

**PROBATION DEPARTMENT
COUNTY OF SAN MATEO**



Juvenile Justice Coordinating Council (JJCC) Meeting

August 25, 2016

2:00 p.m. – 4:00 p.m.

222 Paul Scannell Drive, San Mateo CA – Chief's Conference Room

Members

John T. Keene
Chief Probation Officer

David Pine
Board of Supervisors

John L. Maltbie
County Manager

Clifford Cretan
Superior Court

Steve Wagstaffe
District Attorney

Stephen Kaplan
Behavioral Health
and Recovery Services

Loc Nguyen
Human Services Agency

Rick Halpern
Private Defender

Susan Manheimer
Chief, San Mateo Police
Department

Trisha Sanchez
Sheriff's Office

Nancy Magee
County Office of Education

Richard Boitano
Jefferson Union High School
District

Jane Smithson
At-large community
representative

Michele Gustafson
Juvenile Justice and
Delinquency Prevention
Commission

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Members Present

Rick Boitano
Michele Gustafson
John Keene
Nancy Magee
John Maltbie
Dave Norris (for Manheimer)
Loc Nguyen
David Pine
Mark Robbins (for Sanchez)

Members Absent

Clifford Cretan
Rick Halpern
Stephen Kaplan
Susan Manheimer
Jane Smithson
Steve Wagstaffe

Additional Attendees

Alexi Arvanitidis, StarVista; Casey Caylor, Boys & Girls Clubs of the Peninsula; Holly Child, Applied Survey Research; Peter Ehrhorn, StarVista; Karen Guidotti, DA's Office; Nadine Gonzalez-Lopez, Pyramid Alternatives; Darlene Hansen, Probation; Colin Laver, El Centro de Libertad; Ruth Laya, Probation; Hong Liu, Probation; Katrina Logan, CLSEPA; Vielka McCarthy, Probation; Michelle Mendez, Probation; Mpho Perras, Probation; Randi Perry, Fresh Lifelines for Youth; Shannon Petrello, Boys & Girls Clubs of the Peninsula; Maribel Rodriguez, Pyramid Alternatives; Alex Shoor, Fresh Lifelines for Youth; Nellni Singh, Pyramid; Melanie Stauffer, Probation; Randy Torrijos, Board of Supervisors, District 1; Christine VanDonge, Applied Survey Research

I. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 2:13 p.m.

II. Public Comment

There were no public comments.

III. Roll Call

IV. Unfinished Business

A. Approval of Minutes from the February 25, 2015 meeting:

Chief Keene noted that Chief Manheimer's attendance at the February 25th, 2016 meeting was not recorded, yet she was present. The minutes were approved with this noted correction. **M:** Magee/**S:** Gustafson.

V. New Business

A. Budget Update (Hong Liu)

Hong Liu reported that program funding is stable with no increases or reductions. As such, current funding levels for the next cycle of contracted services need to remain the same. If additional needs are identified in the Local Action Plan (LAP) beyond what has already been allocated, funds will have to be redirected but no new services will be added.

Q: For what time period are the funds pre-allocated (calendar month and/or year?) (Gustafson)

A: The current contracts are funded through June 30, 2017, after which a new cycle of contracted services will begin for the fiscal year 2017-18 period. (Liu)

B. Local Action Plan (LAP) 2016 (Christine VanDonge, Applied Survey Research)

Comments from Chief Keene: The needs identified in the LAP will help Probation to determine its focus for the next round of Requests For Proposals (RFPs). Community-based organizations will be pushed harder to come up with unique programming alternatives for our juveniles. Moving to the Children and Adolescents' Needs and Strengths (CANS) assessment will help us to determine how consistent our current programming is for the youth who are receiving services.

Christine VanDonge of ASR presented a PowerPoint overview of the 2016 LAP that has been in effect in Probation for the past year. The LAP will help set funding priorities for the Juvenile Probation Camp Funding (JPCF) and Juvenile Justice Crime Prevention Act (JJCPA) for the next five years, through 2020.

Three main purposes of the LAP:

- Highlight needs/gaps
- Provide a sample of best practices
- Recommend future steps

Needs/Gaps Identified

- Findings indicate that between 2010 – 2014, arrest rates decreased but the needs of juveniles seemed to increase
- Stakeholders identified 'hot-spots' as the same areas where juveniles already reside (Redwood City, San Mateo, East Palo Alto, South San Francisco, Daly City)
- Race/Ethnicity of Juveniles on Probation State-wide (based on the California Census) vs. San Mateo County
 - While Caucasian juveniles make up a higher percentage of juveniles state-wide, the number of Caucasian youths on probation in San Mateo County was significantly lower
 - African-American juveniles make up a lower percentage of juveniles state-wide, but a higher percentage of those on probation in San Mateo County
 - Asian juveniles also made up a higher percentage of juveniles state-wide, but had lower numbers among those on Probation

in San Mateo County

- Data for the Latino population is available but was not included in the report due to the complicated way in which race and ethnicity data is collected for the state census

(Chief Keene encouraged committee members to ask questions about any data that they feel might be missing or that they would like to see.)

The planning process for the LAP was a 12-month process with engagement from staff and external organizations. Data was collected from the youths receiving services as well as their parents. Of the data collected, the following key themes (priority areas) emerged:

Behavioral Health

- Need for a more trauma-informed system of care; need for more levels of care for mental health services; Appropriate levels of substance use treatment needed

Impact of Poverty on Youth

- Stakeholders identified the need for more parental monitoring and continued care after discharge; juveniles indicated a lack of personal space
- Concerns about staff turnover at the CBOs was mentioned by both staff and juveniles

Cultural Sensitivity

- Stakeholders wanted to see more culturally responsive interventions
- Limited English proficiency was a common issue
- High number of undocumented youth and families

Additional Programs and Services

- Need for more innovative gang prevention & intervention
- More after hours programs
- Programs that provide mentorship
- Concerns were also expressed about re-entry or aftercare services

Family and Community Engagement

- More family engagement
- Increase family education (parents indicated that they want fewer parenting classes but more guidance on how to manage behaviors)
- Need for probation in the community (parents want more after-hours probation involvement and a return of school resource officers)

Questions and Comments

Chief Keene commented that while some of the themes that emerged were familiar, the LAP provided a deeper dive in some areas -- specifically, in the areas of poverty and its impact on youth and staff turnover in our CBOs. The Chief also acknowledged that although caseload numbers are lower than in recent years, the cases we currently have are more complex. Probation's focus for this LAP will be on ensuring that the needs of juveniles are being met.

Q: Are school resource officers being added as a result of Measure A? (Pine)

A: Yes. (Maltbie)

Q: Did juveniles weigh-in on the possibility of adding School Resource Officers (SRO)?

A: This was not mentioned directly by juveniles but they indicated that SROs and probation Officers are seen as disciplinarians. (Christine VanDonge)

Michele Gustafson commented that if SROs are called in only to keep track of 'troubled' juveniles, it could foster a negative perception among youths.

Q: It was interesting that parents complained about training. What parts of the training did they oppose? (Pine)

A: Parents indicated that they wanted to learn more about managing behaviors, and not just how to parent. (Christine VanDonge)

Nancy Magee commented that the San Mateo County Office of Education Parent Project funded by Measure A that provides a 13-week parenting curriculum which seems to be very useful.

Next Steps

- Probation will continue its partnership with ASR to further the LAP
- Some JJCC committee members will be tapped to form a separate RFP Committee in preparation of the release of the RFP (in the January time-frame)
- ASR will present its evaluation summary to providers at the November JJCC meeting (evaluation reports will be available in October)

Remaining meetings for 2016:

- November 17, 2016

Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 2:40 p.m.