



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

**Sep. 25, 2018**

**5:15-7:15 pm**

**455 County Center, 4<sup>th</sup> Floor, Room 405, Redwood City**

**MINUTES**

**Commissioners Present:** Chair Michele Gustafson; Co-Vice Chair Rebecca Flores; Co-Vice Chair Sonoo Thadaney; Susan Swope; Doug Winter; Daniel Casillas; Melissa Wilson; Deborah Telleria

**Commissioners Absent:** Toni Barrack, Mary Oleksy, Christine Ford, Valerie Gibbs, Clara MacAvoy

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

**Additional Attendees:**

Joey Gallo – Fresh Lifelines for Youth

Kathy Reyes – BHRS

Jeneé Littrell – County Office of Education

Tara Heumann – Deputy County Counsel

**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 at 5:15 pm.
- c. Introductions
- d. Agenda Review: **Approved** as distributed.
- e. Approval of Minutes: Aug. 28, 2018: M:/Swope, S:/Flores: **Approved unanimously as modified** (removed incomplete sentence under item III).

**II. Oral Communications:**

None

**III. Public Health and Public Safety Implications of Immigration Policy: Voices of San Mateo County Residents**

Katherine Reyes, Community Health Promotion Unit, BHRS, gave a presentation on the experiences that immigrant families face in San Mateo County. Reyes said BHRS gathered information in focus group meetings with 53 mostly Spanish-speaking immigrants. Nearly half of the participants said they were undocumented. Fear, stress, depression, uncertainty and mistrust of law enforcement were common themes, she said.

Reyes reported in San Mateo County, one in three residents – about 260,000 people – are foreign-born. Nearly half of them lack full citizenship and 57,000 are thought to be undocumented, she said. Almost 60 percent of school children in San Mateo County have at least one immigrant parent, she said.

Reyes also discussed the new proposed rule by the Department of Homeland Security that would broaden the set of programs counting toward someone's designation as a "public charge" – i.e. someone the U.S. deems likely to be primarily dependent on the federal government for subsistence. The government can prevent immigrants designated as public charges from getting permanent resident status. Many feel the proposed changes would likely lead to declines in participation in Medicaid and other programs among immigrant families, including their primarily U.S.-born children.

Thadaney asked what was being done locally to mitigate the consequences of the proposed public charge rule change. Reyes said organizations like Bay Area Regional Health Inequities Initiative are working on recommendations for public health departments.

#### **IV. Private Defender Program Remarks and Discussion**

*No Report*

#### **V. County Office of Education Remarks and Discussion**

Jeneé Littrell, Associate Superintendent for Student Services, discussed the Office of Education's trauma-informed training program for educators.

#### **VI. Court Remarks and Discussion**

*No Report*

#### **VII. Project Updates**

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

No updates.

##### **B. Youth Court (Winter, Thadaney)**

Commissioner Winter talked about the Judicial Council's "Youth Court Regional Roundtable" on Sep. 12, 2018. Also in attendance were representatives from the Probation Department, Office of Education and College of San Mateo. Topics of discussion included youth courts and school attendance, partnerships with schools and law enforcement, funding models and the role of community programs like the YMCA in sponsoring youth courts.

Commissioner Swope asked if existing local law enforcement diversion programs could be tied in with a Youth Court program in San Mateo County. Winter said he believes so.

Commissioners Swope and Winter said they intend to meet with interested parties from College of San Mateo, Office of Education and law enforcement to discuss next steps.

##### **C. Group Homes (Swope, Ford, Tellaria)**

*No Report*

##### **D. Prop 64 (Gustafson, Casillas)**

Chair Gustafson said she and Commissioner Casillas met with Kathy Reyes of BHRS to discuss the Commission's effort to help juveniles to get their records sealed for certain marijuana offenses. Gustafson said next she would like to meet with representatives from

the DA's office and the Private Defender's office to get more clarity on how juveniles can find out if they have any eligible offenses to be reduced under Prop 64.

E. Parent Guidebook (Wilson, Swope, Gustafson)

Commissioner Swope and Commissioner Wilson are scheduled to meet with Probation Services Manager Lilia De La Cruz-Borrero on Oct. 10 to discuss how the Juvenile Assessment Center works.

Commissioner Swope is the process of gathering information on law enforcement diversion programs in San Mateo County.

Commissioner Gustafson will meet with Private Defender's Program to verify information in draft Guidebook.

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

Gustafson said she will follow up with Deputy Chief Brasil to schedule a user test of the booking and admissions process at the juvenile hall.

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

Co-Chair Flores partnered with Jobs for Youth Program Associate Rosa Gonzales to host a meeting on Sep. 20 with 10 other community partners. They have already started putting together an online youth resource hub. The website will undergo user testing on Oct. 1 and Oct. 31.

**VIII. Probation Report (Deputy Chief Roy Brasil)**

Deputy Chief Brasil reported the following population levels as of Sep. 25, 2018:

Youth in the San Mateo County Juvenile Probation System = 292

Youth in Juvenile Hall = 51 (44 males, 7 females)

Camp Glenwood = 11 males

Camp Kemp = 7 females

Youth in Out-of-Home Placements = 13 (none out of state)

Deputy Chief Brasil said he and Chair Gustafson will meet with Chief Probation Officer John Keene on Sep. 27, 2018 to discuss Camp Glenwood's future.

Commissioner Wilson said she met with Deputy Chief Brasil on Sep. 24, 2018. She said they discussed the implementation of the new youth phone call policy, efforts to reconfigure juvenile hall staffing to reduce overtime, and current limitations of the Department's information management system to generate certain types of data reports.

## **IX. Consideration of Draft Inspection Reports**

### A. Camp Glenwood facility report (Swope, Casillas)

M:/Swope, S:/Wilson: Approve Camp Glenwood report as modified. **Approved unanimously.**

### B. Burlingame Police Department report

*Deferred*

### C. Your House South

M:/Swope, S:/Thadaney: Approve Your House South report as modified. **Approved unanimously.**

### D. Youth Services Center

M:/Thadaney, S:/Swope: Approve Camp Youth Services Center report as modified. **Approved unanimously.**

## **X. SB 10 Discussion**

*Deferred*

## **XI. Voting/Registration for Youth at YSC/Camps**

The Commission opened a discussion on ways to help eligible juveniles in custody pre-register to vote. One hurdle will be allowing youth online access. Gustafson will follow up with Deputy Chief Brasil and Associate Superintendent Littrell to explore solutions.

## **XII. Commissioner Comments/Announcements**

### A. Community Schools Advisory Committee

*No Report*

### B. Annual Juvenile Justice Commission Presentation during the California Probation and Parole Officer's Conference (CPPCA)

Gustafson said she attended the conference and noted there will be major revisions to Title 15 taking effect on Jan. 1, 2019.

### C. The Walt Disney Family Museum in San Francisco is presenting an exhibition of artworks created by youth in three juvenile detention centers in the Bay Area – including San Mateo County's juvenile hall. The exhibition opens Sep. 27, 2018 and runs through Jan. 7, 2019. It is free to the public in lower lobby.

### D. Immigrant Detention legislation (S. 3036, S. 2849) and CDSS letter (Gustafson)

*Deferred*

**Meeting adjourned 7:21 p.m.**