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Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention Commission
September 27, 2022
5:15pm – 7:15pm
Remote Access Only – Public participation instructions attached

AGENDA

Public comment will be accommodated under Item II for items not on the agenda. The Commission requests that members of the public, who wish to comment on items on the agenda, submit a request to the Chair prior to the start of the meeting so that they may be recognized at the appropriate time.

- I. Preliminary Business (5:15-5:30)**
 - a. Call to Order
 - b. Roll Call and Establish Quorum
 - c. Vote on Resolution to meet remotely, per AB 361
 - d. Agenda Review and Approval
 - e. Approval of Minutes from August 2022 Monthly Meeting
 - f. Approval of Notes from August 2022 Commission Retreat
 - g. Swearing in of new Commissioners

- II. Oral Communications (5:30-5:35)**

This item provides an opportunity for public comment on items not on the agenda (Time limit – two (2) minutes per person). There will be opportunity for public comment on agenda items as they are considered.

- III. System Updates and Trends (5:35-6:05)**
 - a. Court (Etezadi)
 - b. Probation (Stauffer, Clark)
 - c. HSA, Children & Family Services (Fong)
 - d. Private Defender (Rayes)
 - e. Behavioral Health & Recovery Services (Pena)

- IV. Inspections Updates (6:05-6:15)**
 - a. Overall Progress (Rasmussen)
 - b. Facilities Inspections (Commissioners)

- V. Commission Administrative Business (6:15-6:30)**
 - a. Membership Update (Enriquez)
 - b. Introduction of Liaisons from Youth Commission
 - c. New Legislative Coordinator
 - d. Nominating Committee for Commission Officers in 2023

- VI. Updates from Commissioners and Subcommittees (6:30-7:00)**
 - a. Access to Facilities for Youth Commissioners (Wilson)
 - b. Reimagine Juvenile Hall (Labouisse, Bocanegra)
 - c. Gang Intervention & Prevention (Rasmussen)
 - d. Police Liaison (Rasmussen)
 - e. Arts Programming Grant (Labouisse)

- VII. Quick Updates from Commissioners (7:00-7:15)**
 - a. Items from August meeting
 - i. Stipends for Commissioners (Labouisse)
 - ii. JJDPC Award (Rasmussen)
 - iii. Future Meeting Locations (Labouisse)
 - iv. Civilian Oversight of Sheriff's Office (Rasmussen)
 - b. Social Media (Rasmussen) - also see attached
 - c. Community Ambassadors
 - i. Also see attached from Commissioner Liu
 - d. Announcements



JJDPC Meeting, September 27, 2022 Public Participation Instructions

Pursuant to the Shelter in Place Orders issued by the San Mateo County Health Officer and the Governor, and the CDC's social distancing guidelines which discourage large public gatherings, the Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Commission's meetings will be held remotely with public access available by videoconference.

Join Zoom Meeting

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Next Meeting: Tuesday, October 25, 2022, 5:15 – 7:15 p.m.
Location: To Be Announced

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If you wish to speak to the Commission, please send an email to sanmateojjdpc@gmail.com before the meeting. If you have anything that you wish distributed to the Commission and included in the official record, please attach it to the email.

RESOLUTION NO.

RESOLUTION FINDING THAT, AS A RESULT OF THE CONTINUING COVID-19 PANDEMIC STATE OF EMERGENCY DECLARED BY GOVERNOR NEWSOM, MEETING IN PERSON FOR MEETINGS OF THE JUVENILE JUSTICE & DELINQUENCY PREVENTION COMMISSION (JJDP) WOULD PRESENT IMMINENT RISKS TO THE HEALTH OR SAFETY OF ATTENDEES

WHEREAS, on March 4, 2020, the Governor proclaimed pursuant to his authority under the California Emergency Services Act, California Government Code section 8625, that a state of emergency exists with regard to a novel coronavirus (a disease now known as COVID-19); and

WHEREAS, on June 4, 2021, the Governor clarified that the “reopening” of California on June 15, 2021 did not include any change to the proclaimed state of emergency or the powers exercised thereunder, and as of the date of this Resolution, neither the Governor nor the Legislature have exercised their respective powers pursuant to California Government Code section 8629 to lift the state of emergency either by proclamation or by concurrent resolution in the state Legislature; and

WHEREAS, on March 17, 2020, Governor Newsom issued Executive Order N-29-20 that suspended the teleconferencing rules set forth in the California Open Meeting law, Government Code section 54950 et seq. (the “Brown Act”), provided certain requirements were met and followed; and

WHEREAS, on September 16, 2021, Governor Newsom signed AB 361 that provides that a legislative body subject to the Brown Act may continue to meet without fully complying with the teleconferencing rules in the Brown Act provided the legislative

body determines that meeting in person would present imminent risks to the health or safety of attendees, and further requires that certain findings be made by the legislative body every thirty (30) days; and,

WHEREAS, California Department of Public Health (“CDPH”) and the federal Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (“CDC”) caution that the Delta variant of COVID-19, currently the dominant strain of COVID-19 in the country, is more transmissible than prior variants of the virus, may cause more severe illness, and that even fully vaccinated individuals can spread the virus to others resulting in rapid and alarming rates of COVID-19 cases and hospitalizations (<https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/variants/delta-variant.html>); and,

WHEREAS, the CDC has established a “Community Transmission” metric with 4 tiers designed to reflect a community’s COVID-19 case rate and percent positivity; and,

WHEREAS, the County of San Mateo currently has a Community Transmission metric of “substantial” which is the second most serious of the tiers; and,

WHEREAS, the JJDPC has an important governmental interest in protecting the health, safety and welfare of those who participate in its meetings; and,

WHEREAS, in the interest of public health and safety, as affected by the emergency caused by the spread of COVID-19, the JJDPC deems it necessary to find that meeting in person would present imminent risks to the health or safety of attendees, and thus intends to invoke the provisions of AB 361 related to teleconferencing;

NOW, THEREFORE, IT IS HEREBY DETERMINED AND ORDERED that

1. The recitals set forth above are true and correct.
2. The JJDPC finds that meeting in person would present imminent risks to the health or safety of attendees.
3. Staff is directed to return no later than thirty (30) days after the adoption of this resolution with an item for the JJDPC to consider making the findings required by AB 361 in order to continue meeting under its provisions.
4. Staff is directed to take such other necessary or appropriate actions to implement the intent and purposes of this resolution.

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COUNTY OF SAN MATEO

Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention Commission

222 Paul Scannell Drive • San Mateo, CA 94402

Minutes of the Juvenile Justice & Delinquency Prevention Commission

August 30, 2022 | 5:15-7:15 pm

Remote Meeting

MINUTES

Commissioners Present: Monroe Labouisse, Chair; Karin Huber-Levy, Vice Chair Administration; Rocsana Enriquez, Vice Chair Membership; Paul Bocanegra; Wesley Liu; Ameya Nori; Sathvik Nori; Johanna Rasmussen; Susan Swope; Melissa Wilson.

Commissioners Absent: Rebecca Flores; Prospective Commissioners Allen Bustos & Mama Dee Uhila.

Additional Attendees:

Judge Susan Etezadi – Juvenile Court
Melanie Stauffer – SMC Probation
Jehan Clark – SMC Probation
Ron Rayes – Private Defender Program
Jennifer Martinez – Juvenile & Family
Specialist, Redwood City PD
Wendy Gwyn – The Art of Yoga Project
Michelle Irachata – Redwood City Pulse
Zach Kirk – Silicon Valley De-Bug
Kate Hiester – FLY
Nancy Goodban – Fixin’ San Mateo
Jim Lawrence – Fixin’ San Mateo
LaRay Hilt – CASA
Nkia Richardson – CASA
Maybelle Regaspi – Community Member
Alice Choi – Community Member
Tom Klick, Jr – Community Member

Aurora Pena – Behavioral Health & Recovery
Services
Kris Shouse – SMC Office of Education
Beverly Gerard – SMCOE, Board of Trustees
Shelly Johnson – SMC Court & Community Schools
John Fong – HSA, Children & Family Services
Ligia Andrade Zúñiga – SMUHSD Board of Trustees,
Liaison- SMC Commission on Disabilities
Chelsea Bonini – Liaison- SMC Commission on
Disabilities
Chris Woo – Skyline College, Project Change
Lucy Ramirez – Acknowledge Alliance
Clara Jaeckel – Community Member
Rebecca Kieler – Community Member
Catherine Hart – Community Member
Mark Ruane – Community Member
Mary Cravalho – Community Member

I. Administrative Business

- a. **Call to Order:** Chair Labouisse called the meeting to order at 5:15 p.m.
- b. **Roll Call and Establish Quorum:** A quorum was established at 5:16 p.m.
- c. **Action to Adopt Resolution:** Meeting Location Change - Brown Act Compliance (AB361).

MOTION: Swope /SECOND: Huber-Levy

AYES (VOICE VOTE): All present

NOES: none

ABSTAIN: none

MOTION PASSED.

- d. **Recap of Commission Offsite:** Chair Labouisse provided a short recap of the Commission offsite meeting held on August 20th, in person, at a community center in Redwood City. The offsite was open to the public and an agenda was provided; minutes will be published shortly.



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- e. **Action for Approval of July 2022 Minutes:** Chair Labouisse invited a motion to adopt the July 2022 minutes as corrected.

MOTION: Swope /SECOND: Huber-Levy
AYES (VOICE VOTE): All present
NOES: none
ABSTAIN: none
MOTION PASSED.

- f. **Action to Set Agenda for August 30, 2022:**

MOTION: Swope/SECOND: Huber-Levy
AYES (ROLL CALL VOTE): All present
NOES: none
ABSTAIN: none
MOTION PASSED.

II. Oral Communications (Public Comment): none made at this time.

III. System Updates and Trends:

- a. **Juvenile Court (Etezadi).** Court is continuing as normal, except that the mask mandate has been lifted, at the discretion of individual judges in all courthouses in SMC; no masks are required by Judge Etezadi in her courtroom at this time. Commissioners were thanked for their service and encouraged to attend court as it is important for youth to see this support in the courtroom.
- b. **Probation (Stauffer)** – as of August 1, probation has merged caseloads for intake and supervision; currently there are 16 deputy probation officers in juvenile division.

Status of Youth on Probation:

- Intake (Assessment for Diversion/Investigations): 177– with 18 new referrals in July:
 - 6 youth assigned for diversion or contract (letter of reprimand, victim impact awareness program; assessment with BHRS clinician for eligibility for 3/6 mo. contract; petty theft program)
 - 38 youth referred to DA’s office (mandatory send to DA for prior probation violations, or incomplete diversion, with new offense)
 - 4 youth - 90 day contracts; 4 youth - 6 month contracts
- Supervised Probation: 124 (formal & informal)
 - Placement: 0
 - With Gang Conditions: 10 (intensive probation)
 - Non-Minor Dependent Status: 5 (AB12 services - previously in placement, now receiving extended foster care with funding and services)
 - Informal Diversion Contracts: 5
- DJJ: 1 – note: already have had 4 youth return from DJJ to supervised probation in SMC
- 59% Hispanic/Latino; 12% Black/African American; 13% White; 6% Other; 5% Native Hawaiian/PI; 4% Asian; 1% Unknown



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Status of Youth at Institutions, Youth Services Center/Camp Kemp (Clark): 17 youth in custody:

- **Electronic Monitoring (EMP):** 13 (pre-disposition youth and youth on probation)
- **YSC:** 17 youth (16 male/1 female)
- **Camp Kemp:** 3 female youth: 1 from Sonoma County, 2 from SMC.
- 82% Hispanic/Latino; 11% Other; 7% Native Hawaiian/PI.
- 20% female/80% male youth

School has now resumed; next week they will commence Keys to Success program and Project Change at CSM. Also, quarantine requirements have been reduced to 5 days from 12 days. All programs from pre-COVID have now been almost completely restored; AA might be still sporadic.

Total youth in SMC juvenile justice system: 321 (last month: 321)

c. HSA, Children and Family Services (Fong)

John Fong provided a written update on relevant metrics prior to the meeting (circulated with the agenda packet) and reviewed key changes over past month. Fourteen new social workers are coming on board, bringing the vacancy rate down to 13%.

After Continuum of Care Reform (AB403) was introduced in 2015, congregate care has been limited to short term therapeutic interventions and resulted in the closure of group homes. Since this time, the State has recognized there is a resulting gap in services, particularly in emergency placement situations.

There are currently 24 STRTP beds available in SMC: 12 at Elysian STRTP (31 Tower Road, San Mateo), and 12 at Canyon Oaks Youth Center (400 Edmonds Road, Redwood City). Only Canyon Oaks offers on site schooling. Mr Fong and his staff are discussing options should a decision be taken to move towards a Temporary Shelter Care Facility (TSCF) model, similar to what existing in SMC (Receiving Home) prior to 2015.

d. Other Partner Updates & Commissioner Questions:

- **County Office of Education, Court & Community Schools (Johnson)**

Shelly Johnson, Principal of Court & Community Schools provided an update on program introductions for the upcoming year. As part of the Maker Space Program there are at least 3 projects rolling out for math, science, English and social studies throughout the year in all the schools, including Canyon Oaks.

In addition, they have launched a developmental psychology course in collaboration with Project Change, and also Keys to Success at Hillcrest. This upcoming spring, they anticipate launching an ethic studies class along with a drawing art class. Plans are to launch a career class this upcoming summer during students' credit recovery time. These upcoming programs will offer students more life interaction lessons, and more project-based and outward -thinking learning opportunities.



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IV. Proposal for Civilian Oversight of Sheriff's Office (Labouisse)

Chair Labouisse referred to the memorandum circulated in the agenda package: Request to Adopt Ordinance for Civilian Oversight of the Sheriff's Office, per AB 1185 as proposed by Fixin' San Mateo County. Jim Lawrence, Chair and Nancy Goodban, Executive Director of Fixin' San Mateo County provided an overview of their efforts to bring oversight to the SMC Sheriff's Office and the purpose of the Ordinance.

Chair Labouisse invited a motion to approve sending the memorandum to the Board of Supervisors, supporting the creation of a civilian oversight board and inspector general office for oversight of the SMC Sheriff's Office.

An opportunity was provided for public comment, following which a vote was taken by Commissioners on the motion.

MOTION: Swope /SECOND: Huber-Levy

AYES (ROLL CALL VOTE): Labouisse, Huber-Levy, Enriquez, Bocanegra, A. Nori, S. Nori, Rasmussen, Swope, Wilson

NOES: none

ABSTAIN: Liu

MOTION PASSED.

V. Commission Administrative Business:

a. Membership Update (Enriquez)

Currently, there are 11 active Commissioners, and 4 vacancies on the Commission. Two applications (for Allen Bustos and Mama Dee Uhila) are in progress awaiting Board of Supervisor approval (the Court has approved these applications, subject to BOS approval), so there remain 2 open spots on the Commission.

b. Proposal for Stipends for Commissioners (Labouisse): WIC provides for reimbursement of Commissioners for expenses incurred in attending meetings and carrying out Commission work. In lieu of reimbursement, the BOS may pay a stipend of \$25 per Commissioner, per meeting attended, not to exceed two meetings in a month.

Payment of the stipends would be a separate matter from requesting a Commission budget, ie. to provide for training.

Chair Labouisse moved that the Commission send a request to the BOS for payment of said stipend to Commissioners in accordance with the WIC provisions, with the option that any Commissioner may opt out of receiving a stipend.

MOTION: Labouisse /SECOND: Swope

AYES (VOICE VOTE): All present

NOES: none

ABSTAIN: none

MOTION PASSED.



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c. **Proposal re: Future Meeting Locations** (Labouisse):

Chair Labouisse suggested that the Commission begin holding meetings in person in community locations, but also continue to provide an option to participate remotely by Zoom.

It was suggested that meeting in other locations in the county should be prefaced by outreach to ensure attendance by community members. It was also requested that we have an understanding within the Commission that there be a commitment to personal attendance and accountability.

Chair Labouisse moved that a subcommittee be formed to consider the technical and other requirements to moving to hybrid, in person meetings, sometimes to be held in community locations.

MOTION: Labouisse /SECOND: Swope

AYES (VOICE VOTE): All present

NOES: none

ABSTAIN: none

MOTION PASSED.

VI. **Proposal for JJDPC Annual Award** (Rasmussen):

The Commission discussed the proposal circulated with the agenda packet for the creation of an annual award (recognition, not monetary) to recognize an individual(s) who have made an extraordinary difference in the lives of system-impacted youth and families in SMC.

Commissioner Rasmussen proposed that a subcommittee be formed to gather information and provide recommendations to the Commission for the specific parameters of the award as described in the proposal.

MOTION: Rasmussen /SECOND: Liu

AYES (VOICE VOTE): All present

NOES: none

ABSTAIN: none

MOTION PASSED.

VII. **Updates from Committees & Commissioners**

a. Inspections (Rasmussen): BSSC has provided a list of facilities in SMC which held youth in detention over 24 hours; Commissioner Rasmussen will advise if any further facilities need to be added to our inspections schedule. All current 2022 inspections have been scheduled and some are already in progress. Chair Labouisse advised that all draft inspection reports must be ready to be presented at the October meeting, to be voted on and approved during the November meeting.

b. Coordinators: Updates were provided on Legislative and Social Media activity.

c. Liaisons & Community Ambassadors: An update was provided by the Police Liaison regarding current issues in the community and current community events sponsored by the police.

d. Announcements: Commissioner Swope has been appointed to the SMC Civil Grand Jury for the year and has asked SMC counsel to advise whether she may need to resign from the Commission.

Commissioner Enriquez, a member of the Redwood City Police Advisory Committee, shared that there is a Town Hall being held in Redwood City for community members to discuss safety in their community.

Meeting adjourned at 7:15 pm.

Next Meeting: Tuesday, September 27, 2022

**Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention Commission Retreat
August 20, 2022, 10am-4:30pm**

**The Sunset Room, Veterans Memorial Senior Center
1455 Madison Ave., Redwood City, CA**

RETREAT NOTES

Attendees:

Paul Bocanegra
Allen Bustos
Rocsana Enriquez
Karin Huber-Levy
Monroe Labouisse
Wesley Liu
Ameya Nori
Sathvik Nori
Johanna Rasmussen
Susan Swope
Mama Dee Uhila
Melissa Wilson

Facilitators:

Debbie Schechter
Seini Mateialona

Retreat Purpose: Identify how the Commission can be most effective in accomplishing its goals and projects

Objectives:

- Understand the role of the Commission and Commissioners
- Identify approaches used in successful Commission efforts
- Identify approaches that can be used to achieve current and future Commission goals

Group Agreements

The following group agreements were used at the JJDPJ retreat:

- Speak respectfully and one at a time
- Share the air
- Listen for understanding
- Lift as you climb
- Be present and engaged
- Let the facilitator guide the process
- Technology on silent

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Framing Activity/Introductions

Purpose: To get to know each other better and set the tone for the day

Commissioners' responses to the question "What motivates you to serve on the Commission?" are listed below:

- Provide safety for children
- Advocate
- Have an alternative approach to juvenile justice
- Contribute to the community; give back to the community
- Pay things forward, use my skill set
- Help children reach their full potential
- Family connection to the juvenile justice system
- Make changes at the policy level
- Delinquency prevention
- Provide better opportunities for youth
- Be a part of what the County is doing
- Have children/youth in juvenile hall treated with dignity
- Save the children
- Do civic work and address poverty
- Youth mentoring
- Use lived experience as a system-involved person to serve the community
- Change how police deal with youth, reduce aggressive policing
- Address injustices and flaws in the system
- Work with youth and impact them in a positive way
- Get youth on the right track; focus on education
- Help disadvantaged youth and those who are mistreated

Common themes from the responses above:

- Have a positive impact on children and youth
- Improve the juvenile justice system
- Contribute to the community

Understanding the Role of the Commission and Commissioners

Purpose: Provide a shared understanding of the role of the Commission and Commissioners and the experience that Commissioners bring.

Commissioners reviewed the mission and purposes of the JJDC and discussed their role.

- Mission: "... to be a public conscience in the best interest of young people. The Commission advocates for program and services that prevent youth entry into the juvenile justice system and that provide tools young people need to thrive and succeed in life. The Commission seeks to promote respect for the human dignity of all young people who do enter the juvenile justice system and seeks to preserve their youth."

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- “By the book” purpose of the JJDPDC according to the Welfare & Institutions code:
 1. "To inquire into the administration" of juvenile law and group homes (229 and 229.5)
 2. To conduct "inspections" and “investigations" (229, 229.5 and 230)
 3. To “report [its] recommendations” (229 and 230)
 4. A JJDPDC “may publicize its recommendations” (230)
 5. “To coordinate ... governmental and nongovernmental organizations” working on prevention (233)
- “By the book” purpose of the JJDPDC according to the County Handbook for Boards and Commissions:
 1. To “provide recommendations or advice to the Board of Supervisors”
 2. “Gathering and analyzing public input”
 3. To “prepare reports for the Board of Supervisors" meetings
 4. Not to “take an official position that has not been approved by the Board of Supervisors”
- Discussion of role:
 - The Commissions has two “parents”: the courts and the Board of Supervisors
 - The Commission sometimes needs to meet privately to discuss juvenile justice
 - The Commission could improve how and how often it communicates with the Board of Supervisors
 - The Commission could be better at making recommendations to the Board of Supervisors
 - Want to see tangible changes in policy through the influence of the Commission

How Can the Commission be Most Effective?

Purpose: Identify how the Commission can be most effective in accomplishing its goals and projects

The Commission discussed a few examples of successful Commission initiatives and identified approaches that made them successful:

- Resolution to Reimagine Juvenile Hall
 - Conducted **outreach to the Board of Supervisors: one-on-one outreach to build relationships**
 - Put **people with lived experience** in front of the decisionmakers
 - **“Plotter” and “passion”** are both needed
 - **Being persistent**: sent regular reminder emails to Board of Supervisors members, asked questions
 - **Learned the process** of how things get done
- Peer Point
 - Everyone knew the “why”: **why it was needed**

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- **Evidence-based data** was used
 - **Understood the funders story**
 - **Internal process was clear**; everyone knew what to do
 - Youth **identified a gap in services** in the County
 - **Used the talent of the Commission and talent of the youth team**; diverse individuals
 - Defined a **clear objective** that could be fulfilled
 - **Partnered with other organizations**
 - Had **support from the community**
 - Used **private funders** to launch a pilot program
 - **Started with a pilot** to achieve clear results
- Implement SB 190: Eliminate juvenile administrative fees
 - **Researched** indebtedness in the County and **what other counties were doing**
 - **Got on Board of Supervisors agenda to give a presentation**
 - **Wrote the resolution** for the Board of Supervisors

Reflecting on approaches used in the successful programs:

- Pressure on the County, working with the Board of Supervisors within the system
- Worked with the community to put pressure on the County

Other approaches to consider:

- Look at data by city/geography and organize ourselves in that way, partnering with community organizations
- Bring in parents to collaborate with
- Help share information/programs across jurisdictions—work with Thrive (e.g., afterschool programs)
- Develop better relationships with school districts
- Maximize and leverage relationships with other entities and organizations
- Media pressure, using the media to publicize the issue
- Internal Commission issues:
 - The Commission needs to find ways to meet privately on juvenile justice issues
 - The Commission needs to find ways to update each other:
 - Report at Commission meetings
 - Provide written updates at Commission meetings
 - Emails
 - Bimonthly circle
 - In Person and Zoom

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Action Items:

The following action items from the retreat were identified:

What	Who	When
-Have a conversation/circle with Probation, judges, Behavioral Health, District Attorneys, Public Defender, Children & Family Services about motivations; articulate common values; -Educate around culture of youth they're serving -Establish an understanding of mission and opportunities for collaboration -Discuss roles of each entity and how they overlap	Monroe	Schedule a retreat/ circle by December 2022
Identify policies that create barriers with Probation; implement restorative justice (as part of inspection)	Johanna Mama Dee Allen	By December 2022
Find ways for the Commission to meet privately	Melissa, Karin, Judith	By December 2022
Provide an update for the Commission on PeerPoint: -put it on the agenda for the next meeting -Share a document with detailed information on PeerPoint with Commissioners	Melissa	Next Commission meeting
Update the Commission on SB190 (eliminating fees)	Monroe Susan	
Form a Youth Advisory Group to report to the Commission on youth in detention; ensure that youth are educated in the laws that affect them	Allen Johanna FLY	

Meeting Evaluation

Commissioners identified what went well in the retreat and what could be changed or improved for next time.

What went well:

- Length of retreat
- Circle
- Share the air
- Most people came
- Circle expertise and facilitation
- Greater bond among Commissioners
- Great timing to do this

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What can be changed or improved:

- Breaks were too long—make them shorter
- Do more outreach and publicity to get the public to come
- Celebrate successes
- Healthier snacks

Public input

This item provides an opportunity for public comment on items not on the agenda and on the general questions below.

Members of the public present at the retreat provided the following comments.

Nkia Richardson, CASA (Court Appointed Special Advocates):

- CASA is looking at how to reimagine their services and is entering into a strategic planning phase. Services were reduced during COVID but there is still a high need. CASA serves youth in the juvenile justice system and in foster care.
- CASA is interested in collaborating with the Commission and has ideas for connections for the Commission.
- CASA is interested in having its volunteers be mentors in the diversion program
- Dependency cases have a standing order with the court but not probation cases—they rely on referrals for probation cases. Commissioners can make referrals to CASA.

Senter Uhila:

- Communities want a strong relationship with the Commission

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Memorandum to the Board of Supervisors

SUBJECT: AFFIRM THE RIGHT OF ALL JUVENILE JUSTICE COMMISSIONERS TO ACCESS JUVENILE DETENTION FACILITIES

The San Mateo County Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention Commission understands that the Chief of Probation, John Keene, will be submitting a Memorandum requesting that the Board of Supervisors determine whether Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Commissioners under age 18 be permitted facility access in the course of their duties as Juvenile Justice Commissioners.

The Commission opposes efforts to limit facility access to any Commissioner, including those under age 18.

The Welfare and Institutions Code which governs Juvenile Justice Commissions provides access to the facility for all Commissioners, including those under the age of 18. Until this year, our youth, such as Commissioner Sathvik Nori and former Commissioner Austin Willis, have come on unit for orientation tours, to interview youth for projects, and for inspections. This is the law, has been standard in our County, and has been the practice in counties throughout California since 1965 when Juvenile Justice Commissions were created.

The WIC Code 225 specifies that:

Two or more of the members shall be persons who are between 14 and 21 years of age, provided there are available persons between 14 and 21 years of age who are able to carry out the duties of a commission member in a manner satisfactory to the appointing authority.

The requirement that two or more Commissioners be youth suggests that the intent of the law is to have youth in detention represented by their peers. The Commission has confirmed this interpretation with County Counsel. Youth representation is not possible if Commissioners who are the same age as the youth in detention are not allowed access.

Privilege of access and responsibility to inspect is central to the responsibilities of the Commission (WIC 229). The code does not distinguish between the responsibilities and privileges of Commissioners who are under and over the age of 18. Youth Commissioners are full Commissioners with full obligations to confidentiality (WIC 229.5 (b), access to confidential information, such as youth case files (WIC 831(a)(1)), and privileges of access. The Commission has confirmed this with County Counsel.

Youth in detention are behind walls and out of public view. Commissioners play a vital role in representing the interest of these youth. To limit access to some Commissioners is to limit the contributions of those Commissioners and the Commission as a whole in fulfilling its responsibility.

While the Chief's objections are not fully clear to our Commission, they seem to be focused on potential confidentiality concerns and potential negative impacts on detained youth. All Commissioners are held to the same confidentiality requirements. There are no known incidents where confidentiality has been violated. Further, the law requires that youth who serve "be able to carry out the duties of a commission member in a manner satisfactory to the appointing authority". Any youth who is a sworn Commissioner has been approved by the Board of Supervisors and the Superior Court and understands that she or he is sworn to fulfill these duties, including the duty of confidentiality.

There are also no known incidents when a youth Commissioner has had a negative impact on another youth. The opposite is true. Youth Commissioners have been welcomed by youth in detention. Their visits serve to remind youth in detention that they are being represented by peers. Their visits invite detained youth to consider becoming a Commissioner themselves post-detention (such as with former Commissioners Danny Casillas and Nick Jasso who had been detained). They receive feedback from their peers that an adult Commissioner might not receive. Their observations are unique because of their age and make for better recommendations to the Board of Supervisors.

We will be providing supporting documentation to affirm the Commission's legal claim and to demonstrate that it is the desire of the community to continue to allow access, as has been standard across the state for the last 57 years.

The Commission requests that any consideration of change be placed on the Board of Supervisors' public agenda for discussion.

RECOMMENDATIONS

Affirm the right of all Commissioners, regardless of age, to access juvenile detention facilities in the course of fulfilling their duties as Juvenile Justice Commissioners. No change should be made.

Attached is the [Welfare and Institution Code governing Juvenile Justice Commissions](#) for reference.

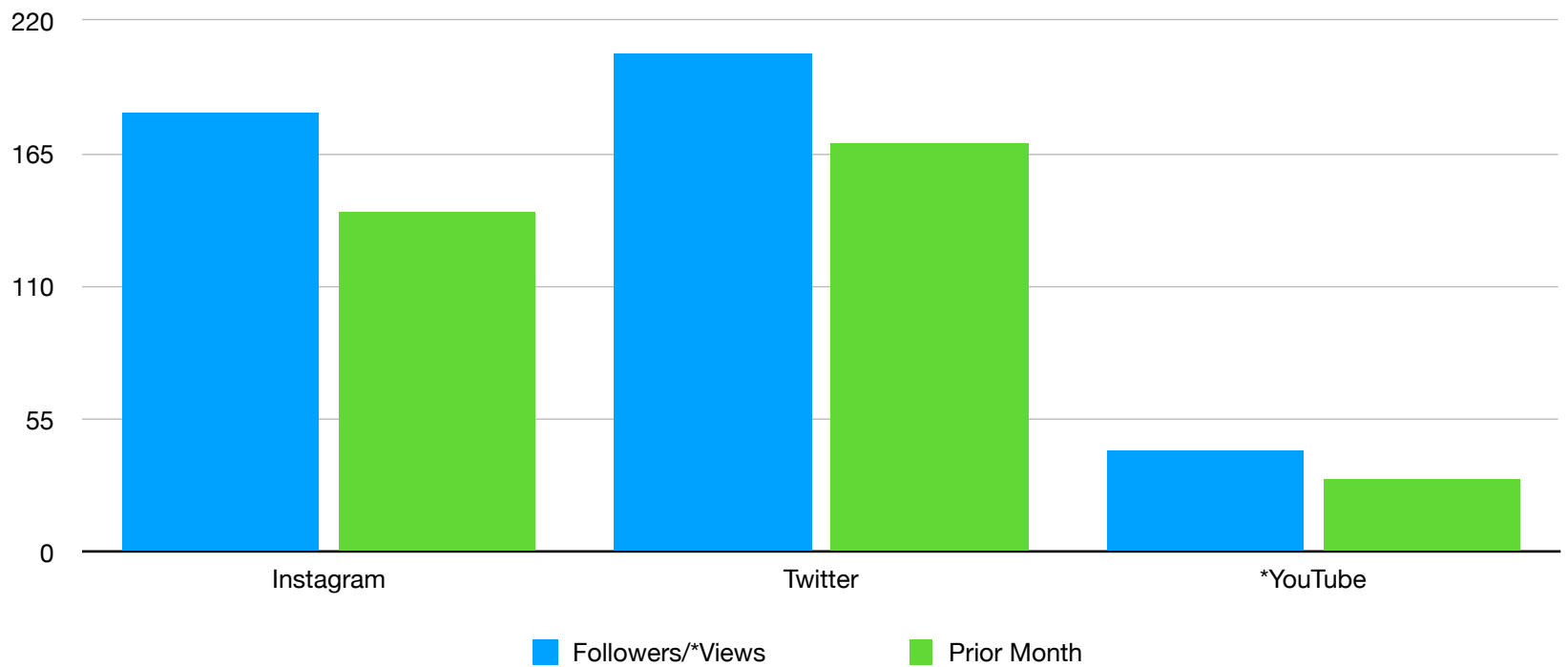
Respectfully,

The San Mateo County Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention Commission



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Top Tweets

August 2022

Our 2022 #JJDPDC Retreat was a huge success! #teamwork #sanmateocounty #juvenilejustice

September 2022

#AB2417 California's #YouthBillOfRights

Top Instagram Post

August 2022

#JJDPDC Offsite Retreat: Public Invitation

September 2022

Governor Newsom signs #AB2361 into law.

Written Update for September 2022 JJDPC Meeting: Wesley Liu

Meetings attended this month:

1. September 7th Child Welfare Council
 - a. Subjects discussed included health equity and system disparities, etc...
2. September 10th Coastside Community Celebration (Half Moon Bay).
 - a. Connected with Ayudando Latinos a Sonar, a CBO that works with the Latino community on the Coast
 - b. Connected with Crisis Assistance Response & Evaluation Services Program, a crisis-response agency dealing with mental health
3. September 14th Child Welfare Council OYCR Committee meeting
 - a. Discussed three priorities of OYCR to reduce the transfer of youth into the adult criminal justice system, reduce racial and ethnic disparities, and increase community-based responses and intervention.
 - b. Discussed how nonprofits and community-based organizations are relevant to OYCR.
4. September 14th San Francisco Juvenile Probation Commission
 - a. Citizens are concerned with the disparities in the system
5. Met with County Behavioral Health Directors Association
6. Met with Young Minds Advocacy, a CBO that does policy research and legal advocacy in mental health

Upcoming Events:

1. September 28th, 5-6: OYCR Listening Session for Project and Grant Priorities
2. September 30th, 12:45-2:45: Council on Criminal Justice and Behavioral Health Juvenile Justice Workgroup meeting
3. September 30th, 3-5: CCJBH Diversion/Re-entry Workgroup
4. October 21st 3:30-4:30: California Association of Youth Courts: Intersections of Mental Health and Juvenile Justice Roundtable Discussion