



COUNTY OF SAN MATEO
Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention Commission
222 Paul Scannell Drive • San Mateo, CA 94402

Minutes of the Regular Juvenile Justice & Delinquency Prevention Commission
June 27, 2017
5:15-7:15pm
455 County Center, 4th Floor, Room 402, Redwood City

MINUTES

Commissioners Present: Co-Chair – Susan Swope, Co-Vice Chairs - Sonoo Thadaney, Valerie Gibbs and Melissa Wilson

Commissioners Excused: Rebecca Flores, Michele Gustafson, Nick Jasso, Irv Rollins and Al Serrato

Staff Present:

Roy Brasil, Deputy Chief Probation Officer – Juvenile Services
Rich Hori, Director of Juvenile Services

Additional Attendees:

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| Toni Barrack – Community Member | Kody Lizana – FLY |
| Bill Silverfarb – Supervisor Canepa’s Office | Daniel Casillas – Project Change |
| Tara Ford – Stanford Law School | Russell Brunson – 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: **No** quorum was established.
- c. Introductions
- d. Agenda Review: **A quorum was not available for approval.**
- e. Approval of Minutes: April 25, 2017 minutes: **Deferred to next meeting for lack of quorum.**

II. Oral Communications: None.

III. Project Updates

- a. Update on Proposed Response to the California Child Welfare Continuum of Care
 1. June 14 teleconference with Theresa Thurmond, Manager, Stakeholder Collaboration, Outreach and Training, CCR, CDSS

Commissioner Co-Chair Swope and Commissioner Co-Vice Chair Flores spoke to Theresa Thurmond, Manager of Stakeholder Collaboration Outreach and Training. She was not aware of the existence of JJs/JJDPCs. She agreed that they were stakeholders in the California Child Welfare Continuum of Care. She is going to see about adding all of them to the CCR’s distribution list. She said that there is a Bay Area group; however, the group that is currently meeting does not want to add more participants right now.

Deputy Chief Brasil said that he or Director Vielka McCarthy attends this group and confirmed the group did not want to add new members right now.

2. Scheduled call with Susana Kniffen, Manager, Advocates Meeting, CCR, CDSS Commissioner Co-Chair Swope and Commissioner Co-Vice Chair Flores have scheduled a conference call with Ms. Kniffen on July 6, 2017. The next Advocates' meeting is on July 18, 2017 and JJDPC members are invited to participate.
- b. Other possible projects for 2017
1. Consideration of limitation on youth of two 5-minute phone calls to parents weekly
Commissioner Wilson presented a document outlining the neighboring counties policies for youth phone calls. She said San Mateo County provides two calls each week and the calls last 5-8 minutes. The handbook youth receive when booked, states they receive 8-minutes. YSC staff, during the JJDPC inspection, stated the call is 8-minutes; however, it actually is 5-minutes with set-up time and hanging-up time. Other counties differ and provide more time for phone calls. (see attached document)

Commissioner Wilson also included the visiting schedule for several counties in the document. Visiting schedules are similar; however Alameda County offers one visit a week for up to five hours. Alameda County's calls are collect. All other counties provide free calls. Commissioner Wilson recommended the Probation allow longer calls for youth in Juvenile Hall to encourage family relationships.

Deputy Chief Brasil committed to discussing this with the Juvenile Hall Director and staff to understand the reasons for the limitations on phone call times and explore the possibility to increase the phone call times as needed..

2. Consideration of fees charged parents of delinquent youth
Deputy Chief Brasil acknowledged that San Mateo County charges fees to the parents of incarcerated youth. He noted that the State Legislature is considering doing away with fees Statewide. SB190 which would eliminate those fees has passed in the Senate.

IV. Probation Remarks (Brasil)

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

Deputy Chief Brasil reported on the juvenile facilities underutilization problem. The department is working with Sonoma County to house and provide programming for some of their youth at Camp Kemp.

- b. Current number of youth in YSC, Camp Kemp and Camp Glenwood

Deputy Chief Brasil reported there are 65 youth in Juvenile Hall – 58 males and 7 females; 14 girls in Camp Kemp, 5 in GEP; 28 boys in Camp Glenwood.

V. San Mateo Office of Education Remarks (Magee)

a. Court and Community Schools High School graduation

Commissioner Chair Swope attended the high school graduation at Juvenile Hall. Nine youth graduated, 7 males and 2 females. It was an uplifting event with speeches from the Chief and the School Superintendent. One of the youth also spoke. The Juvenile Court judges, members of the County Board of Trustees and other school district boards, attended. Graduating youths' parents also attended.

VI. Liaison/Study Group Reports

a. Inspections Committee (Thadaney)

1. Inspections status

Commissioner Co-Chair Swope reported the YSC inspection was completed on May 30, 2017. Commissioner Wilson said the team plans to revisit on July 13, 2017 to speak with youth in each unit.

Camp Glenwood's inspection was completed on June 26, 2017. The San Mateo Police Department was completed on June 29, 2017. The Receiving Home inspection was completed, as well.

The San Bruno Police Department is scheduled for July 13, 2017.

b. Court and Probation Liaison (Wilson)

Commissioner Wilson drafted a thank you letter to Judge Cretan.

She reported that she has Court approval for way finding signs at Youth Services Center. Bill Silverfarb from Supervisor Canepa's office recommended way-finding signs be placed on hold. The Board of Supervisors has approved way-finding signs for all County facilities and they want them to be consistent.

The Summer Olympics is being scheduled for July or August. The Commission is invited to attend. The date will be announced at the next meeting or before.

Commissioner Wilson reported that she heard Flow Rock flooring will replace the carpet on the units in Juvenile Hall. She felt that this would create a more prison-like environment and was not desirable. She asked that this be reconsidered.

c. Youth Commission Update (MacAvoy)

No report.

VII. Commissioner Comments/Announcements

- a. JJDPC training, Thursday, September 14, 2017, CCPA Annual Training and Exhibitors Conference, Queen Mary, Long Beach. Go to: www.CPPCA.org.
The fee for the training is \$85.00, which includes lunch.

Jan Ellard from County Counsel updated the Commission about a question that was raised at the last meeting on whether a member of the public, regardless of where they live, can serve on a committee of the JJDPC. She stated that committees must be chaired by a member of the Commission, but non-members can participate. She also stated that members of the public can be on the agenda. They do not need to be residents of San Mateo County.

VIII. Meeting Adjourned 6:35pm

The Next JJDPC Meeting: Tuesday, July 25, 2017
Location: 455 County Center, Room 402, Redwood City, CA