



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

Aug. 28, 2018

5:15-7:15 pm

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

MINUTES

Commissioners Present: Chair Michele Gustafson; Susan Swope; Doug Winter; Christine Ford; Valerie Gibbs; Toni Barrack; Deborah Telleria; Clara MacAvoy; Daniel Casillas

Commissioners Absent: Rebecca Flores; Sonoo Thadaney; Melissa Wilson

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

Additional Attendees:

Joey Gallo – Fresh Lifelines for Youth

Kathy Reyes – BHRS

Nancy Magee – County Office of Education

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. Gustafson announced that Al Serrato has resigned from the Commission.
- c. Introductions
- d. Agenda Review: **Approved** as distributed.
- e. Approval of Minutes: June 26, 2018: **Approved** as distributed.

II. Oral Communications:

None

III. Project Updates

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

No update on Makers Lab.

Barrack and Swope discussed Bon Appetite/Google programs that provide food industry jobs to young people. The programs require background checks but could be a good resource for youth in diversion programs or youth who've had their records sealed.

B. Group Homes (Swope, Ford, Hyder)

The Receiving Home is transitioning into a Short-Term Residential Therapeutic Programs (STRTPs) under the Continuum of Care Reform. As such, youth leaving the facility would enter foster homes which the Commission has no authority to inspect. The Commission may explore working with HSA to track where youth go.

C. Prop 64 (Gustafson, Casillas)

Gustafson said the County's record-sealing packet does not cover reducing sentences eligible under Prop 64. Pending legislation (AB 1793), however, would place the burden on prosecutors to review all cases in their jurisdiction and determine by July 1, 2020 whether to challenge the recall or dismissal of a sentence, dismissal and sealing, or re-designation under the Adult Use of Marijuana Act. In the meantime, the Commission will explore working with pro-bono attorneys and the Private Defender Program to see if they can help with clearing cases under Prop 64.

D. Parent Guidebook (Wilson, Swope, Gustafson)

Commissioner Swope said she's been calling all the police departments in the county to find out if they have diversion programs, school resource officers and/or other resources aimed at juvenile crime prevention. Chair Gustafson said she's started working on a draft of the guidebook. Gustafson and Swope talked about hiring an information designer to present information to parents and juveniles in a way that fosters efficient and effective understanding. Swope said Supervisor Canepa's office has offered to make funding available to pay for the production of the guidebooks.

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

No report from Commissioners.

Deputy Chief Brasil suggested testing the booking and admissions process at the juvenile hall.

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

Gustafson relayed information from Co-Chair Flores that a stakeholder meeting has been scheduled for Sep. 20 at the Sobrato Center to discuss a plan of action.

IV. Private Defender Program

No report

V. San Mateo County Office of Education

Nancy Magee said Jeneé Littrell will be taking over for her as Associate Superintendent of Student Services, and Littrell will be attending future JJDPC meetings as much as possible.

Magee said the County Office of Education supports the JJDPC's effort to establish a Youth Court in San Mateo County. A Youth Court could be connected to the county's School Attendance Review Board process in a way that gives leverage to the process.

VI. Court Remarks and Discussion

No report.

VII. Swearing in of New Commissioners Clara MacAvoy and Deborah Telleria

Deputy Chief Roy Brasil officiated the swearing in of new Commissioners MacAvoy and Telleria.

VIII. Probation

Juvenile Hall population: 41 males, 6 females

Camp Glenwood: 11 males

Camp Kemp: 4 females in facility, 7 in Girls Empowerment Program

12 youth in placement, including 11 out of county and none out of state.

Deputy Chief Brasil announced plans to hold a Classic Car Show event at the Juvenile Hall on Sept. 8 at 11 a.m. The event is part of a series of monthly, staff-led organized activities meant to promote positive youth behavior.

Chair Gustafson asked Deputy Chief Brasil to comment on the possibility of the Camp Glenwood program being moved from its current location in La Honda to the Youth Services Center (Juvenile Hall). Brasil stated no decision has been made yet, but it's a question of cost effectiveness. He added the camp's programming, which is aimed at rehabilitating high-risk young men facing extended detentions, would remain intact if the program were to move.

IX. Voting/Registration for Youth at YSC/Camps

Deferred

X. Consideration of Draft Inspection Reports

- a. Youth Services Center facility (Thadaney, Barrack, Casillas)
Report will be brought back for consideration at next meeting w/suggested changes.
- b. Camp Kemp (Serrato, Flores, Winter)
M:/Winter, S:/Swope: Approve Camp Kemp report as modified. **Approved unanimously.**
- c. Camp Glenwood (Swope, Casillas, Serrato) – *deferred to next meeting.*
- d. School reports for YSC (Hillcrest), Glenwood, Kemp.
M:/Gustafson, S:/Swope: Approve school reports as modified. **Approved unanimously.**

XI. Legislative Report

Commissioner Casillas briefly shared information about the following pending state laws:

- SB-1391 Juveniles: Fitness for Juvenile Court – would prevent youth under 16 from being tried in adult court.

- SB-439 Jurisdiction of the Juvenile Court – would exclude children 11 and younger from prosecution in juvenile court.
- SB-1437 Accomplice liability for felony murder – would reform felony murder rule and amend accomplice liability in certain types of second-degree murder cases
- SB-1421 Peace Officers: Release of Records
- AB-931 Criminal Procedure: Use of force by peace officers – would establish that law enforcement is only justified in killing a suspect when they have no reasonable alternative to reduce the threat and prevent the death of or serious injury of themselves or any other person.
- AB-2845 Criminal Procedures: Pardons – would allow a person formerly convicted of a crime to petition the court for a certificate of rehabilitation, and make it unlawful for an employer with five or more employees to consider, distribute or disseminate certain information while conducting a conviction history background check.
- SB-1298 The Increasing Access to Employment Act

XII. Commissioner Comments/Announcements

Chair Gustafson announced that she will be attending the Annual Juvenile Justice Commission Presentation at the California Probation and Parole Officer's Conference in San Diego on Sep. 6, 2018

The Walt Disney Family Museum in SF is presenting an exhibition of artworks created by incarcerated youth in art-making sessions facilitated by museum staff on site at three different juvenile detention centers in the Bay Area – including the YSC. The exhibition will be on view from Sep. 26, 2018 to Jan. 7, 2019. It's free to the public in the museum's lower lobby. JJDPC members are invited to attend the reception at the museum on Sep. 25. RSVPs required.

Meeting adjourned 7:23 p.m.