



COUNTY OF SAN MATEO
Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention Commission
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**Minutes of the Regular Juvenile Justice & Delinquency Prevention Commission
Tuesday, June 28, 2016
455 County Center, Room 402, Redwood City**

MINUTES

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

Commissioners Excused: Lara Montoya, Al Serrato, Commissioner Emeritus – Richard Boitano, Al Serrato

Commissioners Unexcused: Marianna Klebanov, Irv Rollins

Staff Present:

Christine Villanis, Deputy Chief (Institutions)

Additional Attendees:

Joey Gallo – FLY

Douglas Winter – Research Intern

Maya Perkins – Supervisor Slocum’s Office

Loriann Villanis – SMCOE

Andrew Paiva – Research Intern

Adam Ely – County Counsel

Charlotte Cesana – Center for Independence, San Mateo

Darci Freeman – StarVista’s Your House South

I. Administrative Business:

- Call to Order: The meeting was called to order at 5:17p.m.
- Roll Call and Establish Quorum: A quorum was established.
- Agenda Review: The agenda was approved with the renaming of Item V.a. to Adverse Childhood Experiences and Prevention Initiative
- Approval of Minutes: **M:**/Barrows, **S:**/Gustafson to approve the Minutes of May, 2016 as distributed. **Approved** unanimously.

II. Oral Communications: None.

III. Swear In New Commissioner – Rebecca Flores

Commissioner Flores was sworn in by Deputy Chief Christine Villanis.

IV. Private Defender Program Evaluation Report

The County Manager’s memo on the Private Defender Program (PDF) was discussed briefly. Commissioner Swope will attend the meeting on June 29, 2016 and Commissioner Gustafson will attend the July 12th meeting to learn more about concerns about the PDF and will report what they learned at the next meeting.

Commissioner Gustafson reported that Welfare & Institutions Code 634.3, effective July 1, 2016, will require certain minimum standards for attorneys who represent juveniles in delinquency proceedings. She will follow-up with Rick Halpern about the new code and any outcomes data available for juvenile defendants.

V. Project Updates

a. Adverse Childhood Experiences (ACEs) and Prevention Initiative (Thadaney)
Research Interns, Andrew Paiva and Douglas Winter, introduced themselves and their research goals for the summer. Andrew will pull together information about what other states are doing especially best practices and prevention and treatment of ACEs. Four states-- Washington, California, Florida and Wisconsin--have passed legislation on ACEs.

Douglas will work on the legal aspects of the project, e.g., possible concerns that arise in integrating ACE-based evaluations and programs into existing systems. He will also look at other legal frameworks already in place in other states. Commissioner Thadaney noted that the goal is to identify the scope of what's being done that are evidence-based programs. They will report on their research in July.

b. Group Home/Dependency Youth Project (Barrows)

Commissioner Barrows provided an update regarding AB403, the Continuum of Care that will eliminate group homes, only retaining high-level group homes. No one knows what will happen in January when the policy is implemented. She reported the Director at the Receiving Home said they are adding more intensive services and will be reclassified as a short-term, residential treatment program instead of a group home.

Commissioner Barrows noted that HSA is meeting with Probation in July to update them on how AB403 will be implemented in SM County – someone from the commission will attend. Commissioner Swope will try to meet with Assemblymen Mullen and Miller to discuss the concerns with the disappearance of group homes.

VI. Probation Remarks (Villanis)

Deputy Chief Villanis shared a document showing the population of all three facilities from January to May 2016. She reported Camp Glenwood is adding programming for the boys, such as vocational training with Paxton Patterson and training the youth on trauma and how their brain functions. Project Change is on hold until next spring. An MOU is needed to continue the program. SMCOE is putting together a Bridge to Colleges/Careers program to offer youth.

Deputy Chief Villanis reported there are people from Notre Dame de Namur who want to start a book club that will include reporting and other projects, but will not earn any college credits. Probation is looking for ways to be more creative about keeping youth who aren't in school, busy. Three youth passed the accelerated, online Sociology college course.

New furniture is being purchased for all 3 facilities. New uniforms for the Institutions division are in the process of being distributed to staff.

VII. San Mateo Office of Education Remarks (Magee)

No report.

VIII. Liaison/Study Group Reports

a. Inspections Committee (Swope)

Commissioner Gibbs reported that all three school inspections are completed. Youth will have access to computers and the Internet in the fall 2016 semester. SMCOE is being cautious in implementing this program to ensure all teachers and Probation staff are trained.

In response to a Commissioner's question, Deputy Chief Villanis said that a youth or unit could be kept from class if they are being disruptive. She will make sure that the teachers are aware of reasons youth(s) could be delayed or kept from class, and also let teachers know when youth are moved to another unit and so go to another class.

Commissioner Gustafson will make the changes to the school inspection reports and they will be integrated into the full facility inspections.

M:/Barrows, S:/Gustafson to approve the education inspection reports for Camp Kemp, Camp Glenwood and YSC with the changes as discussed – removal of specific data requests to be replaced with a general update on WASC accreditation goals and subject to confirmation of numbers of youth at Juvenile Hall who have IEPs.

Inspections Update:

- Camp Glenwood and the Receiving Home are completed.
- Camp Kemp is scheduled for July 14, 2016.
- Juvenile Hall is scheduled for July 15, 2016 and
- Canyon Oaks for July 25, 2016.

b. Youth Commission (MacAvoy)

No report.

c. Community Schools Advisory Committee (Gibbs)

No report.

d. Educational Advisory Committee (Rollins)

No report.

e. Court and Probation Liaison (Gustafson)

Commissioner Gustafson met with Judge Cretan about AB403. He is concerned about Juvenile Hall youth who have longer (e.g., 2-year) sentences. This poses a challenge for programming the older youth with the younger youth. Commissioner Gustafson will follow-up with Deputy Chief Brasil on the status of the Electronic Monitoring Program.

f. Annual Report (Swope)

Commissioner Swope met with Maya Perkins from Supervisor Slocum's office and will reformat report to reflect her suggestions.

g. Nominations (Barrows)

There are 4 Commissioner vacancies, 1 is for a Commissioner 14-21 years old.

h. Legislative Committee (Swope)

1. Public Safety and Rehabilitation Act Initiative

No report.

2. SB1052 – Requires law enforcement to allow minors counsel before waiving their Miranda Rights.

No report.

3. AB403 – Limitations on Use of Group Homes

Discussed as part of V.b. above.

IX. Commissioner Comments/Announcements

a. Visit to Santa Clara County JJC (Gustafson)

Report deferred to the July meeting.

b. Commissioner Swope attended the Trauma-Informed Systems Training at the College of San Mateo on June 8, 2016. This was the first of a series of trainings for those working with youth in San Mateo County.

c. Sonoma County Conference, November 5, 2016, 10am-3pm, Sebastopol (Swope). A flyer was distributed for the Commissioners' information.

X. Meeting Adjourned 7:25pm.

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