



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

April 27, 2021 | 5:15-7:15 pm
Remote Meeting

MINUTES

Commissioners Present: Toni Barrack, Co-Chair; Debora Telleria, Co-Chair; Rebecca Flores, Administration Vice Chair; Melissa Wilson, Membership Vice Chair; Paul Bocanegra; Monroe Labouisse; Sathvik Nori; Susan Swope; Johanna Rasmussen

Commissioners Absent: Sonoo Thadaney (leave of absence), Douglas Winter, Austin Willis

Additional Attendees:

Judge Susan Jakubowski – Juvenile Court
Jehan Clark – Probation
Melanie Stauffer – Probation
Sharon Cho – District Attorney’s Office
Janeé Littrell – County Office of Education
John Fong – Children & Family Services
Ameya Nori – Youth Commission Liaison
Kate Hiester – Fresh Lifelines for Youth
Rocsana Enriquez – Potential Commissioner
Karin Huber-Levy – Potential Commissioner
Victor Lecha III – Potential Commissioner

Aurora Pena – Behavioral Health & Recovery Services
Ligia Andrade Zúñiga – SMUHSD Board of Trustees
Chelsea Bonini – Commission on Disabilities
Sharon Godinez – CASA
Lulu David – Potential Youth Commissioner
Lauren Ford – SMCCC District Office
LaSaundra Gutter – Probation
Missy Hart – Potential Commissioner
Clara Jaeckel – Community Member
Armaan Khare-Arora – Potential Youth Commissioner
Chris Woo – Project Change

I. Administrative Business

- a. **Call to Order:** Co-Chair Telleria called meeting to order at 5:15 p.m.
- b. **Roll Call and Establish Quorum:** A quorum was established at 5:15 p.m.
- c. **Welcome and Introductions**
- d. **Agenda Review:** Approved as amended to add Truancy Project.
- e. **Approval of March Minutes:** Approved as amended.

II. Oral Communication: *None*

III. Updates and Trends

- a. **Juvenile Court** (Judge Jakubowski)
 - Most youth are appearing remotely. Not many youth in YSC right now.
 - Working on protocols to continue to use Zoom after COVID.



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- CASA trainees attend in person and Commissioners are welcome too.
- b. Private Defender Program (Telleria)**
 - AB 503--Endless Probation for California Youth. If passed, this bill will create statutory guidelines to tailor the length of time youth spent on wardship probations and ensure that the conditions or probation are reasonable and developmentally appropriate.
 - AB 333--Participation in a criminal street gang: enhanced sentence. If passed, this bill will redefine the terms “pattern of criminal gang activity” and “criminal street gang” for the purposes of the gang offense, enhancement, and alternate penalty and requires bifurcation of gang-related prosecutions from prosecutions that are not gang-related.
 - AB 624-- (Youth Fair Process Act) creates the right to appeal a juvenile court transfer order to adult court.
 - AB 1127-- if passed will amend the current law that allows juvenile strikes to be used as sentencing enhancements in adult court.
- c. Behavioral Health & Recovery Services (Pena)**
 - Continue to provide TeleHealth services at the YSC and in the community.
 - Working on a plan to bring staff back in person for more face-to-face work with clients. Transition will begin in Mid-May.
- d. County Office of Education (Littrel)**
 - Pursuing funds to reshape the Gateway program to serve 60 students. There are currently eight students enrolled at Gateway. The number will increase in the fall to 25-30 students. Would like to collaborate with Effective School Solutions to provide therapeutic services to students.
- e. Probation (Clark and Stauffer)**
 - The mural project is underway. There are 10 youth at the YSC (8 male/2 female), six youth at Camp Kemp and five at DJJ; 211 total youth on informal/formal probation; 83 new investigation/intake cases; 17 youth on EMP; two youth in placement, and nine youth on AB12.
 - Assessment Center is working to divert youth with any case that has less than \$1,000 of restitution fees. Six youth are currently on contracts.

IV. Inspection Sign Ups (Flores)

- Inspections will begin in mid-June or early July and training will be provided to new commissioners.
- Most commissioners have signed up.



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V. Alternatives to Incarceration Recommendation to BOS (Labouisse)

- The Alternatives to Incarceration Committee drafted a letter and resolution to the Board of Supervisors. The recommendation asks the County to transition its places of detention for youth away from penal institutional design and towards settings that are not traumatizing for youth and are more therapeutic and homelike. In addition, the County should expand community-based alternatives to detention, including diversion, and invest more in the behavioral health, substance abuse treatment, educational and vocational services needed to support youth who may enter the juvenile justice system. The resolution asks the Board of Supervisors to form by the end of June the AID Juveniles Working Group, which would work on this issue during the next two years. Supervisor Canepa will be the sponsor for this resolution.
- Commissioner Labouisse moved to approve the suggested resolution and letter including the edits from Commissioners Swope and Lecha. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Rasmussen. The motion passed unanimously.

VI. Social Media Update (Rasmussen)

- The Commission has formed a marketing sub-committee.
- San Mateo County has guidelines and protocols in place for social media. They will create the accounts for the JJDPC and provide usernames and passwords to maintain the accounts.
- Looking into redesigning our web page and creating a logo for our commission.

VII. Peer Court & Vote (Wilson)

- Commissioner Willis has been working with the Marin peer court to bring a peer court to San Mateo County. Commissioner Willis has trained 250 youth in San Mateo County. The project would start with a pilot program potentially at a local school. The project will also search for funding to support the program and a case manager.
- Commissioner Swope moved to make this an active JJDPC project for 2021. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Wilson. The motion passed unanimously.

VIII. 2021 Project Plan Updates

- a. Outreach to Elected Officials (Labouisse, Bocanegra)
 - Met with Diana Reddy, Redwood City Council Member and Ligia Andrade Zúñiga, SMUHSD Board of Trustees. Upcoming meetings include: Charles Stone, Belmont Mayor.
- b. Diversion Programs in San Mateo County (Swope, Winter, Willis)
 - Needs a fresh start.



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- c. Truancy Project (Swope)
 - Committee met in April and continues to gather information. They hope to have a project plan ready for the May meeting.
- d. Analyzing After School Programs (Barrack, Flores)
 - Continuing to add to the catalog of after school providers and mapping providers against the school districts with greatest needs. The most comprehensive programs are in Ravenswood and Redwood City School Districts.
- e. Dashboard Project (Barrack, Telleria, Willis)
 - Working with probation to obtain “wish list” information. Next step is to obtain police, diversion and school statistics.
- f. Outreach to Underserved Youth and Families (Telleria, Rasmussen)
 - Met with local community groups in underserved neighborhoods including: SMC Democracy for America, Farmhill Neighborhood Association, Redwood City for Racial Equity, Bend the Arc.
- g. Lessons learned about COVID-19 (Wilson, Rasmussen, Nori)
 - Met with patrol sergeants in different cities. They are thankful for inviting them to the table. Atherton is interested in participating with peer court. Hillsborough is interested in working with us on other issues.

IX. Community Ambassador and Coordinator Reports

- a. **Legislative Update** (Huber-Levy)
 - Update on SB 493, also known as The Promise Act will affect how the JJCC is structured and how it distributes State funds.
- b. **Youth Commission Update** (Nori)
 - The civic engagement committee held a conference and it went very well; will host more in the years to come.
- c. **Membership Update** (Wilson)
 - Continue to interview potential commissioners. Scheduling a Probation tour of the YSC. New Commissioners will be sworn in at May meeting.
- d. **Child Abuse Prevention Council** (Swope)
 - Held several events for Child Abuse Prevention Month in April.

X. Announcements: *None.*

Meeting adjourned 7:18 p.m.

Next Meeting: Tuesday, May 25, 2021