



COUNTY OF SAN MATEO
Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention Commission
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Minutes of the Juvenile Justice & Delinquency Prevention Commission
May 29th, 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; Susan Swope; Toni Barrack; Melissa Wilson; Doug Winter; Valerie Gibbs; Christine Ford

Commissioners Absent: Mary Oleksy; Rebecca Flores; Daniel Casillas; Nick Jasso; Al Serrato

Staff Present: Deputy Chief Probation Officer Roy Brasil; Director of Youth Services Center Jody DiMauro

Additional Attendees:

Clara MacAvoy – San Mateo County Youth Commission	Hon. Elizabeth K. Lee – Superior Court Juvenile Supervising Judge
Jessica Selvin – Vice Chair, Alameda County JJDPC	Rick Halpren – Private Defender Program
Debora Telleria – Prospective Commissioner	Julian Cortella
Jody Di Mauro – Director, San Mateo County Juvenile Hall	Roy Brasil – Deputy Chief, San Mateo County Probation Dept.
Rick Boitano – JJDPC Commissioner Emeritus	Louise Anderson – Member, Alameda County JJDPC

I. Administrative Business

- a. Call to Order: 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: April 24th, 2018: **Approved** as modified – *Item XI*. Motion to approve minutes by commissioner Barrack, seconded by Commissioner Swope.
- f. Proposal: Formally increase meeting time by 15 minutes.

Meeting will be kept at 2 hours; suggestion to have a consent calendar and a timer at the meeting in order to be efficient.

II. Oral Communications

None

III. Commission Membership

- a. Discussion of Commission Membership (purpose, composition, representation).

Chair Gustafson discussed dedication to goals; working with the juvenile justice system, working with judges, understanding resources available in the community, and issues facing youth. Commissioner Swope discussed the commission's lack of representation from males, ethnic diversity, North County, and the Coast.

Co-Vice Chair Thadaney suggested documentation be kept of all excused and unexcused absences of commission members for the roster.

b. Consideration of Prospective Commissioners Debora Telleria and Clara MacAvoy

Recommended approval of Debora Telleria to join the Juvenile Justice & Delinquency Prevention Commission moved by Commissioner Swope, seconded by Co-Vice Chair Thadaney. **Approved unanimously.**

Clara MacAvoy's application to join the Juvenile Justice & Delinquency Prevention Commission, moved by Chair Gustafson, seconded by commissioner Swope. **Approved unanimously.**

c. Consideration of Request of Leave of Absence for Commissioner Nick Jasso

Commissioner Nick Jasso contacted Chair Gustafson for a leave of absence. His previous leaves of absence/reasons were discussed as well as his manner of requesting his leaves. Rejection of Commissioner Jasso's leave was moved by Commissioner Swope and seconded by co-chair Thadaney. There were two abstentions by Commissioner Wilson and Commissioner Winter. Commissioner Jasso will be removed from the commission if he accrues 3 unexcused absences or if he resigns voluntarily.

d. Vote on Commission Membership items (see b and c above)

IV. Inspection Updates

Commissioner Barrack informed group that all camps, receiving homes, Canyon Oaks, schools, and one of two police departments have been inspected. The YSC inspection will be complete in June; Burlingame Police Department and Your House South inspections will take place in July. All team leaders will review their notes and complete a report to be reviewed by facility inspected. Once reviewed, reports will be sent to Commissioner Barrack and Commissioner Olesky for full commission discussion. Forms for inspection may need to be updated for next year's inspections.

V. Project Updates

a. Phone Calls

Commissioner Wilson and Chair Gustafson have met with Rich Hori and Roy Brasil to discuss expanding youth phone privileges and a decision will be coming.

b. Juvenile Administrative Fees

Commissioner Swope informed there will be a couple changes to the SB190 resolution to be considered by the Board of Supervisors. The proposed resolution will call for all outstanding administrative fees charged to juveniles prior to Jan. 1, 2018, to be forgiven. The finance department will reach out to juveniles and their families to inform them of the forgiven fees.

VI. Private Defender Program Update

a. Survey availability update

Rick Halpern, Managing Attorney of the Juvenile Division of the Private Defender Program, reported that client surveys are now available in Spanish. Halpern also expressed his gratitude for the hard work behind the Juvenile Administrative Fees project; parents have been very grateful for the forgiven fees.

b. PDP concerns/ Commissioner questions

Co-Vice Chair Thadaney asked Halpern whether the Private Defender Program produces an executive summary. Halpern informed that the Private Defender Program submits an annual Juvenile and Adult summary report to the County.

Chair Gustafson asked whether statistics exist regarding the types of crimes/cases represented by the Private Defender Program. Halpern informed that individual crime statistics are not kept but common cases are knives being brought to school, assaults, and robberies. Chair Gustafson asked what qualified as an assault. Halpern informed that an assault with a deadly weapon and/or assault with force to produce great bodily injury are determined by manner of assault and extent of injuries. Halpern also discussed that a common crime now is child pornography. There was a discussion how schools are teaching youth about the permanence of everything posted on the internet and whether more or different ways of emphasizing this issue are needed.

VII. Presentation by Makers Lab (Julian Cortella) and Discussion of Program

Julian Cortella is a teacher/engineer from Castilleja School in Palo Alto. He gave a presentation on a pilot program, Makers Lab, that may be started at Camp Kemp to teach youth 21st century tech skills that can be applied in different professions. The main purpose of the program will be to teach “The 4 C’s” – critical thinking, communication, collaboration, and creativity. The youth will be able to learn Intro to Coding and create a Personalized Design Challenger. The youth may be using a small circuit board and a microbit to create their own small robots to learn how to code. Julian may be teaching a couple times a week during the summer; he expressed that it is difficult to teach so much in such little time as this project can be a lifetime of learning.

Chair Gustafson suggested that the information about the pilot program be brought up to Nancy Magee, Associate Superintendent for the San Mateo County Office of Education, as this will require collaboration from the Court and Community Schools. Deputy Chief Roy Brasil added that this sounds like a great program and probation would be on board to get this started. Cortella would be volunteering his time for this project and will be

able to borrow all the materials he needs for the summer. Co-Vice Chair Thadaney will reach out to Superintendent Magee and they will meet with Deputy Chief Brasil to plan.

VIII. Swear in New Commissioner Christine Ford

Judge Lee swore in new Commissioner Christine Ford

IX. Probation

- a. Update on BSCC and JJDPC Inspections
Deputy Chief Brasil stated that the BSCC inspection went well and there were no compliance issues. BSCC pointed out that they would like probation to improve the grievance process to make sure that grievances are responded to in a timely manner.
- b. Current population of facilities: Juvenile Hall population currently is 50 minors in custody– 44 boys and 6 girls. Camp Glenwood currently has 17 boys. Camp Kemp has 4 girls in camp and 9 girls in the GEP program.

X. Projects for 2018: Update and Vote

- a. Youth Court (Thadaney, Oleksy, Winter)
Commissioner Winter informed that they met with Marin County Youth Court to see what is needed to start a program in San Mateo. Commissioner Winter attended Marin County's youth court to observe and he will be attending the California Association of Youth Court Summit. San Mateo YMCA will be putting a presentation together in July to present a program for Youth Court.
- b. Group Homes (Swope, Gustafson, Ford)
Chair Gustafson and Commissioner Swope met with Gary Beasley and Ayse Dogan and they informed that there are about 265 foster children currently in the county and about 45% of them are with their family members. Commissioner Swope and Chair Gustafson presented their concerns regarding the lessening of the requirements for resource family approval, Beasley and Dogan informed that they have more requirements and are taking it on a case by case basis. Ninety-five (95) foster homes have been licensed and there are 15 more to license. Chair Gustafson passed around flyers from CFS regarding information to become resource families.
- c. Prop 64 (Gustafson, Jasso, Casillas)
Chair Gustafson heard that San Francisco is automating Prop 64 record clearance through Code for America. There will be an online form that those with eligible charges that can be reduced through Prop 64 will be able to submit to begin the automated the process. Chair Gustafson will be meeting with Code for America to discuss possibly having this for San Mateo County.
- d. Vocational Training (Thadaney, Barrack)
See Makers Lab presentation above. No additional report.
- e. Parent Guidebook (Wilson, Swope, Gustafson)

Commissioner Swope received a Parent Handbook given to youth and parents at Camp Glenwood and expressed that it needs work. Commissioner Swope plans to reach out to other counties to find other examples/ideas on Parent Handbooks.

- f. User Test of Juvenile Justice System (Olesky, Wilson, Gustafson)
Commissioner Wilson asked to be removed from this project as it may be more effective for new commissioners. There was no update on this project.
- g. Community Resources Project (Flores, Thadaney, Casillas)
There was no update on this.

XI. Liaison/Study Group Reports

- a. Youth Commission Update (MacAvoy)
Youth Commissioner MacAvoy informed that the Youth Commission had their end of the year celebration. They have about 14 commissioners leaving out of 25 as many are graduating seniors. They also held their Hike in the Park event and had about 17 people attend. There is a new Youth Commission chair and vice chair.

Chair Gustafson expressed that she would like all JJDPC commissioners to attend the annual end of year Youth Commission Showcase to get a sense of the number and type of projects the Youth Commission undertakes. Their projects and progress toward goals are impressive. Youth Commissioner MacAvoy advised that Youth Commissioners have a Work Group Meeting on the Third Thursday of the month from 6:15 to 8:15 p.m. in San Mateo, a meeting on the fourth Thursday of the month from 6:15 to 8:15 p.m. in Redwood City, and the first Thursday of the month is the executive board meeting.

- b. Court and Probation Liaison (Wilson, Gustafson)
Commissioner Wilson announced that graduation was taking place at the YSC at 11 a.m. on May 30. Chair Gustafson and Commissioner Wilson met with Deputy Chief Brasil, they received an update on the probation and school department collaboration. Commissioner Wilson spoke to deputy chiefs Brasil and Hori about having new commissioners or commissioners who have not been to Youth Services Center take tours of Juvenile Hall. They plan to set time slots to see what works best for commissioners. Commissioner Wilson expressed her concern for youth who have completed the HiSet or are over 18 as they are not required to attend school. Commissioner Wilson is researching who is providing the programing and is looking into education possibilities. Project Change was also discussed but this program is only offered during the fall for one semester. Co-vice Chair Thadaney also recommended the Maker Lab program and other resources for programs that may become a class through the academic year; she also plans to speak with Superintendent Nancy Magee once the pilot programs are complete to discuss having the youth earn credits for these programs.

- c. Community Schools Advisory Committee (Gibbs)
No update

XII. Commissioner Comments/Announcements

- a. Community Collaboration for Children's Success: Next Meeting Friday, June 29th, 1-4pm. Commissioners Flores and Wilson may be attending to represent JJDC.
- b. JJCC Update (Gustafson)
Juvenile Justice Coordinating Counsel – The counsel previously had fixed members and they have now added three community based organizations: FLY, StarVista, and YMCA. They are also adding youth members to the JJCC.
- c. Commission Appreciation Event (Swope) – Commissioner Swope found this event useful as they were able to meet and connect with members of other commissions like the LGBTQ Commission. Chair Gustafson had a chance to speak to the Veteran's Commission and learn about their work and approach to undertaking projects.
- d. Incarceration to Education Film Event (Casillas) – Commissioner Casillas not present. No update
- e. Legislative Update (Gustafson) – No update

Meeting Adjourned 7:18 p.m.