-Cal, so youth in detention are a net County cost.)

Commissioner Ross asked who the Commission should reach out to in order to advocate for more mental health services for the Glenwood population. Ms. DeMarco suggested that the Commission advocate the Board of Supervisors and department heads, Paul Sorbo or Stephen Kaplan. Juveniles who have an IEP with mental health stipulations are given priority for mental health services. Commissioner Rollins inquired as to whether existing medical services provided through Medi-Cal could be leveraged in a way that could also include mental health services. Ms. DeMarco concluded by encouraging the Commission to advocate for additional staff to provide mental health services for Glenwood.

Commissioner Barrows invited Joan Rosas and John Fry, of the San Mateo County Office of Education to address similar questions regarding education services for youth with special education needs or an IEP. Ms. Rosas stated that the COE is now part of the placement process at Glenwood. Probation sends names of youth being considered to the COE where they are reviewed to see if they require general or special education.

Glenwood has a special education teacher that reviews IEPs for all three sites and determines if services can be provided. Deputy Chief Villanis commented that youth with an IEP who might require special education services are vetted through RRB.

Commissioner Swope asked whether Common Core textbooks are incorporated into the curriculum used by the COE. Ms. Rosas stated that County schools are currently using Common

Core math textbooks; other texts will be adopted in conjunction with other school districts as they become available. Commissioner Barrows will update the Glenwood report to reflect the discussion from today's meeting around mental health/special education needs and the new special education placement process. **M:/Klebanov, S:/Miller** to approve the Glenwood Inspection report with the amendments proposed by Commissioner Barrows. *Approved* with one abstention from Commissioner Ross.

M:/Klebanov, S:/Rawlins. Status: Approved that the Commission draft letters to the Board of Supervisors, Probation and BHRS recommending increased funding for mental health services for Glenwood youth. (Commissioner Swope will contact Toni DeMarco for the appropriate number of hours/funding required.)

Menlo Park PD (Rawlins)

Commissioner Rawlins clarified the discrepancy in the numbers of juveniles held in secured detention at the Menlo Park PD. (Approval had been previously held over pending clarification.) The number incorrectly listed by the State was 4 but the correct number is 3. **M:/Rollins, S:/Klebanov** to approve the Menlo Park PD inspection report. *Approved unanimously*

Camp Kemp (Swope/Klebanov)

Commissioner Swope reported that Camp Kemp appears to be a good program and the facilities appear to be in good condition. Commissioners talked with the youth over lunch. The juveniles said that they really enjoyed school and the mental health services offered.

There continues to be concern about the amount and quality of the foods served. Commissioner Ross commented that this issue seems to persist and recommended that the Commission invite someone from Correctional Health to come and talk with the JJDPC about food services. Deputy Chief Silver suggested that the Commission contact Susan Kohl.

Some juveniles complained that some staff are rude and that their grievances are not being heard. The Commission recommends that grievance forms be kept on file and available for Commissioner review in the future. Commissioner Ross also recommended that the amount of time juveniles spend in their room be documented.

The juveniles also expressed an interest in seeing more balanced male/female staffing. Commissioner Rollins commented that the library at Camp Kemp appeared inadequate. John Fry stated that the library is currently being re-stocked with new books. He encouraged the Commission to donate books or encourage others to do so.

A question came up about dental health during the last inspection that has not yet been adequately addressed. Deputy Chief Silver stated that dental services are administered through Correctional Health. He will check into the frequency of the visits. The question of an on-call nurse was addressed by Director Rod Moore, who stated that staff are trained to administer Tylenol or call the County hospital in cases of severe illness; but there is currently no on-call nurse due to funding. No facility safety report is currently required because Camp Kemp does not currently house youth overnight. **M:/Ross, S:/Barrows** to approve the Camp Kemp inspection report. *Approved unanimously.*

YSC (Ross)

Commissioner Ross would like to amend the report with respect to recreation to state that it is uncertain whether the minimum recreation requirements are being met. There were also some concerns about the carpeting and furniture and whether the carpet can be replaced. Deputy Chief

Silver said that he will look into possible options for getting the carpet replaced and the associated costs. Commissioner Rawlins commented about religious services and whether youth are being serviced in this area.

Commissioner Ross suggested that a recommendation be added to the report that states that youth should be informed to request additional religious services if they want them. Additional corrections include, verifying the frequency of dental services and correcting the youth-to-staff ratio to read: 10:1 respectively, and not 1:10. Commissioner Ross proposed that the Commission be provided with a monthly report on the amount of days class occurs on-unit. Joan Rosas agreed to provide a monthly update. **M:/Barrows, S:/Klebanov** to approve the YSC inspection report with noted corrections and recommendations. *Approved unanimously.*

b. Nominating Committee

Youth Commissioner Lizzie Ford was not present, so her nomination will be deferred until the January meeting.

c. Education Committee – No report.

d. YSC Liaison – No report.

e. Legislative Committee – No report.

VI. Commissioner Representative Reports--None

VII. Commissioner Comments/Announcements

Commissioner Swope reported on some bills that have been passed recently, that affect youth and thereby, the JJDPC:

- ***AB420 – Limiting School Removal for Willful Defiance*** - Eliminates expulsion from the school district for all students and suspension for K – 3 students (under education code 48900) for basic disruption and willful defiance.
- ***SB111 – Success for Involuntarily Transferred Students*** - Establishes basic safeguards for students transferred to county community schools to provide them with the best opportunity for success by allowing them to attend schools that are geographically accessible to them, and allows them to return to another appropriate school the following semester.
- ***SB1296 – No Incarceration for Students Who Miss School*** – Eliminates loopholes that permit the incarceration of truant youth through contempt charges or other violations to attend school. Ensures that truants not be incarcerated.

Commissioner Swope attended a Respect 24/7 meeting that addressed restorative justice efforts in schools. Camp Kemp participated in a program run by a group called Photo Voice. The project is 6 – 9 hours long. Students take a photograph and describe what it means to them. The program administrator hopes to implement the program at Camp Glenwood and post their work in the Hall of Justice.

VIII. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 6:55 p.m.

The Next JJDPC Meeting: February 24, 2015
Location: 555 County Center, Room 402, Redwood City CA.