



COUNTY OF SAN MATEO
Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention Commission
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**Minutes of the Regular Juvenile Justice & Delinquency Prevention Commission
Tuesday, March 29, 2016
455 County Center, Room 402, Redwood City**

MINUTES

Commissioners Present: Susan Swope – Chair, Michele Gustafson – Vice Chair, Mieke Barrows, Valerie Gibbs, Al Serrato, Sonoo Thadaney, and Commissioner Emeritus Richard Boitano

Youth Commission Liaison: Clara MacAvoy

Commissioners Excused: Lara Montoya and Irv Rollins

Staff Present:

Roy Brasil, Deputy Chief (Juvenile Services)
Christine Villanis, Deputy Chief (Institutions)

Additional Attendees:

Nancy Magee - SMCOE	Jan Ellard - County Counsel
Loriann Villanis - SMCOE	Joey Gallo - FLY
Anastacia Duenas – FLY	Melinda Fore - SMCOE

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 approved as distributed.
- Approval of Minutes: **M:**/Gustafson, **S:**/Barrows and Gibbs to approve the minutes from February, 23, 2016 as distributed. **Approved** unanimously.

II. Oral Communications: None.

III. Re-Adoption of Commission Operating Policies (Swope): No action taken.

IV. Consideration of Recommendation to ask Supervisor Slocum to Sponsor a Resolution to Allow Commissioner Emeritus Boitano another term: No action taken as Commissioner Emeritus Boitano felt that his current status was appropriate at this time.

V. Probation Remarks (Villanis)

a. Serious Incident(s)

There was a fight involving two youth where one youth's jaw was broken and had to be wired shut as a result.

b. Glenwood Redesign Update

Jeff Morino is the Project Manager for Glenwood Redesign. He will brief Camp Glenwood and YSC staff on the proposal that has been accepted.

c. Other

A three-month pilot contract is being finalized with Willy Stokes, an ex-gang member and shot-caller, who has a gang program based out of Santa Cruz. Judge Cretan asked Mr. Stokes if he could bring his program to San Mateo County. He works with gang-affiliated youth and uses his shot-caller perspective to talk to youth about how they are used by the shot-callers. He offers them techniques to think differently and provides possible strategies for fading away from a gang. The pilot program will be offered for 10 youth at the Glenwood facility.

VI. San Mateo Office of Education Remarks (Magee)

Melinda Fore from SMCOE presented data on the 2015-16 Local Control Accountability Program (LCAP) for the Court and Community Schools, which includes Gateway, Canyon Oaks, the Juvenile Hall, Camp Kemp, and Camp Glenwood.

Five students from the Court school, who have diplomas or GEDs, have been working with Katie Bliss of Project Change, to enroll in an online Sociology class through the College of San Mateo. It is a 10-week course. They are about 10 days into the program. A SMCOE teacher is acting as a blended teacher assisting with study strategies, going through videos, helping with notes and discussion questions, as well as making sure that the youth are able to access the materials. At the end of the course, the youth will receive college credits. When the youth are released, they will be College of San Mateo students and can continue their education on campus.

a. Progress on Online Instruction

Monitoring software will be installed on the Chrome books at YSC, Camp Glenwood, and Camp Kemp to provide a safe online environment for youth.

VII. Court Remarks (Gustafson)

Commissioner Gustafson met with Judge Cretan in February and told him that the Commission will be inspecting Canyon Oaks and the Receiving Home in addition to the other facilities. Judge Cretan endorsed including the Receiving Home and Canyon Oaks. She will meet with Judge Cretan again on March 30, 2016.

VIII. Liaison/Study Group Reports

a. **Inspection Liaison (Gustafson)**

Commissioner Gustafson passed around the inspections sign-up sheet with Canyon Oaks and Receiving Home added. No dates have been scheduled as yet. The school inspections will be done within the first two weeks of May while school is still in session. Rebecca Flores will shadow Commissioner Gustafson to prepare to chair Inspections next year. The goal is to complete all the inspections by August so as to review and approve them all by the end of the year.

b. **Youth Commission (MacAvoy)**

The Youth Conference at College of San Mateo was successful, with over 200 attendees. The Youth Commission is transferring from Star Vista to the Youth Leadership Institute. Their Board liaison is Supervisor Groom's Legislative Aide.

c. **Community Schools Advisory Committee (Gibbs)**

They will meet on April 4, 2016.

d. Educational Advisory Committee (Gustafson)

Commissioner Gustafson invited Anastasia Duenas of Fresh Lifelines for Youth to share her experience, as well as others with whom she has contact, with the Court and Community Schools. She recently applied for and received a \$10,000 grant from the Bay Area Philanthropic Ventures Foundation, the Bay Area Inspire Awards to pilot a peer mentoring program.

Commissioner Gustafson voiced concerns regarding the weekend program at YSC. The initial concern was that youth were not allowed out of their rooms for programming. She stated there seems to be inconsistencies with enforcement between units and/or staff. Additionally, youth have reported being sentenced to 20 weeks of the weekend program instead of a continuous sentence.

Commissioner Gustafson, Serrato and Youth Commissioner MacAvoy will work with Deputy Chief Villanis and Deputy Chief Brasil on a presentation about the weekend program for the April meeting.

e. YSC Liaison Committee (Gustafson) No report.

f. Annual Report (Swope)

Commissioner Swope distributed a draft of the annual report. Changes and/or corrections should be brought to the next meeting.

IX. Proposed Projects for 2016 (All)

a. Explore Potential Partnerships with Public Health/Mental Health Stakeholders to reduce/prevent delinquency (Thadaney and MacAvoy) – see attachment

Commissioner Thadaney and Youth Commissioner MacAvoy provided a handout describing their proposed project to look at the possibilities of partnering with Public Health, Schools and Mental Health resources. The project would focus on what can be done to address adverse childhood experiences (ACEs) and violence prevention through evidence-based programs. A graduate student and a pediatrician from Stanford have expressed interest in working on the project.

b. Group Homes/Dependency Youth – look at what is being done for dependent youth in lieu of group home placements (Barrows)

Commissioner Barrows proposed looking into alternative placement of dual-status youth when group homes are no longer available. In addition to this, she would like to look into resources for youth with severe mental health issues who are already in the system.

X. Commissioner Comments/Announcements

Youth Commissioner MacAvoy shared that the Sequoia International Festival is on Saturday, April 16, 2016 from 2:00-6:00pm.

XI. Meeting Adjourned 7:18pm.

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