



COUNTY OF SAN MATEO
Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention Commission
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Minutes of the Juvenile Justice & Delinquency Prevention Commission
March 27, 2018
5:15-7:15pm
455 County Center, 4th Floor, Room 405, Redwood City

MINUTES

Commissioners Present: Chair Michele Gustafson; Co-Vice Chair Sonoo Thadaney; Co-Vice Chair Rebecca Flores; Susan Swope; Valerie Gibbs; Toni Barrack; Melissa Wilson; Al Serrato; Daniel Casillas; Nick Jasso; Doug Winter

Commissioners Absent: Mary Oleksy

Staff Present: Deputy Chief Probation Officer Rich Hori

Additional Attendees:

Clara MacAvoy – San Mateo County Youth Commission

Russell Brunson – City of Half Moon Bay
Debora Telleria – Prospective Commissioner

Judge Elizabeth K. Lee – San Mateo County Superior Court
Bill Silverfarb – Supervisor David Canepa’s Office

Rick Halpern – Managing Attorney, Private Defender Program’s Juvenile Services

Hon. Elizabeth K. Lee – Superior Court Juvenile Supervising Judge

Jan Ellard – Deputy County Counsel
Christine Ford – San Mateo County Deputy District Attorney

Billy Brimmer – Program Manager, Edgewood Center for Children and Families

Nancy Magee – Associate Superintendent of Student Services, San Mateo County Office of Education

Maeve Johnston – Management Analyst, San Mateo County Public Health System

I. Administrative Business:

- a. Call to Order: Co-Chair Gustafson called meeting to order at 5:15 p.m.
- b. Roll Call and Establish Quorum: A quorum was established.
- c. Introductions
- d. Agenda Review: **Approved** as distributed.
- e. Approval of Minutes: Feb. 27, 2018: **Approved** as distributed.
- f. Chair Gustafson announced the County’s “Boards and Commissions Appreciation Event” will be held on May 22 from 5 to 7 p.m. She will share further information as it becomes available.

II. Oral Communications:

Bill Silverfarb, Legislative Aide for County Supervisor David Canepa, commented that Chair Gustafson, Commissioner Susan Swope and Commissioner Daniel Casillas gave a presentation to the Board of Supervisors earlier in the day (March 27, 2018) regarding the JJDPC’s recommendation to 1) stop collecting juvenile fees incurred prior to Jan. 1, 2018 and 2) discharge of all previously assessed juvenile fees. The Board accepted the recommendation and will work with County Counsel and Probation on implementing it. The Board said it will revisit the matter in April.

III. Introduction of Community Collaboration for Children's Success Project (Maeve Johnston)

Maeve Johnston, a management analyst with the County Health System, gave a presentation on the County's "[Community Collaboration for Children's Success](#)" (CCCS) initiative.

In 2016, the Board of Supervisors allocated \$500,000 in Measure K funds to support the project.

The project focuses on reducing barriers to success for at-risk youth and families in specifically-identified neighborhoods in Daly City, East Palo Alto, North Fair Oaks and South San Francisco. The project team used data from the Probation Department, County Health System, HSA and the County Office of Education to select the four neighborhoods based on highest degree of need and readiness.

The next phase for the project will run from April 2018 to June 2019 and involves creating community plans and "asset maps" for the four neighborhoods. A countywide steering committee is being convened to provide input on the planning process. Johnston invited the JJDC to appoint a member to serve on the steering committee. The steering committee will meet four times over the next 15 months, beginning on April 18. Chair Gustafson volunteered to attend the first meeting on behalf of the Commission.

IV. San Mateo County Office of Education (Nancy Magee)

Associate Superintendent of Student Services Nancy Magee gave a presentation on the Court Schools Program's Local Control Accountability Plan (LCAP). The County Board of Education will review the LCAP in June.

The LCAP has been in place for three years in every school district in California. It creates a yearly strategic plan with instructional goals tied to district spending.

Magee reviewed highlights of the Court Schools Program's LCAP and invited Commission feedback.

Goals met in last year's plan include: 1) implementing the new-student orientation program at Hillcrest, 2) partnering with College of San Mateo's Project Change to expand learning opportunities, 3) initiating a parent information night event, 4) continuing to pursue a personalized learning program through a partnership with Summit charter schools, 5) adopted restorative justice practices at Hillcrest to provide interventions for negative behavior and restore teacher-student relationships, 6) developed Court Alternative and Restorative Education (CARE) class to allow more students (who were formerly required to do independent study) to access the full educational program.

2018-2019 LCAP goals include:

- Pass mid-term WASC accreditation review
- Develop math core curriculum, adopt new instructional materials
- Continue restorative practices
- Continue co-teaching practices with special education and general education teachers
- Train together with Probation staff in PBIS (Positive Behavior Interventions and Supports) to develop common language, expectations across the entire program

- Continue partnership with Summit/adopt personalized learning as supplemental curriculum
- Strengthen English language development support

Commissioner Wilson asked how the credit recovery program is doing. Nancy Magee said educators are looking into how to increase the rigor of the curriculum. One challenge is that the work is assigned as homework and access to computers after school hours is limited. They are exploring adding tutors through Project Change to help students at night and modifying the curriculum. Efforts to improve the program will continue through the next school year.

Rick Halpern of the Private Defender Program asked if anything is being done to get school districts more involved in the exit planning for incarcerated youth. Nancy Magee said the Office of Education will be working with school districts to address school reintegration policies and remove barriers.

Judge Lee commented that she's seen some successes come out of the CARE program with juveniles overcoming challenges to get their high school diploma.

Chair Gustafson said she's seen tremendous changes in the Court Schools Program since joining the Commission and she is very excited about what the next school year will bring.

Deputy Chief of Juvenile Services Rich Hori commented that the Institutions Division of the Probation Department will continue to work closely with Nancy Magee and the Office of Education in exploring collaborative education strategies.

V. Inspections Committee (Barrack)

Commissioner Barrack reviewed the process and timeline for the 2018 annual inspections of facilities in San Mateo County used for the confinement of minors.

Potential revisions to the inspection forms will be discussed at a future meeting.

Prior years' reports are available at <https://probation.smcgov.org/jidpc-inspection-reports>.

The Commission discussed whether to inspect [Your House South](#), a group home that provides long-term residential care for foster youth, among other services.

The Commission discussed how to approach evaluating the County Office of Education school programs serving youth at the juvenile hall and camps. The Commission agreed the school programs should be evaluated based on the expectations of a reasonable layperson rather than those of an education expert.

Nancy Magee, Associate Superintendent of Student Services for the County Office of Education, said she welcomes the Commission's input on the school programs. But she said, and the Commission generally agreed, that inspection reports should provide context on issues such as chronic staffing challenges tied to the statewide teacher shortage.

VI. Court Remarks and Discussion (Judge Lee)

No specific topics of discussion.

VII. Swear in New Commission Doug Winter (Judge Lee)

Judge Lee swore in new Commissioner Doug Wilson.

VIII. Probation (DCPO Rich Hori)

Rich Hori announced former Deputy Chief of Juvenile Services Jeff Morino has retired. Going forward, Rich Hori and/or Deputy Chief of Institution Services Roy Brasil will represent the Probation Department at Commission meetings.

Hori also announced former Internal Affairs Director Bonnie MacAskill has promoted to Assistant Chief following Larry Silver's retirement.

Population numbers as of March 27, 2018:

Juvenile Hall – 50 (43 males, 7 females)

Camp Glenwood – 12 males

Camp Kemp – 7 females (9 in GEP aftercare)

Youth in placement – 12 (3 in-county, 9 out-of-county)

Youth on supervision – 315

A Juvenile Services Division manager will attend the April 24, 2018 meeting to give a presentation on the Placement Program.

Hori stated that in the Placement Unit, the staffing ratio is one officer for every six youths. For general supervision cases, the ration is one officer for every 30 cases. For intensive cases, it's one officer for every 15 cases.

IX. Projects for 2018: Pitch Presentations and Vote

Deferred to April 24, 2018 meeting.

X. Liaison/Study Group Reports

Youth Commission (MacAvoy)

- The Youth Commission will host the Marijuana Education Campaign Town Hall on March 31. The Commission is also working with the County on a marijuana-related survey, trying to get 500 responses from youth, as part of a public health campaign aimed at those under the legal age to use cannabis under California law.
- The Youth Commission will be holding a meeting with other youth commissions in the area in late April.
- The Youth Commission soon will be accepting nominations for its Immigrant Youth Scholarship program. Adults can nominate any immigrant youth they feel is worthy of the \$500 college scholarship.
- The Youth Commission's Human Rights Committee is hosting the Young Women's Mentorship Night on April 18.
- The Commission is planning a hiking event to introduce youth to local trails.
- Youth Commission applications will be available starting in April on the Commission's [webpage](#).
- Youth Commissioner Clara MacAvoy said the Commission is exploring ways to achieve better geographical representation in its membership. However, transportation remains an issue for some potential members. Ideas include holding meetings in more locations to make it easier for youth in different parts of the

County to attend. Russel Brunson of the City of Half Moon Bay suggested exploring the use of Half Moon Bay city facilities for remote meeting participation. MacAvoy said she would bring the idea to the Commission for possible consideration.

Court and Probation Liaison (Gustafson and Wilson)

The Institutions Division of the Probation Department is focused on enhancing education, access and programming within its detention facilities. The Department is working with the Office of Education to enhance collaborative education strategies; the department has also increased access to youth by outside advocates such as the Youth Law Center/ Youth & Education Law Project; and the department is increasing training to provide more trauma-informed programming in-house in addition to using outside service providers.

The Commission's request to expand youth phone call privileges is on hold because Chief Keene wants to get feedback from other counties and try to establish a uniform approach.

Community Schools Advisory Committee (Gibbs)

The Court and Community School Advisory Committee met on March 15 and received information on the LCAP and the Phoenix Garden project.

Judge Lee discussed the [Phoenix Garden](#) project adjacent to the YSC. There is a monthly volunteer day every third Saturday. Volunteers work on sign installation, fencing, sheet mulching and planting around the orchard areas, and other projects.

XI. Project Updates

- 1) Community Resource Project (Flores): Commissioner Flores said she is seeking volunteers to help develop the project. Judge Lee suggested reaching out to the San Mateo County Bar Association's Barristers organization for assistance.
- 2) Phone Calls (Wilson): The Commission has requested that the Juvenile Hall expand the phone call privileges for youth. Currently youth are allowed two phone calls of five to eight minutes per week. Deputy Chief Roy Brasil has proposed allowing three calls of up to ten minutes per week. The request is on hold pending further review by Chief Keene, who wants to explore the topic with other probation chiefs.

XII. Algorithmic Risk Assessments (Thadaney)

Co-Vice Chair Thadaney shared articles and information regarding the controversial use of algorithmic risk assessment tools in the Criminal Justice System. The Commission expressed an interest in learning more about assessment tools used by the Juvenile Services Division of the San Mateo County Probation Department.

XIII. Nominate and Elect a Recruitment Lead

Deferred to April 24, 2018 meeting.

XIV. Commissioner Comments/Announcements

JJCC Update (Gustafson): Deferred to April 24, 2018 meeting.

Legislative Update (Gustafson): Gustafson discussed AB 2605, which would ensure group homes and foster care facilities are only allowed to call law enforcement on foster youth when there is a true emergency. She also discussed AB 2448, which would ensure youth in foster care and in juvenile detention facilities have access to computer technology and the internet. Regarding AB 2448, Nancy Magee said that youth at the YSC and camps already have access to computers and the internet as part of the education program.

Meeting Adjourned 7:20 p.m.