



COUNTY OF SAN MATEO
Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention Commission
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Minutes of the Regular Juvenile Justice & Delinquency Prevention Commission
Tuesday, February 23, 2016
455 County Center, Room 402, Redwood City

MINUTES

Commissioners Present: Susan Swope – Chair, Michele Gustafson, Mieke Barrows, Valerie Gibbs, Irv Rollins, Sonoo Thadaney

Youth Commission Liaisons: Clara MacAvoy, Rodney Martinez

Commissioners Excused: Al Serrato, Marianna Klebanov, Lara Montoya

Staff Present:

Christine Villanis, Deputy Chief (Juvenile Services)
Victor Amadi, Probation

Additional Attendees:

Nancy Magee - SMCOE
Loriann Villanis - SMCOE
Alex Shoor – FLY

Jan Ellard - County Counsel
Rebecca Flores – FLY/Stanford

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: Add nominations/recruiting to all the agendas as a standing topic
- Approval of Minutes: Approved as corrected by unanimous consent.

II. Oral Communications: None

III. Re-Adoption of Commission Operating Policies (Swope)

a. Reappointment Procedure (Ellard)

Al Serrato and Irv Rollins would like to serve a 2nd term and Judge Cretan is amenable to this. Since anyone who is up for a new term on a San Mateo Commission is automatically put on the consent agenda for approval, they have both already been approved for new terms (according to Jan Ellard).

b. Eligibility of Commissioners Who Have Served Previously (Ellard)

A person can serve on any Commission for a maximum of 12 years - (3) four-year terms. The Board of Supervisors can take specific action and adopt a resolution allowing a person to serve more than 12 years. Commissioner Emeritus Rick Boitano is interested in becoming a voting member again (he has already served 12 years). A vote will be considered at the next meeting asking Supervisor Slocum to put forth a resolution to add another term for Rick Boitano.

IV. Consideration of Application of Prospective Commissioner (Swope/Serrato)

Commissioner Serrato and Commission Chair Swope interviewed Rebecca Flores and recommended that the Commission approve her to be a Commissioner. **M:/Swope S://Gustafson** to recommend that Judge Cretan appoint Rebecca Flores to the JJDP. Approved unanimously.

V. Probation Remarks (Villanis)

a. Serious Incidents

Deputy Chief Villanis met with Commissioners Rollins and Gustafson to discuss four suicide attempts involving 2 girls at Camp Kemp. Looking at the incident reports, it appears the de-escalation was appropriate and the youth were able to return to the unit. Deputy Chief Villanis added that since then, one of the suicidal youth was moved to a Level 14 group home in Manteca. HSA took custody of her and she is no longer on probation.

Deputy Chief Villanis would like more mental health training for staff but staffing shortages (and already excessive overtime), make it difficult to pull staff from the units for training. She will look into a way to get more training for staff. She is also open to have a Probation Liaison, someone to check in regularly with the department.

Commissioner Barrows voiced a concern that staff are encountering increasing numbers of youth who have more mental health issues than criminality. Deputy Chief Villanis added that Juvenile Hall doesn't have a separate unit to house youth with mental health issues and while there is space to do so, there are not enough staff to open a separate unit. She has started conversations with BHRS about targeted interventions and creating space on the units where youth can self-regulate. BHRS has approval to start exploring and implementing more preventive interventions or intensive interventions.

Commissioner Rollins commented that a change of placement does not comply with the law without an IEP meeting documenting the change in placement with the appropriate signatures on the IEP. It might represent an opportunity for the JJDP Commission to ensure that someone, not affiliated with a government agency, is present as an advocate for a youth, for example, a CASA or foster parents, as a surrogate parent.

b. Glenwood Redesign (Villanis)

The Glenwood redesign is going to be approved as proposed with a few changes. Implementation is likely to take 6-8 months. Involvement for the Glenwood committees will be re-established into something comparable to what the Girls Camp currently has.

Deputy Chief of Juvenile Services, Roy Brasil, was introduced to the Commission.

VI. San Mateo Office of Education Remarks (Magee)

a. Progress on Online Instruction

Camp Glenwood's wifi equipment will be installed next week. Camp Kemp and YSC are fully wireless; however, they are not proceeding with any online engagement until they can get the monitoring software on the computers, train staff and get the rules and procedures in place for students and teachers. YSC's computer lab will be accessible by summer. SMCOE would like to make a presentation on their LCAP Plan during the March JJDP meeting.

VII. Court Remarks None

VIII. Liaison/Study Group Reports

a. Inspections Committee (Gustafson)

Commissioner Gustafson has sign-up sheets available for Inspections of the facilities. Three facility inspection teams and one education inspection team (that will inspect the educational facilities for all three locations) are needed. Youth Commissioners are not allowed to do the facility inspections. Canyon Oaks and the Receiving Home will be added to the inspections list for 2016. Commissioner Rollins asked for volunteers to conduct the YSC/Camp Kemp/Camp Glenwood school inspections in May.

b. Youth Commission (MacAvoy, Martinez)

This year's Youth Conference is on Saturday, March 19, 2016 from 10:00am-5:00pm at the College of San Mateo. The conference is run entirely by the youth. Their sponsorship goal is \$10,000 and they are still looking for sponsors. There will be a legislative panel at the conference.

c. Community Schools Advisory Committee (Gibbs)

Feb 4th meeting - Melinda Fiore gave a report on LCAP.

Nancy Magee indicated that they are applying to be part of Summit Prep's cohort. The Western Association of Schools and Colleges (WASC) will make its final accrediting visit in February. She expects that the court and community schools will be accredited.

d. Educational Advocacy Committee (Rollins) – no report

e. YSC Liaison Committee (Gustafson) – no report

f. Annual Report (Swope)

Commissioner Swope is working on the annual report and will send out a draft to discuss at the next meeting. Once approved, she will submit it to the Juvenile Court and the Board of Supervisors.

IX. Proposed Activities for 2016 (All)

The commission discussed the following potential activities for 2016 and selected two, one a combination of proposals b. and c., and proposal e. to pursue.

a. Probation Violations

What are youth being violated for and how are violations dealt with in San Mateo versus other counties? What is the impact on youth being able to stay engaged in their community and stay in school? The concern is that youth are missing school for violations.

Deputy Chief Villanis advised that a new data system will be up and running in September. The current data system does not specify the probation violation, so each youth's file would have to be pulled to see what the violation was. Generally, a youth with a probation violation will come in for a weekend, but the department won't have them miss school.

b. Public Health/Mental Health Prevention

Look at delinquency prevention through the lens of Adverse Childhood Experiences (ACEs). Partner with another agency, i.e., Public Health, to better understand what work that agency is doing and see what the needs might be and explore collaboration. Commissioner Thadaney and Clara MacAvoy would take the lead on this project.

c. School Mental Health

Look into the current mental health training for school staff. Commissioner Thadaney and Clara MacAvoy would take the lead on this project.

Commissioner Thadaney noted that many colleges do a Question, Persuade and Referral (QPR) training. Nancy Magee added there is also Youth Mental Health First Aid. There is funding through Measure A for Mental Health that focuses on youth mental health first-aid training specifically for school personnel. In the last two years, over 1000 school staff in San Mateo County have been trained. Probation Officers, youth in the Jefferson School District and law enforcement are also being trained in it.

d. Education

A few years ago the JJDPC worked with the SMCOE on Respect 24/7, which included instituting alternatives to suspension and expulsion in County schools. - This project would look at how alternatives to suspension and expulsion have been implemented and how they are working.

e. Group Homes/Dependency Youth

Investigate the loss of group home in San Mateo. How and where are youth being placed? Where are youth falling through the cracks (in schools, in custody, etc) and where are services missing? Commissioner Barrows, Swope and Gustafson would take the lead on this project.

f. Look at Accommodation, or Lack Thereof, of LGBTQI Youth

Commissioner Thadaney recommended adding a question on the inspection form asking whether there are accommodations for a LGBTQI youth to address this concern.

g. Education – High School Credit Catch-up and Recovery Effectiveness

There is a concern with the quality of education associated with credits earned and whether youth are provided the right level of education while in custody. Questions addressing these concerns will be added to the Education Inspection Form.

h. Aftercare and Recidivism

What evidence-based programs are in place to prevent youth from re-offending or being re-incarcerated?

X. Commissioner Comments/Announcements -- none

XI. Adjournment 7:19pm

The Next JJDPC Meeting: Tuesday, March 29, 2016
Location: 455 County Centers, Room 402, Redwood City, CA