

**Minutes of the Juvenile Justice & Delinquency Prevention Commission**  
**January 28, 2020**  
**5:15-7:15 pm**  
**455 County Center, 4<sup>th</sup> Floor, Room 405, Redwood City**

**MINUTES**

**Commissioners Present:** Co-Chair, Toni Barrack, Co-Chair Debora Telleria; Co-Vice Chair Rebecca Flores; Susan Swope; Douglas Winter; Monroe Labouisse; Toni Barrack; Melissa Wilson; Valerie Gibbs; Michele Gustafson; Paul Bocanegra

**Commissioners Absent:** Co-Vice Chair Sonoo Thadaney

**Probation Staff Present:** Administrative Secretary Jannet Bonilla

**Additional Attendees:**

Ally Hoppis – Behavioral Health & Recovery Services	Judge Susan Jakubowski – Juvenile Court
Aurora Pena - Behavioral Health & Recovery Services	Regina Moreno - Behavioral Health & Recovery Services
Kate Heister – Fresh Lifelines for Youth	Rebecca Baum – District Attorney’s Office
Tara Ford – Youth and Education Law Project	Sathvik Nori – Youth Commissioner Liaison
Ron Rayes – Private Defender Program	Kat Giordano – Youth and Education Law Project
William Janover – Youth and Education Law Project	Emma Kaeser – Youth and Education Law Project

**I. Administrative Business:**

- a. Call to Order: Co Chair Barrack called meeting to order at 5:16 p.m.
- b. Roll Call and Establish Quorum: A quorum was established at 5:16 p.m.
- c. Welcome and Introductions
- d. Agenda Review: **Approved** as distributed.
- e. Approval of Minutes of December 10, 2019: **Approved** as distributed.
- f. Review/Readopt JJDPC Operating Policies.  
M:/Swope, S:/Wilson **Approved** as distributed.

**II. Oral Communications**

*None*

**III. Plans for 2020**

Co-Chair Barrack stated she would like the JJDPC commissioners to continue to increase emphasis on the Delinquency Prevention aspect of their mission. She also envisions more engagement with JJDPC stakeholders and partners. The Parent Guide Book, Youth Court, and Inspection Forms are projects that have been carried over from last year. A new project for 2020 will involve looking at the organization of materials and resources developed in order to make them more accessible. The JJDPC is also working on a strategic planning process.

#### **IV. Trend Impacting Youth over last 12 Months**

- a. Private Defender, Ron Rayes stated the closure of Camp Glenwood with no alternative has had a negative impact within the last 12 months; he would like to see allocation of the Phoenix Program resources in order to help youth. Another trend he has noticed is that the courts have a better understanding of youth needs and are trying to find the best alternatives to incarceration. The Private Defenders Program is pleased to see that immigrant youth are being connected with immigration attorneys. They have also noticed EMP is being used more often and FLY has been a positive program to youth.
- b. Rebecca Baum with the District Attorney's Office has noticed an increase in auto burglaries, robberies, youth in possession of guns, drug use, sexting, and gangs. Drug use has been a major issue; as a minor selling or using marijuana only receives an infraction.
- c. The County Office of Education was not able to make the meeting but sent over their thoughts on trends over the last 12 months. They have noticed an increase of substance use like vaping and an increase in students in need of mental health services.
- d. Aurora Pena with Behavioral Health and Recovery Services (BHRS) said they have noticed an increase in youth with significant trauma and higher needs like housing, food, and mental health. She stated the Youth Services Center currently has 3 youth showing psychotic symptoms as opposed to when they used to see about 1 a year. Other trends BHRS has noticed are youth smoking wax (highly concentrated marijuana), youth taking Xanax, an increase in Central American Youth, and youth that speak an indigenous language other than Spanish. BHRS is pleased to see more youth being released but it can have a negative effect as it is more difficult to connect those families to services and resources. A major issue that BHRS notices is the need for local residential treatment programs for youth.
- e. Judge Jakubowski also reported trends very similar to Education and BHRS like youth with significant substance abuse issues who need residential treatment. She stated the need for residential treatment goes far beyond the Bay Area as these programs are difficult to get licensed, but she would like to see these services being offered in other capacities.
- f. The Probation Department sent over their thoughts on trends including youth with mental health needs and substance abuse issues as well as youth tied to gang activity. Many come from lower socio-economic levels and have dysfunctional families. Probation has noticed an increase in youth committing crimes like robberies, sexual related offenses, battery and assault with deadly weapons.

#### **V. Strategic Planning Project**

Commissioner Labouisse is looking to have one more commissioner join the strategic planning subcommittee. He stated February will be a lot about gathering information and that information will then be turned into goals. Commissioner Labouisse envisions possibly revamping the commission mission statement and creating specific projects that

are resourced, have specific timelines, and end goals. Commissioners interested were informed to reach out to Co-Chair Barrack and Co-Chair Telleria. Commissioner Swope suggested the subcommittee should add the school boards to those interviewed as they may be able to provide information on truancy issues occurring. She also suggested adding the Youth Commission and the LGBTQ commission for interviewing.

## **VI. Project Report Outs**

- a. Commissioner Winter reported that Probation is reviewing information from Youth Court. He plans on taking a group of people to the Marin County's Youth Court and will reach out to the commission to attend. The plan is to start a small program in South San Francisco.
- b. Commissioner Wilson provided an update on the Parent Guide Book; she stated they are working on the graphics, proofing it, and translating it. Commissioner Swope plans on contacting Bill Silverfarb about funding the design and printing of the handbook.
- c. Co-Chair Telleria reported she has old inspection forms and will be comparing the one from one year ago with the one from two years ago as preparation for updating forms for 2020
- d. Commissioner Gustafson will be working on the 2019 Annual Report and Commissioner Labouisse has agreed to edit it.
- e. Co-Chair Telleria informed the group she is updating a JJDPC Google drive with helpful documents; she will organize it and give the commissioners access.

## **VII. Youth Commission Update**

Sathvik reported the Youth Commission had a presentation from the San Mateo Community Collaboration for Children's Success which is a program run by the County where they analyze 4 zip codes that have a disproportional amount of youth on Probation or needing Behavioral Health Services. They came up with a trauma based informative approach to help these communities. The program did not have funding to go forward with helping and the Youth Commission would like to assist in bringing this program back.

## **VIII. Announcements**

- a. Commissioner Wilson and Commissioner Swope will attend the Supervisor Groom Census Training for Commissioners on January 30<sup>th</sup>.
- b. Commissioner Bocanegra did a presentation at the San Mateo County Library for the ACLU regarding "Locking Up Our Neighbors". He was pleased with the outcome and was able to speak to a lot of youth supporters about institutionalized youth.

- c. Commissioner Wilson announced the head of the Health Department at CCCS contact is Shireen Malekafzali. She also announced that Probation is working on a 5-year Local Action Plan and they are looking for 6 parents impacted by the Juvenile Justice system. If anyone has this information, they were asked to reach out to Probation.
- d. Co-Chair Barrack announced Bill Silverfarb reached out to her and Co-Chair Telleria and would like to set up a meeting with Supervisor Canepa. She believes this is related to the letter written to the Board asking for the formation of a committee to review alternatives to incarceration.
- e. Commissioner Wilson announced the Commission on Disabilities sent out an invitation to a collaborative networking social on Thursday, February 27<sup>th</sup> at 4pm.

Meeting adjourned 6:51 p.m.