



COUNTY OF SAN MATEO
Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention Commission
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**Minutes of the Regular Juvenile Justice & Delinquency Prevention Commission
Special Meeting**

**Tuesday, December 8, 5:15 p.m.
455 County Center, Room 402, Redwood City**

MINUTES

Commissioners Present: Susan Swope – Chair, Michele Gustafson – Vice Chair, Mieke Barrows, Irv Rollins, , Valerie Gibbs, and Al Serrato

Commissioners Excused: Sonoo Thadaney, Lara Montoya

Commissioners Not Excused: Bonnie Miller, Marianna Klebanov

Staff Present:

Christine Villanis, Deputy Chief of Institutions

Additional Attendees:

Nancy Magee - SMCOE

Rebecca Flores – Stanford University - FLY

Loriann Villanis - SMCOE

Alex Shoor – Fresh Lifelines for Youth

Jeff Bautista – community member

I. Administrative Business:

- Call to Order: The meeting was called to order at 5:16 p.m.
- Roll Call and Establish Quorum: A quorum was established.
- Agenda Review: The agenda was approved as distributed.

II. Oral Communications: None.

III. Inspections:

a. YSC Inspection Report:

The YSC Inspection report was presented for approval

Several items were discussed

1. Concerns about weekend youth being confined to their rooms - Probation has already addressed this issue
2. Religious Services - not all denominations are being offered each week. This could be a staffing problem at Juvenile Hall. JJDPC would like - Catholic Services held like the Protestant Services - for all units together rather than on only one unit each week. Currently there are not enough Catholic Chaplains to go to each unit each week. The Probation Department will investigate and address the issue.
3. Ensuring that all incidents are logged in the log book in a consistent manner.
4. A question was brought up about the Step system (page 10) and youth being left out or eliminated from programming. Deputy Chief Villanis assured the group that these youth are not left out of programming, it may be different, but all youth receive programming. The zero step has been eliminated.

5. Deputy Chief Villanis clarified their policy regarding suicide watch. Probation has continual supervision over youth that are on suicide watch. They are given special clothing and bedding until BHRS releases them.
6. There is concern about the delay in implementing Internet connectivity at the Youth Services Center. This affects the development for computer-based education.
7. Commissioner Rollins would like to see the transcript information form revised to include the skill level of youth's gateway skills so that a teacher will know the level of instruction to be applied.
8. Commissioner Rollins proposed that the school part of the inspections be done in the spring for the three facilities instead of the summer session.

M:/ Barrows S:/ Gibbs to approve the Youth Services Center Inspection Report as amended. Approved unanimously

IV. Report on Meetings with Judges and Supervisor Slocum -

- a. On November 13, 2015 Susan Swope, Michele Gustafson, Irv Rollins and Mieke Barrows met with Judge Cretan and Judge Diaz to discuss the effectiveness of the Commission. A new JJDPC liaison will meet via phone with the court from time to time. The Commission is invited to their courts at any time.
On December 3, 2015 Susan Swope, Michele Gustafson, Irv Rollins and Mieke Barrows met with Supervisor Warren Slocum to discuss Commission focus.

V. Commissioner Comments/Announcements:

- Camp Kemp will have their holiday dinner this Thursday, December 10 and Camp Glenwood will be Wednesday, December 16.
- We need to consider adding a November or early December meeting to the JJDPC's meeting schedule.
- Star Vista is having a fundraiser at The Counter today to benefit the Youth Commission.
- Deputy Chief Villanis said that Probation is working with the schools on how they deal with discipline, using more positive enforcement, not putting youth in their rooms unless they are a danger to others. They are also looking at trauma and triggers, not just that they are kids doing bad things, looking at the reasons behind their behavior.
- Deputy Chief Villanis has a Public Information Act request for the YSC inspection report from Disabilities Advocates. She will be sending the YSC Inspection report to them in draft form.
- Four teachers from Gateway will be relocated to the other court school locations.

VI. Adjournment 6:37 PM

The Next JJDPC Meeting: January 26, 2016
Location: 455 County Centers, Room 402, Redwood City, CA