

**PROBATION DEPARTMENT
COUNTY OF SAN MATEO**



Juvenile Justice Coordinating Council (JJCC) Meeting

August 20, 2015

2:00 p.m. – 4:00 p.m.

222 Paul Scannell Drive, San Mateo CA – Chief’s Conference Room

MINUTES

Members

John T Keene
Chief Probation Officer

David Pine
Board of Supervisors

John L. Maltbie
County Manager

Clifford Cretan
Superior Court

Steve Wagstaffe
District Attorney

Stephen Kaplan
Behavioral Health
and Recovery Services

Loc Nguyen
Human Services Agency

Rick Halpern
Private Defender

Susan Manheimer
Chief, San Mateo Police
Department

Trisha Sanchez
Sheriff’s Office

Nancy Magee
County Office of
Education

Richard Boitano
Jefferson Union
High School District

Jane Smithson
At-large community
representative

Susan Swope
Juvenile Justice and
Delinquency Prevention
Commission

Members Present

Rick Halpern
John Keene
David Pine
Nancy Magee
John Maltbie
Susan Manheimer
Loc Nguyen
Trisha Sanchez
Steve Wagstaffe

Members Absent

Rick Boitano
Clifford Cretan
Stephen Kaplan
Jane Smithson
Susan Swope

Additional Attendees

Alexi Arvanitidis, StarVista
Helen Beasley, CLSEPA
Clarise Blanchard, StarVista
Christina Branom, Applied Survey Research
Jane Chandler, Youth Services Bureau
Holly Child, Applied Survey Research
Darlene Hansen, Probation
Ali Knight, Fresh Lifelines for Youth
Katrina Logan, CLSEPA
Michelle Mendez, Probation
Melanie Stauffer, Probation
Randy Torrijos, Board of Supervisors, District 1
Jose Villegas, Probation
Christine Villanis, Probation
Loriann Villanis, County Office of Education

I. Call to Order

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

II. Public Comment

There were no public comments.

III. Roll Call (Introductions – New Members)

Chief Keene introduced Ms. Nancy Magee, the new Associate Superintendent of the County Office of Education as a new JJCC board member replacing Joan Rosas.

IV. Unfinished Business

A. Approval of Minutes from the February 19, 2015 meeting;

M: Manheimer/**S:** Sanchez. The minutes were approved as distributed.

V. New Business

Chief Keene provided a report-out of the 2015-17 grant recipients:

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FLY: 2 yr. contract= \$250,000

Providing Juvenile Offenders- 1) Law Education Courses that cover topics in assault, theft, vandalism, hate crimes, drugs, gangs, and 3 Strikes Law and 2) **New** Leadership Training Program offering life skills education focusing on asset building and leading to cognitive behavioral change.

Star Vista: 2 yr. contract= \$331,200

Providing Camp Glenwood 1) Seeking Safety- A treatment model for mental health/trauma and substance abuse. 2) Family Skills Training- Cognitive Behavioral Therapy (CBT) model to provide parents, caretakers, others new skills to support pro social behaviors and train families to deal with challenging adolescents.

Acknowledge Alliance: 2 yr. contract= \$100,800

Gateway & Hillcrest students support to transitioning from the Court and Community Schools back high schools in Sequoia Union High School District.

Questions and comments

Chief Manheimer asked if there are currently any evidence-based programs around gang offender mentoring and/or prevention. She stated that the Police Chiefs Association is very interested in this and suggests that a separate discussion be arranged to address the lack of evidence based programs in these areas for San Mateo County.

Chief Keene commented that this topic has also been brought up in the Glenwood meetings as well as meetings with ASR. The Probation Department will be engaging in more in-depth discussions with ASR in 2016 around which evidence based gang program model to adopt.

Dave Pine asked about the current state of gang activity in SMCO, and what trends have been identified.

Chief Keene stated that there have been spikes in crime in the North Fair Oaks area and the city of San Mateo has seen an increase in residential burglaries. However from a juvenile perspective, the numbers are diminishing relative to the population. There are still some questions around the distinction between gang activity and gang association as it relates to crimes, given that some juveniles come from a culture of family gang involvement. Also, juvenile gang association seems to be occurring at a much younger age than in years past.

Steve Wagstaffe stated that juvenile gang prosecutions have dropped by 50 per cent in the last six years. Additionally, the number of gang cases prosecuted for adults have been flat with few spikes, despite spikes in gang activity in surrounding counties.

Chief Keene reiterated that gang activity and evidence-based gang prevention will be explored further as part of the long-term commitment of the new Local Action Plan.



2015-17 Juvenile Camp and Probation Funding (JCPF) Contract Recipients

Pyramid- SOY Program: 2 yr. contract = \$467,090

Provide school based counseling/education and case management with AOD prevention & Education with parent support and campus outreach.

El Centro de Libertad: 2 yr. contract= \$173,534

Provide AOD treatment services, parent education, and school based early intervention. Coast-side locations.

Boys and Girls Club: 2yr. contract \$205,722

Provide evidence-based Project LEARN youth-centered strategies Mentoring at-risk youth and Family-centered strategies to be provided include positive adult role-modeling for youth; programming for socially-isolated families; information & referral services; and family nights

YMCA- 2yr. contract= \$378,260

Provide On-campus violence prevention program and School Safety Advocates (SSA). 3 schools in SSF and 2 schools in SM

**NEW* Community Legal Services of EPA- 2yr. contract= \$87,750*

Provide at-risk youth or involved in the juvenile justice system immigration and other legal services at its offices

Questions and comments

Rick Halpern asked if any funding had been ear-marked for new programming as part of the Camp Glenwood Re-design project.

Chief Keene stated that internal funds will be allocated based on the programming that has been decided upon by the department. Probation has also applied for grant funding as well. We want to avoid removing funding from programs for juveniles who are not involved in the justice system but rather, to identify existing gaps in funding and find ways to address them.

Budget/Contract Update 2015-17

Chief Keene provided an update to the budget; there are no changes in state funding. Contracts have been turned around slowly because of the new county templates and more extensive reviews internally. Any CBOs that have questions should contact Michelle Mendez.

Evaluation of Services

- ASR is currently preparing the Annual Report for November - this document will be useful for LAP discussions
- ASR will oversee the evaluation of core services for 2015-17
- Probation (C.Villanis/M.Mendez) is working with ASR to bring in a new assessment tool for CBO's
- Child and Adolescent Needs and Strengths (CANS) comprehensive

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multisystem assessment

- The system is free to administer, ok to customize, only cost is training
- Probation reviewing the modules and domains
- Next Step is to 1.) Finalize domains, and 2.) Identify funds to implement training for all CBO's

Local Action Plan 2016 (Hand-outs/Presentation by ASR)

ASR distributed handouts and presented on the evaluation tools that will be replaced in the future. JJCC vendors will be using the RISK pre-screener vs. JAIS, and also the Child and Adolescent Needs and Strengths assessment (CANS) which focuses on a juvenile's strengths. The CANS tool is free to administer and can be customized. The costs associated will be for training, for which there is funding.

Some of the unmet needs identified by the commission include the following:

- 'Vertical' case management around each individual youth
- Continuity of services (therapy) and aftercare in the camps
- Youth leadership council
- Further exploration of the disproportionate number of children of color in the system
- Training around trauma informed care for juveniles who have been exposed to violence
- Mentorship development
- More information sharing among the CBOs

ASR will continue to assist the JJCC with the preparation of the Local Action Plan.

Remaining JJCC Meeting dates for 2015:

- Thursday, November 19, 2015

VI. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 3:29 p.m.