



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
February 28, 2023 | 5:15-7:15 pm
College of San Mateo College Heights Conf. Room and Zoom
MINUTES

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

Commissioners Absent: Sathvik Nori; Appollonia “Dee” Uhila; Allen Bustos

Partners and Stakeholders Present:

Judge Chinhayi Cadet-Juvenile Court; Aurora Pena-Behavioral Health and Recovery; Judge Susan Etezadi-Juvenile Court; Ligia Andrade Zuniga-SMUHSD Trustee; Ashley Dwarshuis – Art of Yoga Project, Liaison, SMC Commission on Disabilities; John Fong-Children and Family Services; Jehan Clark-Probation; Nadia Hahn-District Attorney’s Office; Ron Rayes (Private Defender); Melanie Stauffer-Probation; Jennifer Martinez-Faith in Action Bay Area, Program Services Manager; Chris Woo-Skyline College, Project Change; Shelly Johnson, SMC Office of Education; Luc Gnamien-FLY; Melissa Poling-FLY; Nancy Quiggle-Star Vista; Angel Garcia-OCYR; Zahara Agarwal-Youth Commission; Alex Parikh-Briggs-Youth Commission;

Community Members: Ruth Singh, Whitney Genevro, Padmaja Nuvuluru, Dana Johnson, Michelle Iracheta, David Pollack, Sophia Brink, Clara Jaeckel, Jacki Rigoni, Nancy Goodban, Becca Kieler, Kris Shouse, Ariana Zavala,

I. Preliminary Business

The regular monthly meeting of the Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention Commissions was called to order by Chair Labouisse at 5:15pm February 28, 2023, in the College Heights Room at the College of San Mateo. A quorum was established at 5:17 pm.

M://Swope, S://Liu to approve the agenda. Approved unanimously.

M://Liu, S://Nori, to approve the minutes of the January 31, 2022 meeting. Tabled to March 28 meeting.

II. Oral Communications (Public Comment):

Community member, Nancy Goodban stated she was concerned with the kids who have been suffering in Juvenile Hall from decades of sexual abuse that was ignored/covered up by the county.

Regional specialist from Office of Youth and Community Restoration, Angel Garcia stated OCYR started with passage of SB 823, closing Department of Juvenile Justice and youth prisons closed by June 30th, also supports probation and promoting evidence-based practices.

Community member, Becca Kieler asks what citizens can do to prevent sexual abuse in the future.

III. Updates from System Partners:

a. Private Defender (Rayes)



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From January to February 28, the Private Defender's office was assigned 31,602 cases. Of the 31,602 cases, 5 were alleged s.707(b) offenses, and 4 were petitions to seal records. They had 45 calls on the Miranda Hotline. There was an increase in cases related to possession of firearms.

b. Probation (Stauffer, Clark)

Diversion and Intake- Currently 193 total cases, 125 of those in supervision, 318 in February, 36 mandatory DA referrals, 2 cases referred to petty theft program, 3 to victim impact awareness program, 2 letters of reprimand, 7 patient assessments with BHRS, 0 youth on contract.

The top five offenses were:

1. First Degree Robbery
2. Shoplifting
3. Assault with a Deadly Weapon
4. Battery
5. Criminal Threats

Placement- Currently there are zero youth in placement, 2 youth receiving non-minor dependent extended foster care, and 5 youth with gang orders. Twenty-five youth are on EMP, 30 youth in custody (27 males, 3 females), 3 girls at Camp (2 are from Sonoma County), no girls in Girls Empowerment Program.

IV. Consideration of New Commission Projects

a. Educational Skills Attainment in Detention

M://Wilson, S:// Huber-Levy, to form an ad-hoc committee of the commission to pursue understanding educational skills attainment in the hall. Passed unanimously.

b. Food and Lodging in Detention

M://Labouisse, S://Rasmussen, to form the [Food and Lodging in Detention] project committee to "dig" into [food and lodging] Passed unanimously.

c. Understand Transitioning of Detained Youth

M://Wilson, S://Liu, to endorse the [Understanding Transitioning of Detained Youth] project as an official JJDPC project. Passed unanimously.

d. Restorative Practices in Schools

M://Swope, S://A. Nori, to approve the project plan Restorative Practices in Schools as an official project. Passed unanimously.

e. Secure Spanish Translation for Meetings

M://Labouisse, S://Bocanegra to form project committee to arrange or provide Spanish translation for materials and meetings. Passed unanimously.

f. District Committees



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Proposed by Commissioner Uhila at offsite, tabled to next meeting.

V. Previous Business/Updates:

a. Clarification on Wards and Dependents

Scope of Juvenile Justice Commission still under discussion with county counsel, who will talk to judges.

b. Mental Health Commission

On February 1st, Commissioners Bocanegra and Rasmussen were invited to the Behavioral Health commission to present on mental health related recommendations, both BHRS and commission on board to work with JJDPC.

c. Advocacy with SamTrans

Commissioners Huber-Levy, Wilson and Swope met with SamTrans Manager of Government and Community Affairs, Jessica Epstein, who said data collected showed route underperformed. Still waiting to hear back on next steps.

d. Peer Point

Peer Point launched mid-January, has MOU with Menlo Atherton High School. Community Circle now offered to all students.

e. Membership

Six expressions of interest, 15 more from Volunteer Match. Several prospective commissioners have attended 2 meetings, multiple referrals from FLY.

f. Poetry Out Loud Event

Commissioners Bocanegra and Rasmussen attended an event where youth from Hillcrest participated in a poetry competition, lots of praise from community.

VI. New Business/Announcements

a. Social Justice Class, Mills High

On March 17th, Commissioners Bocanegra and Rasmussen will give a presentation to Mills High School Social Justice Class on JJDPC.

b. Presentation to League of Women Voters

On March 21st, Commissioners Swope and Wilson will present on JJDPC and legislation affecting youth at League of Women Voters next meeting.

Meeting adjourned at 7:15 p.m.



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Next Meeting: Tuesday, March 28, 2023