

Minutes of the Juvenile Justice & Delinquency Prevention Commission
December 10, 2019
5:15-7:15 pm
455 County Center, 4th Floor, Room 405, Redwood City

MINUTES

Commissioners Present: Chair: Michele Gustafson, Susan Swope; Debora Telleria; Douglas Winter; Monroe Labouisse; Toni Barrack; Melissa Wilson

Commissioners Absent: Co-Vice Chair Sonoo Thadaney; Co-Vice Chair Rebecca Flores; Paul Bocanegra; Valerie Gibbs

Probation Staff Present: Administrative Secretary Jannet Bonilla

Additional Attendees:

Ally Hoppis – Behavioral Health & Recovery Services	Judge Susan Etezadi – Juvenile Court
Kate Heister – Fresh Lifelines for Youth	Sathvik Nori – Youth Commissioner Liaison
Jasmine Miller – Youth Law Center	Eileen Manning Villar – Juvenile Attorney
Ron Rayes – Private Defender Program	

I. Administrative Business:

- a. Call to Order: Chair Gustafson called meeting to order at 5:16 p.m.
- b. Roll Call and Establish Quorum: A quorum was established at 5:37 pm.
- c. Introductions
- d. Agenda Review: **Approved** as distributed.
- e. Approval of Minutes of October 29, 2019: **Approved** as distributed.

II. Oral Communications

None

III. 2020 Elections

The commission nominated Telleria and Barrack as Co-Chairs as well as Flores and Thadaney to continue as Co-Vice Chairs, respectively, in 2020. **Approved unanimously.**

IV. Consideration of Application of Sathvik Nori

Commissioners Telleria and Barrack provided information from their interview with Sathvik. Sathvik started working with his school newspaper and wrote an article on the lack of diversity for youth suspended. He also previously sat in on youth court and has attended multiple JJDPC meetings.

M:/Telleria, S:/Barrack: Sathvik be recommended as a commissioner. **Approved** unanimously.

V. 2019 Inspection

- a. Commissioner Telleria reported all inspections are completed, there were a couple updates to the YSC education report.
M:/Labouisse: Accept the YSC education report as amended. **Approved** unanimously.
- b. Commissioner Telleria agreed to take on the 2020 inspection lead role and will be discussing it with Commissioner Labouisse.

VI. Probation Report

- a. Commissioner Barrack reported there was 41 boys and 2 girls in Juvenile Hall; Camp Kemp had 7 youth and 6 youth in the Girls Empowerment Program. Probation reported 5 in-state placements as well. Commissioner Barrack met with Rich Hori and he is retiring February 21, 2020. The institutions division Management Analyst remains on a leave of absence, which will mean that statistics requested from Probation will not be available. Mr. Hori reported the protocol and criteria for PREP has been accepted and approved. The December PREP court calendar was moved to January because currently only one youth is eligible for PREP. By January, there may be 5 youth eligible for PREP so that there could be enough youth for a cohort.

The Private Defender's Program (PDP) and Behavioral Health and Recovery Services (BHRS) are being brought in for PREP discussions. Ron Rayes reported that the PDP has not been included in PREP planning, only in informational meetings. BHRS is planning services they will provide to PREP; they are looking to add time in the schedule for additional groups and are working with Probation to allocate time. FLY re-entry services for PREP are being sorted out. Mr. Rayes was asked why adjudication can be a lengthy process and he explained it is due investigation, case education, preparation for trial, and other factors.

In the future, the Commission may request the following be included in monthly statistics report outs: youth who are pre-adjudication vs. post-adjudication, as well as who is in for probation violations.

- b. Commissioner Wilson met with Chief Keene. At the meeting, she found that her call to the BSCC requesting advisement regarding Title 15 had been misinterpreted and that Chief Keene may not have had the full picture of her volunteering for FLY at the YSC. Chief Keene explained the JJDCP relationship fall out with Probation consisted of other factors besides the incident with the BSCC and FLY, including the perception that the Commission seemed to view Probation as the only system partner responsible for youth incarceration. Following on to the discussion around juvenile justice, Commissioner Swope discussed her thoughts on the importance of being involved with the Education department, in particular.

VII. Court Remarks and Discussion

Judge Etezadi spoke on the implementation of the Competency Program. WIC section 709 states courts shall suspend all proceedings if a minor is found incompetent. The Competency Program is designed to restore a youth to competency and will work with mental health professionals who will try to restore the youth to competency. Misdemeanor cases will be dismissed for youth found incompetent. Youth with 707b offenses will have 12-18 months to restore competency. The program is focused on youth who have severe mental health issues in order to treat the underlying factors.

VIII. Private Defender Program Remarks and Discussion

Ron Rayes stated the PDP will meet with Probation on December 15, 2019 to discuss PREP. The PDP would like to expand the criteria in order to open the program up to more youth.

IX. District Attorney Remarks and Discussion

None

X. County Office of Education Remarks and Discussion

None

XI. Youth Commission Update

Sathvik reported the Youth Commission is deciding on what to plan for 2020. He would like to work on the census and assure Juvenile Justice is involved.

XII. Discussion: Strategic Planning for 2020

Commissioner Labouisse would like to guide an effort to produce a strategic plan for the Commission. This is a collaborative process, it involves interviewing people involved including stakeholders and bringing in external input. The process also takes several months and would require a sub committee that will meet outside of the JJDPC scheduled meetings in order to determine goals and long-term plans.

XIII. Discussion: JJDPC's Delinquency Prevention Mission

Commissioner Labouisse spoke on ideas he envisions in order to create plans for Delinquency Prevention. Commissioner Wilson mentioned it would be ideal for the Commissioners to meet and discuss topics they are passionate about and how to pursue those topics.

XIV. Report Outs

- a. Chair Gustafson reported that the follow up letter to the Board has been sent. Chief Keene reviewed and did not comment.

- b. Urban Services has been spearheading the Youth Court project. Probation is also interested in funding the program and has asked for metrics and data from Marin County Court. Urban Services will be the root and start in South San Francisco school district; East Palo Alto is also interested in starting at the same time. Commissioner Winter is working on getting the many interested parties together for a presentation.
- c. Commissioner Swope reported the Parent Guide has gone through the whole approval process and they will next figure out how to get it designed and printed.
- d. Commissioner Swope stated she attended the 2nd annual Youth Advocacy and Social Summit (YAASS). The summit was for the benefit of LGBTQ youth in the county and the importance of addressing those to their proper identity.

XV. Commissioner Comments/Announcements

- a. January 13, 2020: Paul Bocanegra will be speaking at ACLU Meeting; San Mateo Public Library (Oak Room) — 55 W. 3rd Ave., San Mateo; Reception at 6:30; RSVP at <https://tinyurl.com/aclunp2020>
- b. Chair Gustafson announced Nick Jasso is attending UCLA.

Meeting adjourned 7:10