



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 28, 2015, 5:15 p.m.
455 County Center, Room 402, Redwood City**

MINUTES

Commissioners Present: Susan Swope – Chair; Mieke Barrows, Valerie Gibbs, Michele Gustafson, Marianna Klebanov, Bonnie Miller, Lara Montoya, Margot Rawlins, Irv Rollins, Al Serrato

Commissioners Excused: Richard Boitano (Emeritus)

Staff Present: Christine Villanis, Deputy Chief (Juvenile Services); Larry Silver, Deputy Chief (Institutions)

Additional Attendees:

Yuni Cisneros	Maya Perkins, Supervisor Slocum's Office
Toni DeMarco (BHRS)	Joan Rosas (SMCOE)
Sheryl Freeman	Antonia Serval (Youth Service Bureau)
V. Hailey	Paul Sorbo (BHRS)
Nick Jasso (FLY)	Joan Tillman (SMCOE)
Ali Knight (FLY)	Loriann Villanis (SMCOE)
Kathy Meola (County Counsel)	

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: The agenda was approved as distributed.
- Approval of Minutes: The minutes were approved as distributed.

II. Oral Communications: None.

III. Swearing-In of New Commissioner: Michelle Gustafson was sworn in by Deputy Chief Silver in Judge Cretan's absence.

IV. Consideration of New Commissioner for Youth Seat

Commissioner Barrows reported that Youth Commissioner Candidate, Lizzie Ford has decided not to proceed with the appointment process citing time constraints. Commissioner Barrows proposed discussing the topic of recruiting and retaining youth commissioners and recruiting juveniles who have had some contact with the criminal justice system, perhaps through FLY and/or Star Vista.

Commissioner Klebanov distributed Rebecca Ross's resignation letter. She also introduced Sherry Freeman and Joan Tillman, Private Defenders who are interested in becoming

commissioners. Meeting attendee, Nick Jasso, asked about the process of becoming a commissioner. Commissioner Swope provided a brief overview.

- V. Mental Health Needs at the Camps and the Hall** (Paul Sorbo and Toni DeMarco, BHRS)
Paul Sorbo and Toni DeMarco, of Behavioral Health and Recovery Services (BHRS), addressed the Commission's concerns about the availability of mental health services provided by BHRS to juveniles, particularly in Camp Glenwood. Ms. DeMarco distributed a document outlining the current structure of services. She explained that BHRS works with Probation to provide services through community-based organizations to Juvenile Hall, Camp Glenwood, and Camp Kemp. Funding for services for in-custody youth is provided by Probation; funding for out-of-custody services is provided by BHRS. Other funding sources include: YOBG, the Juvenile Justice Coordinating Council, and Net County Costs. Deputy Chief Villanis commented that Probation provides money to BHRS based on its budget and funding from the State. The amount of these funds decreases each year.

In recent years, the numbers of juveniles in the camps and the hall has declined. This decline affected the funding provided by the State for mental health services, yet the needs remained the same. Funding cuts resulted in the full-time therapist position being reduced to half-time.

BHRS explored other funding streams, e.g., Measure A, but that funding was not approved. Commissioner Miller asked if IEP funds could be used for mental health services. Mr. Sorbo explained that not all juveniles have an IEP and not all juveniles (particularly males) want or need clinical therapy. This accounts for some of the differences between the types of services offered at Camp Kemp and Camp Glenwood. The programming is different for Camp Kemp by design. Nick Jasso asked if there is a hotline or a system in place for juveniles in the hall who are in crisis. Ms. DeMarco said Group Supervisors are available to assist juveniles on a 24x7 basis. There is also an on-call service for use after-hours and on weekends. Glenwood juveniles in crisis are brought to the Hall. Commissioner Rollins asked if the needs of juveniles are really being met according to their individual needs with the current budget constraints. Ms. Demarco stated that juveniles are given an individualized assessment that is specific to their needs, but needs are addressed on a 'triage' basis within the hours that therapists are available.

Commissioners Swope and Barrows asked how the Commission could help advocate for more funding for BOS and how many clinicians are needed. Mr. Sorbo said that the current services are appropriate given the budget but an additional full-time FTE position would be ideal; half-time at Camp Glenwood and half-time at Camp Kemp. But there needs to be dedicated funding for the position. There is no dedicated mental health funding for incarcerated youth. There is a Federal lock-out that prevents the use of Medi-cal funds for youth in the institutions. Medi-cal is reserved for use for juveniles who are out-patients.

Commissioner Miller commented that information learned during the inspections process, left inspectors with the sense that mental health resources are being used for juveniles in crisis but not necessarily for those who have an IEP. Ms. DeMarco replied that that is not quite accurate. Juveniles at Camp Glenwood with mental health needs on their IEP get priority on the clinician's caseload because services are mandated and paid for by the state. Ms. Rosas noted that not all juveniles with an IEP have a mental health designation.

Mr. Sorbo said that BHRS is in the process of filling two CBO vacancies. However, this process has been delayed due to a turn-over in staffing. Ms. DeMarco said BHRS is working on providing training for Juvenile Hall group supervisors that has a built-in mental health component. A funding stream for the training has already been identified but must be approved at the State level first to make it State-certified (STC).

Maya Perkins of the County Manager's Office applauded the Commission's efforts to advocate for additional funding for mental health services. She told the Commission to get the support of Probation and BHRS department heads and gather concrete data before asking the Board of Supervisors for funding. The Commission agreed that additional discussion is needed to identify ways to increase funding. They will consider forming an ad hoc committee to investigate and will continue discussion at a future JJDPC meeting.

VI. Probation Remarks

Deputy Chief Larry Silver reported that Camp Glenwood was inspected by the Civil Grand Jury on Monday, April 27. Probation expects to receive their report in the coming weeks, possibly sometime in June.

VII. Court Remarks: There were no Court Remarks.

VIII. Nomination/Election of Vice Chair for April-December 2015

Commissioner Swope noted that with the resignation of Vice-Chair, Rebecca Ross, the Commission needs a new Vice Chair. She asked for volunteers or nominations. No one expressed an interest. Commissioner Swope said that she call them individually.

IX. Liaison/Study Group Reports:

a. Educational Study Group (Rollins) No report.

b. Inspections Liaison (Gustafson)

Commissioner Rawlins announced that, as she will be moving out of County, she is resigning from the Commission. She introduced new Commissioner Michelle Gustafson, who will chair the 2015 inspection process. Commissioner Gustafson distributed a sign-up to get the process underway.

Commissioner Gustafson proposed that inspections would be conducted by teams of 3, with newer commissioners working with those more experienced. Commissioner Barrows provided a brief overview of the process, agreeing to serve as a 'trainer' for new commissioners. Commissioner Gustafson plans to revamp the inspections forms. She will send out an e-mail to the lead commissioner for each inspections team to schedule the inspections.

X. Commissioner Comments/Announcements:

Commissioner Swope reported that she has incorporated feedback into the finished survey document she distributed at the last meeting.

Adjournment: The meeting was adjourned at 7:20 p.m.

The Next JJDPC Meeting: Tuesday, May 26, 2015
Location: 455 County Center, Room 402, Redwood City, CA.