

**PROBATION DEPARTMENT
COUNTY OF SAN MATEO**



Juvenile Justice Coordinating Council (JJCC) Meeting

November 19, 2015

2:00 p.m. – 4:00 p.m.

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

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

Michelle Gustafson
Juvenile Justice and
Delinquency Prevention
Commission

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Members Present

Rick Boitano
Michelle Gustafson
Rick Halpern
John Keene
Nancy Magee
John Maltbie
Susan Manheimer
Loc Nguyen
Trisha Sanchez

Members Absent

Clifford Cretan
Stephen Kaplan
David Pine
Jane Smithson
Steve Wagstaffe

Additional Attendees

Alexi Arvanitidis, StarVista
Clarise Blanchard, StarVista
Christina Branom, Applied Survey Research
Roy Brasil, Probation
Casey Caylor, Boys & Girls Clubs of the Peninsula
Holly Child, Applied Survey Research
Reyna Farrales, County Manager's Office
Nicole Haley, Fresh Lifelines for Youth
Darlene Hansen, Probation
Ruth Laya, Probation
Hong Liu, Probation
Katrina Logan, CLSEPA
Vielka McCarthy, Probation
Michelle Mendez, Probation
Melanie Stauffer, Probation
Jen van Stelle, Applied Survey Research
Randy Torrijos, Board of Supervisors, District 1
Jose Villegas, Probation

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)

Ms. Michelle Gustafson, of the Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention Commission, introduced herself as the new JJCC Board Member replacing Susan Swope.

IV. Unfinished Business

A. Approval of Minutes from the August 20, 2015 meeting;

M: Nguyen/**S:** Halpern. The minutes were approved as distributed with two abstentions.

V. New Business

A. Budget Update (Hong Liu)

Hong Liu reported that Probation's budget is stable within the 'fixed' state allocation for JJCPA and JPCF.

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However each funding source received a little more than its fixed allocation. As a result, we have been advised by the state to treat this as ‘one-time only’ funds for one-time only needs. Some of this money has already been allocated for use for the 2016 Local Action Plan project.

B. 2014-15 Annual Evaluation Report (Christina Branom/Jen van Stelle, Applied Survey Research)

ASR provided a PowerPoint presentation of the evaluation results for the past fiscal year of programs funded by JJCPA and JCPF, as well as next steps for the next evaluation. The areas that were covered in the report:

- **Current Year Evaluation Findings**
- **Profile of Clients**
- **Client Survey Data**
 - Developmental Assets
 - Alcohol and Drug Use
- **Focus Group/Interview Findings JJCPA Findings**
- **Upcoming Evaluation Activities**

The youth who were involved in JJCPA and JPCF programs were asked to complete Development Asset Profile (DAP) surveys that would provide data that was closely related to the key desired outcome data from the previous local action plan such as:

- Improving the developmental assets of youth
- Decreasing substance use
- Improving family functioning
- Decreasing justice involvement

There was also a survey that measured the juvenile’s alcohol and substance use and whether that juvenile is at risk for a clinical diagnosis of a substance use disorder. Additionally, some qualitative work was done this year in the area of family functioning. Parents were asked about their experience with the services their youth received and if there were any positive changes in the youths or their families.

Questions and Comments

- Are there any measurements for education and school participation or expulsions and at what point in the 12-week program timeline is this data tracked? (T. Sanchez)
 - A. Arvanitidis of Star Vista commented that this data is captured in their intake survey. (C. Branom stated that she could look this information up in greater detail.)
- What’s considered to be a probation violation in one county might not be enforced in another county. Does the state have any mechanisms in place to address this? (M. Gustafson)

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- Chief Keene commented that this is very often the case across different counties though we try to maintain consistency with how violations are applied within San Mateo County.
- Are we also tracking the reasons behind each probation violation that a juvenile receives and the consequences of those violations? (R. Boitano)
 - This information is not being tracked at this time but could be looked into as a possibility for future reports.
- Is there a way to track how restitution payments are successfully completed in cases where there is more than one defendant? (R. Laya)
 - ASR will look into getting that information.
- How many youths are still drug-involved after exiting a program and is the completion of the program considered successful if the juvenile is still drug-involved? (S. Manheimer)
 - A. Arvanitidis commented that a juvenile cannot complete the program successfully unless they are six-weeks drug-free. However, upon program completion, some juveniles remain on probation and might resume drug/alcohol use; they are longer mandated by court orders to attend the program.

Conclusive Program Findings

- Reaching the most over-represented groups in the Juvenile Justice system
- Helping “at-risk” youth increase their developmental assets
 - “At-risk” youth improved significantly on nearly all DAP items
 - Remaining challenge: Only 34% improved at least one asset level on their overall DAP score
- Helping youth and their families achieve improved functioning
 - Parents report improved communication as a result of services
 - Remaining challenge: Parents felt somewhat uninformed and disempowered and wished services had started sooner
- Helping the highest level users reduce their substance use
 - 58% of those potentially at the clinical diagnosis level reduced their use
 - Remaining challenge: At-risk youth still met the clinical cut-off for substance use at time two
- Helping to keep youth out of Juvenile Hall
 - Average daily population has declined in recent years
 - Remaining challenge: Arrests for new law violations, incarceration, and probation violations increased

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Upcoming Evaluation Activities

- Pre-JAIS screener and CANS will replace existing tools over the next year
- All programs will transition on Jan. 1st
- Assessments will be staff completed
- Three main areas will be examined to determine what needs to be refined
- New measures will be developed

Additional data sources that should be considered for future evaluations

- School graduates – How many juveniles who received services graduate successfully?
- Tracking the success rate of students who have received services

New 2016 JJCC Meeting Schedule:

- February 25, 2016
- May 19, 2016
- August 25, 2016
- November 17, 2016

Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 3:42 p.m.