



COUNTY OF SAN MATEO
Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention Commission
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**Minutes of the Regular Juvenile Justice & Delinquency Prevention Commission
Tuesday, August 30, 2016
455 County Center, Room 402, Redwood City**

MINUTES

Commissioners Present: Chair – Susan Swope, Vice Chair - Michele Gustafson, Mieke Barrows, Rebecca Flores, Valerie Gibbs, Nicholas Jasso, Lara Montoya, Al Serrato, Sonoo Thadaney and Richard Boitano, Commissioner Emeritus

Commissioners Excused: Irv Rollins

Staff Present:

Roy Brasil, Deputy Chief (Juvenile)
Christine Villanis, Deputy Chief (Institutions)
Jan Ellard – County Counsel

Additional Attendees:

Alex Shoor - FLY	Adam Wilson – Youth Commission
Andrew Paiva – Research Intern	Loriann Villanis – SMCOE
Melissa Wilson – Community Member	Darci Freeman – StarVista’s Your House South
Jefferson Bautista – Community Member	Richard Halpern – Private Defender’s Program
	Nancy Magee - SMCOE

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: Approved as distributed.
- Approval of Minutes: **M:/Gustafson, S:/Thadaney** to approve the Minutes of July 26, 2016 with the correction on Page 1, Item 3 as “San Mateo County is the largest county in California with a Private Defender Program;” **Approved** as corrected.

II. Oral Communications: None.

III. Private Defender Program Evaluation -- JJDPC Response (Gustafson)

Commissioner Gustafson drafted a letter from the Commission on the Evaluation of the County’s PDP Program to be presented at the Board of Supervisor’s meeting on September 20, 2016, which summarized the Commission’s views as well as recommendations for the Private Defender Program’s (PDP). The letter outlines the Commission’s response to the seven recommendations in the evaluation. She also proposed suggestions for improving the PDP Juvenile Services.

Commissioner Serrato recommended removing ‘adult’ in the last bullet point on the last page and commenting only on juvenile cases.

Richard Halpern, Maya Weir and Bonnier Miller of the Private Defender’s Program each offered brief comments.

M:/Thadaney S:/Barrows to approve the Commission's letter concerning the Private Defender's Program with the changes as noted and agendaize the PDP evaluation for next month and invite members of the panel to come to discuss any potential addendum to the JJDPC response. Al Serrato recused himself from the vote. **Motion was approved** unanimously.

IV. Project Updates

a. Adverse Childhood Experiences (ACEs) and Prevention Initiative (Thadaney and Paiva)
Mr. Paiva provided an update on his research on Nurse Family Partnership. He reached out to various stakeholders in San Mateo County and asked how the Commission can assist with improving social awareness of the Nurse Family Partnership. The program is federally funded under the umbrella of prenatal healthcare services.

b. Group Homes/Dependency Youth Project (Gustafson)
Commissioner Gustafson provided an update with information on the effects of the State's Continuum of Care initiative in San Mateo County. She stated all group homes will need to be licensed at the same level and, she believes, there will be less incentive to take Level 14 youth. The two in-county group homes where Level 14 youth can be placed now are Canyon Oaks and Your House South, the rest are out of county or out of state.

V. Probation Remarks (Brasil and Villanis)

Deputy Chief Brasil announced there will be 24/7 coverage where a Probation Officer will be available, on call if needed. They will be available on holidays and weekends, as well.

Deputy Chief Villanis reported that Probation will cooperate with the Controller's Office to provide any requested information in response to the Grand Jury report.

The BSCC biannual inspection was completed a few months ago. BSCC reported that Probation is in full compliance with State requirements. New cameras and microphones are being installed in Juvenile Hall and the School Department.

Deputy Chief Villanis reported that seven Group Supervisors will be promoted to Deputy Probation Officers creating more Group Supervisor vacancies in addition to the 16 already open. The Probation department is in the process of hiring more Group Supervisors and has interviewed applicants and put several through background checks.

Approximately 50 managers throughout the department and HSA went to Trauma Informed Care 3-hour training with BHRS.

The Victim Impact Awareness program is not being canceled.

VI. San Mateo Office of Education Remarks (Magee)

Nancy Magee reported that SMCOE is part of the Summit Charter School 2016-2017 cohort for personalized learning model instruction. A team of four teachers and four support staff in various roles attended a week-long training at Summit Charter School in the summer and three staff attended an additional week for administrators. This model will be piloted in three classrooms—Camp Glenwood, English/Social Studies; Camp Kemp, Math/Science; and Canyon Oaks, Math/Science. New workbooks will be purchased for these classrooms and an online school monitoring software for online activity is installed at each workstation. A Probation workstation will be in each of the court school classrooms, so Probation staff can

monitor what is on the desktop of every student. The role of the teacher in this model is a facilitator/coach, as well as providing some direct instruction. Youth go through the curriculum at their own pace.

SMCOE is partnering with Project Change and will continue to offer college courses to youth in custody. Additionally, an English teacher from Notre Dame de Namur University will teach a class at Hillcrest School in the Fall for students who have already earned a diploma. Three graduate students will also be assisting in the classroom.

VII. Liaison/Study Group Reports

a. Inspections Committee (Gustafson)

Commissioner Barrows gave a brief summary of the Camp Glenwood inspection that was completed on June 9, 2016. Approval for the Camp Glenwood inspection report will be deferred to the September meeting.

Camp Glenwood will be selling their garden's produce at YSC.

Commissioner Swope reported on the Camp Kemp inspection. Youth at Camp Kemp reported the teachers really care about them. The girls receive comprehensive mental health services that are tailored to their needs. **M://Gustafson, S://Barrows** to approve the Camp Kemp inspection report as written. Approved unanimously.

SMCOE was awarded 6-year WASC accreditation. Credits from all three facilities are now transferable to four-year colleges.

Commissioner Gustafson noted there are three police station inspections to be inspected. San Bruno Police Department inspection is scheduled for September 12, 2016, Menlo Park Police Department is scheduled for September 6, 2016 and the South San Francisco BART Station is to be determined.

Commissioner Gustafson reported the Canyon Oaks inspection is completed and the report is in progress.

b. Court and Probation Liaison (Gustafson)

Commissioner Gustafson met with Judge Cretan. He and some members of Probation went to DJJ (state level Juvenile Hall) for a tour. The DJJ has 800 youth in custody. San Mateo County has several youth who are being considered for DJJ.

c. Annual Report (Swope)

Deferred to September meeting.

d. Nominations (Swope)

Commissioner Swope announced Commissioner Gustafson will be on a leave of absence from December 2016 through June 2017 and will not be able to be Chair for the Commission.

e. Legislative Committee (Swope)

1. Public Safety and Rehabilitation Act Initiative – Deferred to September meeting
2. AB403 – Limitations on Use of Group Home – Deferred to September meeting.

VIII. Commissioner Comments/Announcements

Commissioner Swope shared the Youth in Mind flyer event. It is a two-day regional youth leadership summit in Fremont. They are looking for young individuals 18-28 who are working in communities and want to strengthen skills around sharing their personal narratives.

IX. Meeting Adjourned 7:19pm.

The Next JJDPC Meeting: Tuesday, September 27, 2016
Location: 455 County Center, Room 402, Redwood City, CA