



COUNTY OF SAN MATEO
Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention Commission
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**Minutes of the Regular Juvenile Justice & Delinquency Prevention Commission
February 28, 2017
455 County Center, Room 402, Redwood City**

MINUTES

Commissioners Present: Chair – Susan Swope, Vice Chair - Sonoo Thadaney, Valerie Gibbs, Irv Rollins, Al Serrato, and Melissa Wilson

Youth Commissioners Present: Clara MacAvoy

Commissioners Excused: Rebecca Flores, Michele Gustafson and Nick Jasso

Staff Present:

Roy Brasil, Deputy Chief (Juvenile Services)

Additional Attendees:

Rick Boitano (Emeritus)

Toni Barrack – Community Member

Nancy Magee – SMCOE

Mary Oleksy – Stanford

Tara Ford – Stanford Law School

Jan Ellard – County Counsel

Bill Silverfarb – Board of Supervisors, Sup. Canepa’s Office

Frank Briski – Community Member

Russell Branson – City of Half Moon Bay

I. Administrative Business:

- a. Call to Order: The meeting was called to order at 5:15 p.m.
- b. Roll Call and Establish Quorum: A quorum was established.
- c. Agenda Review: **M:/Gibbs, S:/Thadaney** to approve as amended deferring Item V to next meeting. **Approved** unanimously
- d. Approval of Minutes: January 31, 2017 minutes **Approved** as distributed.
- e. Consideration of Commissioner Application for Toni Barrack. **M:/Thadaney, S:/ Serrato** to recommend that Toni Barrack be appointed to the JJDPC. **Approved** unanimously.
- g. Consideration of Leave of Absence for Nick Jasso. Deferred to Item IV.

II. Oral Communications:

Tara Ford, Senior Attorney (*Registered Legal Services Attorney in CA) at Young Minds Advocacy (YMA), and Visiting Clinical Supervising Attorney with Stanford Law School, gave a brief description of the work of YMA. In response to the agenda item regarding the California Child Welfare Continuum of Care, she explained that YMA supports the development and expansion of wraparound services for youth with significant mental health needs. These services are important because they not only support young people, they also assist parents to build skills to support their children. 70% of youth involved in the juvenile justice system may have a diagnosed mental health condition and only 8% of the youth receive treatment within six months of detention. She also provided pamphlets about some of the wraparound services that are available through Medi-Cal.

III. Brown Act Brush-Up (Ellard)

Deputy County Counsel, Jan Ellard, gave a brief overview of The Brown Act and answered questions.

IV. Review/Readopt JJDPC Operating Policies

a. Consideration of Proposed Policy on Leaves of Absences (Ellard)

Deputy County Counsel Ellard noted that Boards and Commissions policy encourages board members and commissioners to attend their meetings regularly. Commissioners may be given a leave of absence on a case-by-case basis, and for a good reason. Their appointment may be kept open for a finite period. Alternatively, the Commission may decide to fill the position should a good candidate become available.

Commissioner Chair Swope reminded the commission that Commissioner Jasso is filling one of the two youth slots. He has requested a Leave of Absence to spend the spring 2017 semester studying in Italy. It was noted that he qualifies for either a youth or an adult seat on the commission, so that if either is open on his return, he can rejoin the Commission.

Commissioners expressed concern about the need to fill as many commission slots as possible to maximize our ability to work in the best interests of SMC youth. They noted the particular value of having the youth point of view and discussed how best to recruit to ensure that both youth seats are filled. Ms. Ellard suggested submitting the available vacancies to Michelle Durand. Making the opportunity known to the County's High School students was also suggested. Associate Superintendent, Nancy McGee offered that the CoE can let all the high school principals and counselors know.

V. Assessment Center Overview of Purpose and Procedures

Deferred to next meeting.

VI. Project Updates

a. Consideration of Proposed Response to the California Child Welfare Continuum of Care
Commissioner Chair Swope is working on a response, which she and Rebecca will finalize.

b. Suggest/consider other possible projects for 2017

Deferred until more commissioners are on board.

VII. Probation Remarks (Brasil)

a. Update on impacts of Grand Jury Report on juvenile facilities

Deferred to March meeting.

b. Progress on installation of new security camera

Deferred to March meeting.

c. Progress on Camp Glenwood redesign

Deputy Chief Brasil reported the new program for Camp Glenwood will go live on March 6, 2017. As issues arise after the go-live date, they will address it. He will ask Camps Director Jeff Morino to do a presentation on the Camp Glenwood re-design and its purpose at the next meeting.

Melanie Stauffer, will be asked to present on the Assessment Center process youth and families experience when they are referred to the Center.

d. Progress on new data system

A new tentative date for the PIMS data system is scheduled for the end of summer 2017.

e. Update on YSC Bi-lingual signage

Commissioner Wilson provided her observations on YSC bilingual signage. She said most signs in the YSC Courtroom area are in English only. There are signs about availability of interpreters at the far end of the Courtroom corridor. Interpreters walk up and down the corridor before Court begins to check in with parents to see if they have any questions about the court process.

VIII. San Mateo Office of Education Remarks (Magee)

Nancy Magee provided an update on the Coalition for Safe Schools and Communities meeting held in October.

A county-wide threat assessment training was held February 27-28, 2017 for 45 law enforcement, education and mental health professionals. The County has developed a countywide threat assessment protocol and two levels of teams. The Level One team is trained to handle threats at the school and the school district level. The Level Two team is involved if district resources are not sufficient to manage the threat. The Level Two team will be established in the fall of the next school year and will meet once every two weeks to review cases and provide monitoring support for the various districts.

She also reported that all County school districts are currently writing their Local Control Accountability Plans (LCAPs), an annual plan that aligns their programs and budgets. SMCOE is preparing an LCAP for the Court and Community. The Court and Community Schools' LCAP will focus on Special Education and English Learners. As part of the current LCAP, they have hired an Academic Counselor who came on board in November 2016.

Additionally, one of the classrooms at Hillcrest will be turned into a College and Career Center. This will be the Academic Counselor's office. All school districts in the State of California received funding under the college readiness grant. Software for career counseling, assessments and goal setting is being installed.

Next month, she will provide an update on the 2017 LCAP and the response at schools to the federal immigration orders.

IX. Liaison/Study Group Reports

a. Inspections Committee

Commissioner Rollins will chair the schools inspection and plans to conduct the inspections May 3-4, 2017. Commissioners Wilson and Gibbs will be part of the school sub-committee.

b. Court and Probation Liaison (Wilson)

Commissioner Wilson met with Assessment Center staff. She gave a brief overview of what she learned about families' experience when they are referred to the Assessment Center. She reported that the Assessment meet with families to explain the process; however, there is not much documentation provided to families to take with them.

Camp Glenwood staff has been trained to teach youth car repair, plumbing and electrical. The R.E.A.L. program, led by Willy Stokes, has been implemented in all the Hall, Camps Kemp and Glenwood, Gateway and the outreach centers.

c. JJCC (Rollins)

The JJCC's March meeting was cancelled. The next meeting will be in May 2017.

d. Youth Commission Update (MacAvoy)

Youth Commissioner, Clara MacAvoy, announced that the Youth Commission will hold its annual conference, at the Marriott Conference Center on April 15, 2017.

The Commission's "Bee the Change" environment event will be held at Edgewood Park on March 25, 2017 from 1:00-3:00pm.

X. Commissioner Comments/Announcements

a. Camp Kemp 10th Anniversary Celebration (Swope)

Commissioner Chair Swope attended Camp Kemp's 10th anniversary. About eight Camp graduates participated in a question and answer session with current residents.

Legislative Aide, Bill Silverfarb, reported that the Board of Supervisors held a special study session on foster care in San Mateo County. There is a Power Point presentation of the session available through the County Manager's Office. A link to the meeting is below:

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=4dEnLR_T2Zk&index=102&list=PLvrcFuwLyzqO9lwr8kicJTSAYAIaUaQ1T

XI. Meeting Adjourned 6:39pm

The Next JJDPC Meeting: Tuesday, March 28, 2017
Location: 455 County Center, Room 402, Redwood City, CA