

Minutes of the Juvenile Justice & Delinquency Prevention Commission
September 24, 2019
5:15-7:15 pm
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; Debora Telleria; Paul Bocanegra; Toni Barrack; Valerie Gibbs; Daniel Casillas; Douglas Winter; Clara MacAvoy

Commissioners Absent: None

Probation Staff Present: Administrative Secretary Jannet Bonilla

Additional Attendees:

Aurora Pena – Behavioral Health & Recovery Services	Judge Susan Etezadi – Juvenile Court
Ally Hoppis – Behavioral Health & Recovery Services	Sathvik Nori – Youth Commissioner Liaison
Kate Hiester – Fresh Lifelines for Youth	Bill Silverfarb – Board of Supervisors
Ron Rayes – Private Defender Program	

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: Agenda amended to remove item IV as BHRS was not in attendance. **Approved** as amended.
- e. Approval of Minutes of August 27, 2019: **Approved** as amended.
- f. Membership: need interviewers for new prospective commissioner.
Update: the prospective commissioner withdrew her application as she is employed with The Art of Yoga in Juvenile Hall.
- g. Business cards:
Commissioners in need of business cards should contact Administrative Secretary Jannet Bonilla with their name, phone number, and email.

II. Oral Communications

None

III. Probation

- a. Chair Gustafson read an email she received from Chief Keene explaining why Probation Staff would not be present at the JJDPC meeting on September 24, 2019. Chief Keene stated there is a source of concern to the Probation Staff attending the meetings and explained he would provide more details when meeting with Chair Gustafson on October 2.

Bill Silverfarb with the Board of Supervisors asked if it was clear whether Probation would not be attending future meetings or just the meeting on September 24. Chair Gustafson stated she was not informed about future attendance and asked the commissioners if there were specific items they wanted her to bring up when meeting with Chief Keene. Co-Vice Chair Thadaney suggested a mediation or a restorative justice circle between the JJDPC Commissioners and Probation Staff in order to build a collaborative relationship. Commissioner Bocanegra asked whether it is mandatory for Probation to attend JJDPC meetings -- the conclusion was that Probation attendance is not mandatory. If Chief Keene does not have his staff attend future meetings, JJDPC commissioners would like to continue to receive stats including population numbers and major incidents in juvenile hall. Commissioners will follow up and do their best to seek resolution by November 2019.

- b. Administrative Secretary Jannet Bonilla reported the juvenile hall population as of 6 a.m. September 24 was 56 (48 males and 8 females) and Camp Kemp's population as of September 24 was 5 females. In addition, there are 10 females in the Girls Empowerment Program, Phase II, and Phase III.

IV. 2019 Inspections

- a. Status: The San Bruno Police Department inspection was complete pending reviews and sign off from the Police Department. The School Department inspection had also been completed pending the response from the School Department. These will be presented at the October meeting.
- b. Camp Kemp Report: The Camp Kemp inspection team was impressed with the interactions between the staff and youth at Camp Kemp as well as the overall positive environment of the Camp. The inspection team found several grievances had been written regarding the lack of medical attention although the staff felt that medical attention was being met and nurses visit Camp Kemp on a weekly basis. The JJDPC Commission would be interested in reaching out to the YSC medical department in order to receive clarification and suggest improvements around the grievances filed by youth. Commissioner MacAvoy suggested the statement around gender preference accommodations on the report should state that it was confirmed by staff.

M:/Barrack: Accept the Camp Kemp Facility Inspection with modification as submitted by Commissioners Barrack, Winter, and Co Vice Chair Flores. **Approved** unanimously.

V. Court Remarks and Discussion

Judge Etezadi stated she had met with the medical team at the YSC and brought up the JJDPC suggestion of having an x-ray machine at the YSC, the pediatrician felt it is best to continue taking youth to the hospital for a better assessment. Chair Gustafson asked Judge Etezadi if they also discussed a medical transition plan for youth being released. Judge Etezadi said it was not discussed at their meeting; Ally Hoppis with BHRS stated youth are being referred to court service centers for evaluation of medical care. Commissioner Casillas mentioned that youth are given a month supply of medication upon release.

VI. Private Defender Program Remarks and Discussion

Private Defender Ron Rayes stated he was looking forward to meeting with Probation on October 2nd to learn about the next stages of the Phoenix program.

Chair Gustafson brought up the marijuana conviction expungement legislation and stated she would be adding this topic to the October JJDPC agenda for the District Attorney to speak on. Mr. Rayes and Judge Etezadi stated clients usually have their record sealed and marijuana convictions should not be coming up in background checks once the record is sealed.

VII. Youth Commission Update

Youth Commissioner Liaison, Sathvik Nori presented the letter regarding juvenile hall alternatives at the Youth Commission meeting but it was not on their agenda so it would be discussed at their September 26 meeting. Mr. Silverfarb asked if he could be informed whether the letter is approved by the Youth Commission at the September 26 meeting.

Sathvik asked if there was a way to pre-register youth in juvenile hall to vote. Chair Gustafson said the Youth Commission could come up with a presentation on the importance of voting as well as write a letter to the County Office of Education asking if the topic of voting could be mentioned in the classroom and provide the voting registration form. Co-chair Thadaney also suggested that FLY could present voting materials to the youth.

VIII. Report Outs

- a. Co-vice Chair Thadaney stated a formal response from the Board of Supervisors regarding the Juvenile Hall Alternative letter has not been received. Mr. Silverfarb stated the Board of Supervisors is aware of the letter and they have not decided whether they would like to form a subcommittee. At the moment, there is no further action on this matter because Probation and the some members of the Board of Supervisors have perceived the letter to request closure of Juvenile Hall; Co-Vice Chair Thadaney stated that it is not the intention of the Commission to propose shutting down Juvenile Hall and will draft a clarification letter to reaffirm that the purpose and focus is the letter was intended to be delinquency prevention and addressing racial inequality as opposed to closing juvenile hall.
- b. Chair Gustafson said she has a meeting scheduled with FLY regarding their policy of removing JJDPC commissioners from volunteering in Juvenile Hall. She will provide an update at the next JJDPC meeting.
- c. Commissioner Winter stated the YMCA will be assisting with a presentation around youth court and a final date is expected around November.
- d. Commissioner Wilson said they have received suggestions for revisions on the Parent Guide and she has incorporated those changes. She is waiting on feedback from a few

more Probation staff and the Judges. Judge Etezadi stated once there is a final draft she would like it sent to the courts and they will provide feedback.

- e. Commissioner Telleria listened in on the JJC training and stated the PowerPoint they presented was useful and she would send it to Chair Gustafson to distribute.

Commissioner Swope provided an update on the last BSCC Conference Call regarding a guide to inspecting juvenile hall. BSCC stated they have sent out a draft handbook that still requires more editing and will be sent it out in the next few weeks. BSCC also said if an STRTP has delinquency youth in residence the JJDPC can inspect it. It was also announced that the 2020 BSCC training will be in Newport Beach.

IX. Discussion: Planning for Next Year

- a. Elections for JJDPC Chair and Vice Chair are in November; commissioner Gibbs volunteered to help with nominations/elections. It was announced that commissioner Casillas will be resigning his role of commissioner.
- b. Commissioner-elect Monroe Labouisse has suggested a 2020 project of strategic planning, which he will present at the next meeting at which he is in attendance.

X. Commissioner Comments/Announcements

- a. Commissioner Swope stated she attended the Restorative Justice and Reentry Conference and found the reentry guide from San Francisco very useful. She presented the reentry guide at the meeting.
- b. Commissioner Barack said she has been attending AOD coalition meetings and they have provided material they are willing to put out in the juvenile hall lobby for parents and youth.
- c. Chair Gustafson announced new legislation in 2019 including the following:

AB1505: Charter School legislation, AB1507: Maternal Health Bias legislation, SB 330: Local control over housing to close exemptions used to block housing projects, SB 329: prevents landlords from discriminating on race and source of income section 8, SB 230: requires training programs on the new use of force standard, AB 392: the use of deadly force only in defense in human life, and AB 32: ends the use of private for profit prisons and immigration detention centers.

Meeting adjourned 7:14 p.m.