



COUNTY OF SAN MATEO  
Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention Commission  
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**Minutes of the Regular Juvenile Justice & Delinquency Prevention Commission  
Tuesday, April 26, 2016  
455 County Center, Room 402, Redwood City**

**MINUTES**

**Commissioners Present:** Susan Swope – Chair, Michele Gustafson – Vice Chair, Mieke Barrows, Sonoo Thadaney, Lara Montoya and Irv Rollins

**Commissioners Excused:** Valerie Gibbs and Al Serrato

**Commissioners Unexcused:** Marianna Klebanov

**Staff Present:**

Roy Brasil, Deputy Chief (Juvenile Services)

Christine Villanis, Deputy Chief (Institutions)

**Additional Attendees:**

Nancy Magee - SMCOE

Jan Ellard - County Counsel

Rebecca Flores – FLY

Maya Perkins – Office of Supervisor Slocum

Peter Ehrhorn – StarVista

**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 was approved as distributed.
- Approval of Minutes: **M:/Barrows, S:/Gustafson** to approve the Minutes of March 29, 2016 as distributed. **Approved** unanimously.

**II. Oral Communications:** None.

**III. Public Health/Mental Health Partnership Project (Thadaney)**

Commissioner Thadaney provided an update on the progress made on the Adverse Childhood Experiences (ACE) project. She is working with a Stanford undergraduate student who will be collecting data and presenting it to the Commission, as well as interviewing key stakeholders to understand what is already known and to see where there are potential opportunities. This work will start in June.

Deputy Chief Villanis is working with Toni DeMarco of BHRS to set-up smaller Trauma Informed Care trainings for Probation staff so all staff can be trained.

Deputy Chief Brasil stated that there is a contract with Applied Survey Research to do a gap analysis on CSEC (Commercially Sexually Exposed Children) in trafficking. He will follow-up with ASR to find out the status.

Commissioner Thadaney would like to look into assessments used in programs that are already established in the community. The goal would be to have an ACE score for every child in San Mateo County and how the ACE score can be part of a profile that various

resources in the County use to engage a child. The idea is to have ACE pre-screening or included every time a person comes into contact with any human service to determine if there is a history of trauma.

#### **IV. Group Home/Dependency Youth Project (Barrows)**

Commissioner Barrows gathered information on AB403, the law that mandates that youth are placed in foster homes rather than group homes. Anyone at a level 11 or lower group home will go into foster care.

Existing group homes would have to go through new accreditation to serve level 12-14 youth. It will cost approximately \$25,000 and take approximately 18 months. It is unclear how many of the group homes that want to be certified for Level 12-14 have the \$25,000 to go through the accreditation process.

Canyon Oaks and Your House South will be going through accreditation. The process for friends and families to foster now requires them to go through the full foster family licensing process. All foster families will also have to go through the more intensive foster-adopt process. HSA will meet with Probation to determine what will happen.

Community Care Licensing (CCL) has a bureau that is working on the implementation of AB403, which met in January/February. Sub groups have been formed to address some of the different issues.

There are currently six foster family homes in San Mateo County for teenagers.

#### **V. Probation Remarks (Villanis/Brasil)**

##### **a. YSC Weekender Program**

Deputy Chief Villanis reported on the weekend program. She stated that Judges sometimes sentence youth to weekends because straight sentencing potentially disrupts the youth's school, job, community, and families for an extended period of time.

Commissioner Gustafson requested clarification about the two different modes a youth is sentenced to the weekend program. The first is sentencing by the Judge, ordered for six youth last month. The second mode is Probation using the weekend as an attention getter. In March, there were a total of 5. There was one youth in the month of March who served two consecutive weekends. Six youth were serving a term that the Judge ordered and five were attention getters ordered by the Probation Officer.

Youth are allowed to bring homework with them; however, they are not allowed to bring a hardback book. Probation Officers counsel the youth on the reasons for the weekend. The youth can always talk to their attorney if they feel the consequence is unfair; however, they will still serve their weekend sentence. The Probation Department has 48 hours to decide whether charges will be filed and take the youth to court.

##### **b. Glenwood Redesign Update** No Report.

##### **c. Status of Contract with Willy Stokes**

Deputy Chief Villanis reported that Willy Stokes started and has been to Camp Glenwood 2-3 times – it is going well.

d. Other

BSCC inspection is scheduled for Monday, May 23, 2016 through Wednesday, May 25, 2016. On Monday and Tuesday, they will be reviewing paper documents and visiting YSC and Camp Kemp. On Wednesday, they will be visiting Camp Glenwood.

**VI. San Mateo Office of Education Remarks (Magee)**

a. WASC Accreditation Status

Should have an answer by end of May.

b. Progress on Online Instruction

Nancy Magee reported that five students are currently taking an online Sociology class through the College of San Mateo. They are approximately 8 weeks into the course. They are doing well and leading classmates in grades.

**VII. Liaison/Study Group Reports**

a. **Inspection Liaison (Gustafson)**

Inspection teams have been established. Commissioner Gustafson handed out packets of inspection instructions and forms. Dates for inspections have not been finalized. Court school inspections are scheduled for May 10<sup>th</sup> for Camp Glenwood and May 16<sup>th</sup> for YSC and Camp Kemp.

b. **Youth Commission (MacAvoy)**

No Report.

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

No Report.

d. **Educational Advisory Committee (Rollins)**

No Report.

e. **YSC Liaison Committee (Gustafson)**

Commissioner Gustafson met with Deputy Chiefs Villanis and Roy Brasil regarding YSC. Deputy Chief Villanis indicated that Forrest 2 is being closed because of low population. Probation is using this- as an opportunity to look at programming, housing and staffing differently. Deputy Chief Villanis is involving a lot of staff in the conversation and bringing in partners such as the School Department, etc. When the new security system is being installed, they will need to close down a whole unit at a time and move the youth into four units temporarily.

Deputy Chief Villanis reported that there is still a shortage of staff. There were over 70 interviews for extra-help Group Supervisor positions. The department was authorized for 16 positions and 16 of the 70 applicants are in background checks.

f. **Annual Report (Swope) – Commissioner Comments**

Commissioners Barrows and Gustafson submitted comments for the annual report.

g. **Nominations (Barrows)**

Commissioner Barrows noted the need for active Commissioner recruitment. She would like, e.g., to have Coastside representation as part of the Commission. During the next commission meeting, she would like to discuss ways the commission could recruit more Commissioners. Commissioner Thadaney recommended using social media and/or an online resource website.

**h. Legislative Committee (Swope and Gustafson)**

**1. Public Safety and Rehabilitation Act Initiative**

The initiative would remove the ability to decide whether a youth will be tried as an adult from the District Attorney and give it to the Judge. Signatures to qualify for the November ballot have to be submitted by next week.

**2. SB1052 – Requires law enforcement to allow minors counsel before waiving their Miranda Rights. The Board has not yet taken any position on this legislation.**

**3. AB403 – Limitations on Use of Group Homes**  
Bill has already passed.

**VIII. Commissioner Comments/Announcements**

**a. Visit to Alameda County JJDPC (Gustafson)**

Commissioner Gustafson attended Alameda County's JJDPC meeting earlier in the month and was very impressed. Most members of the Commission, Judges and Probation were in attendance. Youth Radio presented a piece about Court costs and fees. It led to a discussion and investigation on costs and fees assessed in Juvenile Court. Their JJDPC wrote a letter to the Board of Supervisors that resulted in the suspension of court costs and fees while they do more research.

**b. Recognition of Youth Commissioner Martinez in Catholic San Francisco**

Youth Commissioner Rodney Martinez was featured in the Catholic San Francisco .

**c. Paper Tigers video plus panel discussion (Swope)**

Commissioner Swope went to see the screening of Paper Tigers, which addresses the effects of Adverse Childhood Experiences (ACEs) on youth. If people are interested in viewing it, there are several sites online to learn more about the ACEs studies and how it is being used.

**d. Lunch with Stephanie Mattero, Star Vista and Tina Dress SUHSD re Foster Youth (Swope)**

Stephanie is funded through Star Vista to recruit foster families in San Mateo County.

She reported on the current status of dependent youth placements in the County.

**e. Court School Youth, Jason Va'avai, selected to attend National Conference (Gustafson)**

Jason Va'Avai, of EPA is one of 100 youth Nationwide selected to participate in the National Conference on Youth Engagement with Police in Washington, DC, April 27-28, 2016. The conference is focused on how to improve youth interactions with police and make those relations more productive, less fear- and more respect-based. Nancy Magee added that Jason will be recognized at the Board of Education meeting on June 1, 2016.

**IX. Meeting Adjourned 7:18 pm.**

**The Next JJDPC Meeting:** Tuesday, May 31, 2016  
**Location:** 455 County Center, Room 402, Redwood City, CA