



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

Feb. 26, 2019

5:15-7:15 pm

455 County Center, 4th Floor, Room 405, Redwood City

MINUTES

Commissioners Present: Chair Michele Gustafson; Co-Vice Chair Rebecca Flores; Susan Swope; Doug Winter; Christine Ford; Deborah Telleria; Melissa Wilson; Toni Barrack; Valerie Gibbs; Daniel Casillas

Commissioners Absent: Sonoo Thadaney; Clara MacAvoy

Staff Present: Deputy Chief Probation Officer Rich Hori; Institution Services Director Jody DiMauro; Administrative Secretary Tony Burchyns

Additional Attendees:

Judge Susan Etezadi – Juvenile Court

Judith Holiber – Deputy County Counsel

Joey Gallo – Fresh Lifelines for Youth

Jeneé Littrell – County Office of Education

Rick Halpern – Private Defender Program

Monroe Labouisse – CASA volunteer

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: M:/Gustafson, S:/Flores: Modify agenda by adding item I (h), “Reschedule November 2019 Meeting.” **Agenda Approved unanimously as modified.**
- e. Approval of Minutes: Jan. 29, 2019: **Approved** as distributed with Commissioner MacAvoy’s “JJDPC Restructuring Recommendations” attached.
- f. Membership Update – Commissioners Wilson and Casillas volunteered to interview prospective JJDPC member Paul Bocanegra.
- g. Annual Report 2018: Chair Gustafson asked commissioners to review the draft Annual Report for 2018 (attached) and provide feedback via email. The commission may vote to adopt the report at its next meeting.
- h. Reschedule November 2019 Meeting. M:/Swope, S:/Ford: Reschedule Nov. 26, 2019 meeting to Dec. 10, 2019. **Approved unanimously.**

II. Oral Communications:

None

III. Update on Glenwood Move

Juvenile Hall Director Jody DiMauro reported the Camp Glenwood program moved from the La Honda facility to the Youth Services Center on Feb. 22, 2019. The YSC staff is still working out minor logistics associated with the move, but there have been no major issues.

She said the youth in the program did an excellent job assisting in the move and getting their new space organized.

Chair Gustafson asked what the visiting protocol will be for parents of Glenwood youth. DiMauro said Glenwood's multifamily group meetings will continue to be held on Sundays in the YSC's training room outside the secure facility. Glenwood youth will not receive visitors in the Visiting Center in the presence of other YSC youth. DiMauro added when Glenwood youth go on field trips, they will exit the facility through the back gate rather than through Admissions. Glenwood youth returning from Home Passes will be greeted by Glenwood staff at Reception and escorted back to their unit in the Elm building.

Commissioner Swope discussed the restructured Glenwood program. The six-month, six-level program will serve up to 20 boys at a time. Youth can earn an early release, if they perform well. All youth in the program at the time of the move will have two weeks taken off their remaining levels. Youth will be housed on Elm 6, with Elm 7 serving as a multipurpose space for programs and recreation.

Swope said the new program will incorporate a Token Behavior Point System to motivate youth by giving them short-term goals and rewards. The boys' room doors will be unlocked 24/7, they will be able to earn night passes and home passes as they progress. Youth entering the program will help set their goals for community reentry.

Swope said the Camp Glenwood budget from January to June was set at \$4.5 million, but operating costs are expected to drop with the move to the YSC. DiMauro said the Department expects to reduce graveyard and other staffing costs as a result.

DiMauro said the plan is for Glenwood youth to attend school at Gateway Community School in street clothes during the last four weeks of their Glenwood commitment. Youth would then continue at Gateway through the end of the semester prior to transferring back to their home districts.

Swope said the YSC's accessible location could make it easier to attract CASA volunteers to work with boys in the Glenwood program. She also said plans are in motion for recreating the camp's vegetable garden and chicken coop at the YSC.

DiMauro said logistics are still being worked out for moving Glenwood's vocational learning and weight training equipment to the YSC. The Department is also working on developing a new aftercare program for Glenwood youth.

Commissioner Casillas asked if Glenwood youth will have access to college-level courses. DiMauro said they will have access to college courses through the College of San Mateo's Project Change program as well as possibly being able to enroll in courses taught at CSM.

Judge Etezadi asked about the possibility of renaming the Glenwood program now that it has moved to the YSC.

Chair Gustafson announced JJDP members have been invited to take a tour of the new Glenwood program at the YSC on Thursday, March 21.

Commissioner Casillas asked which programs from the camp have been incorporated into the new Glenwood program at the YSC. DiMauro said almost all of the old programs are being continued, but logistics are still being worked out for the culinary arts and vocational programs. She also mentioned the department is exploring partnerships with Habitat for Humanity and Job Corps to provide added resources for youth.

Commissioner Wilson asked if Glenwood youth are required to walk with their hands behind their backs when moving about the YSC campus. DiMauro said they are not, unless deemed necessary for security and safety reasons.

IV. 2019 Inspections

The Commission decided it will hold a special meeting in April to discuss its 2019 juvenile-detention facility inspections. The meeting will cover Title 15 revisions, training and inspection forms. Date, time and location to be determined.

V. Private Defender Program Remarks and Discussion

No Report.

VI. Court Remarks and Discussion (Judge Etezadi)

Supervising Juvenile Judge Susan Etezadi introduced herself to the Commission. Chair Gustafson asked about the possibility of the Commission appointing a liaison to meet regularly with the Juvenile Court. Judge Etezadi said she is open to the idea.

VII. County Office of Education

Jeneé Littrell, Associate Superintendent of Student Services for the County Office of Education, said Gateway School will likely open a classroom to support at-risk middle school students next school year.

Littrell gave an overview of the County Office's Serving Vulnerable Students Symposium, held Feb. 25, 2019, which focused on foster and homeless youth. About 80 teachers, administrators and school support staff members attended. The County Office of Education may hold these symposiums quarterly. Commissioner Ford asked if such meetings could be attended by the public. Littrell said they could be, and she would add JJDPC members to the invitation list for future symposiums.

VIII. Youth Commission Update

San Mateo County Youth Commission member Sathvik Nori gave an update on current Youth Commission projects, including raising awareness of the County's new Central Host Ordinance, which penalizes parents of minors caught holding parties in which drugs and alcohol are consumed. Nori said the Youth Commission may advocate to add a restorative justice component to the ordinance.

IX. Probation Update

Juvenile Hall Director Jody DiMauro reported there are currently 12 youth in placement, all in California, and 11 AB12 extended foster care youth.

Director DiMauro reported there are currently 42 youth in custody at the Juvenile Hall, 4 girls at Camp Kemp including 1 from Sonoma County, and 7 boys in the Glenwood program.

Chair Gustafson asked if “weekender” youth may bring their homework with them into the Juvenile Hall. Judge Etezadi and Director DiMauro said the youth could make such a request through their probation officer and the institution would make reasonable accommodations.

Director DiMauro spoke about the future of the Glenwood program at the Juvenile Hall and the development of reentry services that could eventually benefit all youth transitioning out of custody.

Commissioner Barrack and Director DiMauro talked about nurse call and visitation procedures at the Juvenile Hall.

X. Report from Feb. 23, 2019 JJDPC Planning Retreat

The commission reviewed projects and liaison roles discussed at the planning retreat.

Commissioner Ford expressed an interest in exploring ways for the commission to support youth diversion programs in the County.

The Commission established liaison roles:

- Probation – Toni Barrack
- Education – Christine Ford, Valerie Gibbs
- JJCC – Michele Gustafson
- Youth Commission – Christine Ford
- Communications – Melissa Wilson
- Legislative – Daniel Casillas
- Inspections Lead – Deborah Telleria
- Aftercare/Transition – Deborah Telleria

XI. Commissioner Comments/Announcements

Commissioner Casillas gave a summary of the North American Cannabis Summit held Jan. 28-30 in Los Angeles. He said he would distribute a written report soon via email.

Commissioner Swope announced the San Mateo County Child Abuse Prevention Council will host a summit at the Sobrato Center from 1-4 p.m., April 18. The topic will be child trafficking. It will be open to the public.

Commissioner Casillas announced he will be attending the Beyond the Bars Conference of the Center for Justice at Columbia University from March 7 to March 10.

Meeting adjourned 7:15 p.m.