



COUNTY OF SAN MATEO
Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention Commission
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Minutes of the Juvenile Justice & Delinquency Prevention Commission

July 31, 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; Melissa Wilson; Doug Winter; Christine Ford; Mary Oleksy; Valerie Gibbs; Toni Barrack

Commissioners Absent: Nick Jasso; Daniel Casillas; Al Serrato

Staff Present: Deputy Chief Probation Officer Roy Brasil; Probation Administrative Secretary Tony Burchyns

Additional Attendees:

Clara MacAvoy – Prospective Commissioner	Debora Telleria – Prospective Commissioner
Tara Ford – Stanford Youth & Education Law Project	Rosa Gonzalez – Jobs for Youth
Joey Gallo – Fresh Lifelines for Youth	Janee Littrell – San Mateo County Office of Education
Jennifer Alcantara – San Mateo Superior Court	Conrad Fernandes – San Mateo County HR
Rich Halpern – Private Defender Program	

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 at 5:25 pm.
- c. Introductions
- d. Agenda Review: **Approved** as distributed.
- e. Approval of Minutes: June 26, 2018: **Approved** as distributed.
- f. Status of prospective commissioners: The appointments of Debora Telleria and Clara MacAvoy to the JJDPC are pending Superior Court and Board of Supervisors approval.

II. Oral Communications:

None

III. Project Updates

A. Makers Lab and Vocational Training (Thadaney, Barrack, Flores)

Camp Kemp is piloting a weekly “Makers Lab” class this summer to teach youth STEM (science, technology, engineering and math) skills by teaching them how to build machines. Three classes have been held so far. Deputy Chief of Probation Roy Brasil said he would like to expand the program to Camp Glenwood and the Juvenile Hall and see if San Mateo County Office of Education can coordinate the program.

Thadaney said she currently is exploring other STEM-related programs that teach virtual reality, computer programming and money management to youth.

Also, Thadaney and Barrack have are scheduled to meet to discuss a program run by Google and Bon Appetit that provides food industry jobs to young people.

B. Group Homes (Swope, Ford, Hyder)

Project on hold pending transition of group homes into Short-Term Residential Therapeutic Programs (STRTPs) under the Continuum of Care Reform.

C. Prop 64 (Gustafson, Casillas)

Gustafson said she will be reviewing the Probation Department's record-sealing process for juveniles to ensure juveniles can clear convictions eligible under Prop 64. Rich Halpern of the Private Defender Program said his office is available to help address any issues.

D. Parent Guidebook (Wilson, Swope, Gustafson)

Swope, Wilson and Gustafson are continuing to gather information on what resources are already available to parents to navigate the juvenile justice system. They are also exploring what's available in other counties. Judge Lee commented the SMC Connect app on County website lists resources available for youth.

E. User Test of Juvenile Justice System (Oleksy, MacAvoy, Gustafson)

No report

F. Community Resources Project (Flores, Thadaney, Casillas)

Flores said the project is in progress. The subcommittee is compiling information.

IV. Private Defender Program

No report

V. San Mateo County Office of Education

Chair Gustafson introduced/welcomed Janee Littrell to the Commission. Janee Littrell will take over for Nancy Magee as Associate Superintendent of Student Services as Nancy Magee moves into her new role as Superintendent of Schools. The Student Services Division is composed of student service programs operated by the County Office of Education, including Special Education, Court and Community Schools and Career Technical Education.

VI. Court Remarks and Discussion

Judge Lee suggested exploring what role the JJDPC could play in supporting the [Phoenix Garden project](#) next to the Youth Services Center. The garden has been in planning and development stages for more than a decade. The design calls for it to be home to learning

labs, educational and treatment programs, open nature areas and public meeting spaces. The garden's creation is a collective effort with youth and community members playing a role. A monthly volunteer day is held the third Saturday of the month from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. Volunteers do things like installing signs, building fencing, and planting trees around the orchard area. Judge Lee said she's trying to enlist the help of the Boy Scouts. She added there could be opportunities for Probation youth to participate in special projects and learn trade skills. Toni DiMarco is a key contact for the Phoenix Garden project.

Judge Lee announced she will be taking a 60-day assignment in the Court of Appeals in San Francisco starting on Aug. 7. Judge Susan Jakubowski will take Judge Lee's place in the Juvenile Court. Judge Lee said she will try to attend JJDPC meetings during her absence or have someone else from the court attend.

VII. Presentation by San Mateo County Jobs for Youth

Rosa Gonzalez, program manager for [Jobs for Youth](#), provided an overview of the program.

Jobs for Youth offers workshops, jobs, internships and scholarships for youth ages 14 to 21 living in San Mateo County. The program began in 1982 and has served 2,300 youth so far this year, including 8 at Camp Glenwood. The program also has awarded 20 scholarships of \$1,500 each in 2018. Youth must sign up for the program to be eligible for jobs, internships and scholarships.

San Mateo County HR Manager Conrad Fernandes provided information about other employment programs that the County offers for young people such as the Supported Training and Employment Program (STEP) for emancipated foster youth and internship and fellowship programs.

VIII. Youth Court Discussion

The Commission discussed its efforts to help start a youth court program in San Mateo County. Commissioners Oleksy and Winter have had initial conversations with representatives of the YMCA Marin County Youth Court. Commissioner Winter attended the California Youth Court Summit held June 21-23 where he gained contacts and resources.

The Commission has also reached out to the Alternative Dispute Resolution (ADR) program of the San Mateo County Superior Court to see if they could play a role in the project. Jennifer Alcantara attended the Commission meeting on behalf of ADR.

Judge Lee mentioned the Judicial Council is host a Youth Court Roundtable on Sept. 12 from 10am to 3pm in Sacramento. Registration is free and JJDPC members may attend. Doug Winter will attend. Judge Lee added she is excited the JJDPC is interested in the topic of youth court and thinks it would be a tremendous resource for at-risk youth in San Mateo County. She recommended making the program accessible to North County youth in Daly City and South San Francisco.

Commissioners talked about reaching out to the Redwood City and San Mateo police departments, both of which have diversion programs in place.

Janee Littrell said a youth court program could help build stronger ties between school districts and police departments. She also said such a program could help address truancy issues in a way that engages students.

IX. Probation

Deputy Chief Roy Brasil provided current population numbers for the county's juvenile detention facilities:

Juvenile Hall = 43

Camp Glenwood = 11

Camp Kemp = 5

Girls Empowerment Program = 9

Brasil added that there are 15 youth with Placement Orders and 7 AB12 youth.

Brasil announced that the Juvenile Hall will host its annual Summer Olympics event the week of Aug. 6. Youth from all three facilities will participate in a series of games and competitions.

Commissioner Wilson announced that the Juvenile Hall's youth phone call privileges have been extended to four 10-minute calls per week. She thanked Roy Brasil and Judge Lee for working with the Commission to extend the phone privileges for incarcerated youth.

X. Consideration of Draft Inspection Reports

- a. Receiving Home (Swope, Jasso)
M:/Swope, S:/Flores: Approve Receiving Home inspection report with suggested changes. **Approved unanimously with Wilson abstaining (Gibbs absent for vote).**
- b. Canyon Oaks (Barrack, Ford, Casillas, Wilson, Gustafson)
M:/Thadaney, S:/Swope: Approve Canyon Oaks inspection report with suggested changes. **Approved unanimously (Gibbs absent for vote).**
- c. YSC inspection report – *deferred to next meeting.*

XI. Commissioner Comments/Announcements

No report.

Meeting adjourned 7:33 p.m.