



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

Nov. 27, 2018

5:15-7:15 pm

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

MINUTES

Commissioners Present: Chair Michele Gustafson; Co-Vice Chair Rebecca Flores; Co-Vice Chair Sonoo Thadaney; Susan Swope; Doug Winter; Daniel Casillas; Christine Ford; Deborah Telleria; Clara MacAvoy; Melissa Wilson Toni Barrack; Valerie Gibbs

Commissioners Absent:

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

Additional Attendees:

Judge Susan Jakubowski, Juvenile Court

Joey Gallo – Fresh Lifelines for Youth

Miguel Gallegos – JJDPC Applicant

Nafeesah Mustafa – Court Schools/San Mateo
County Office of Education

Monique Ray – San Mateo County Youth
Commission

Rick Halpern – Private Defender Program

Judge Susan Etezadi

Adam Ely – Deputy County Counsel

Tara Ford – Stanford Youth & Education Law
Center

Paul Bocanegra – Human Rights Watch

Sathvick Nori – San Mateo County Youth
Commission

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.
- c. Introductions
- d. Agenda Review: M:/Swope, S:/Thadaney: Move item V to follow item II. Move item X to follow item V. **Approved unanimously.**
- e. Approval of Minutes: Oct. 30, 2018: **Approved** as distributed.
- f. Membership Update: no report
- g. Annual Report 2018: Chair Gustafson will draft the commission's annual report and present it at the January 2019 meeting for review.

II. Oral Communications:

None

V. Juvenile Court Fees: Discussion of County Manager Proposal to Amend Resolution 07938 with respect to Satisfying Judgments

Magda Gonzalez, Special Projects Coordinator for Revenue Services, updated the commission on the county's compliance with Senate Bill 190. The law prohibits counties

from assessing administrative fees related to juvenile detention, electronic monitoring, legal representation, probation and drug testing. San Mateo County has been in compliance since Jan. 1, 2018, when the law took effect. The county also stopped collecting on outstanding administrative fees, and in April 2018, the Board of Supervisors took action to permanently cease collections on previously assessed fees.

Gonzales said the County is now focused on discharging liens on juvenile cases prior to Jan. 1, 2018. She indicated there are thousands of judgment liens in the County and officials are looking for the most efficient way to discharge liens on juvenile cases. Deputy County Manager Peggy Jenson said the County wants to gather more data before reporting back to the Commission in March 2019 to determine next steps in the process.

Co-Vice Chair Thadaney asked what the biggest challenges would be and if “best practices” have been established in other counties.

Deputy County Counsel Craig Baumgartner said the biggest challenge may be the sheer volume of paperwork and staff time involved in the process. He said counties have taken different approaches regarding previously assessed fees but he believes San Mateo County has been out in front on the issue. The next step is to determine the best and most cost effective way to complete the process.

Tara Ford of Stanford Youth and Education Law Program stressed the importance of developing an equitable process to help vulnerable families get their liens discharged.

Magda Gonzalez said families or individuals seeking to have liens on juvenile cases discharged can contact Revenue Services Division Manager Laura Williams at 650-363-4082 or llwilliams@smcgov.org. However she said the County is still developing a system to work through these cases in the most efficient manner.

Co-Chair Thadaney stressed the importance of helping less-privileged citizens get through the process and suggested the County take these considerations into account. The Commission can recommend tools for equity and inclusion, e.g. https://www.kingcounty.gov/~-/media/elected/executive/equity-social-justice/2016/The_Equity_Impact_Review_checklist_Mar2016.ashx?la=en.

X. Probation Report (DCPOs Brasil & Hori)

Deputy Chief Probation Officers Roy Brasil and Rich Hori reported the following population levels for County juvenile detention facilities:

Youth Services Center (Juvenile Hall): 39 boys, 7 girls

Camp Glenwood: 12 boys

Camp Kemp: 5 girls

Camp Kemp Girls Empowerment Program: 5 girls

Youth in placement: 11; none out of state.

DCPO Brasil said the Juvenile Hall recently consolidated two of its housing units, combining the Elm 6 and Elm 7 older boys units into one unit. This has helped alleviate staffing issues while ensuring youth programs and education services continue uninterrupted.

Rick Halpern of the Private Defender Program asked how the merger has affected youth who should be kept apart from other youth for various reasons. DCPO Brasil said boys who need to be separated from the combined unit are diverted to the Pine 5 younger boys unit.

Halpern asked about younger boys having anxiety about being housed with older boys. DCPO Brasil said the staff is being diligent in assessing where to house the youth. He added there is enough space to avoid double-rooming.

Halpern asked if it was true that Camp Kemp may take girls from other counties. DCPO Brasil said there has been some talk of it but he has not been notified of any final decisions. He noted that the camp only has five girls in custody despite being rated for 30.

The Commission nominated Commissioner Casillas to serve as a liaison to the Probation Department regarding the redesign of the Camp Glenwood boys program, which is scheduled to move to the Youth Service Center in March 2019. DCPO Brasil said he would pass on the request to Chief Keene.

Chair Gustafson said she would email Chief Keene to ask about the status of the redesign effort and the JJDCP's role in the process.

DCPO Rich Hori (Juvenile Services Division) said he will become more involved in the process following Glenwood's move as the Probation Department works to develop a new reentry system for incarcerated youth.

Judge Jakubowski said she understands that many of the Glenwood boys don't want the camp to relocate from La Honda to the YSC. She also said the boys were unhappy to be moved to the YSC for two weeks this month due to unhealthy air conditions caused by wildfires in Northern California. To help them deal with the difficult transition, she said she offered many of the boys home passes for Thanksgiving in exchange for good behavior.

Rick Halpern, Private Defender Program, said he's concerned about there not being enough time to redesign the program before it moves to the YSC in March 2019. He said he was involved in the previous Glenwood redesign effort which took approximately a year but not all of those changes were ever implemented. Meanwhile, boys continue to be sentenced to Camp Glenwood under the impression they are going to the current low-security site in La Honda, not the YSC. He said the PDP's attorneys will seek new dispositions in those cases.

III. Elections for 2019

The Commission nominated Gustafson, Thadaney and Flores to continue as Chair and Vice Co-Chairs, respectively, in 2019. **Approved unanimously.**

Other Commissioners' Roles for 2019:

- Court and Probation liaisons - Debora Telleria and Toni Barrack
- Youth Commission liaison - Christine Ford
- Inspections Committee lead - Debora Telleria
- Court & Community Schools liaison - Valerie Gibbs

- Education liaison(s) focusing on school discipline disparities, truancy, school reentry issues and/or other ways education interfaces with delinquency — Melissa Wilson, Christine Ford, Susan Swope

New roles:

Liaison to PDP and DA's Office - *TBD*

Communications lead – *TBD*

IX. Youth Commission Update

San Mateo County Youth Commissioner Monique Ray spoke about the Youth Leadership Institute's Raise Your Voices Gala held on Nov. 15, 2018, and announced the Youth Commission upcoming Women's Mentorship Night set for March 8, 2019. She also mentioned the Youth Commission is seeking five adult mentors to help run poetry slams. Interested parties can contact the Youth Commission via JJDPC Chair Gustafson.

Youth Commissioner Sathvik Nori spoke briefly about perceived racial and gender biases on high school campuses in school discipline.

X. County Office of Education

No report.

XI. Project Updates

- a) Vocational Training and Makers Lab - No Update.
- b) Youth Court - No update. Commissioner Winter said he hopes to have more information at the next meeting about what local police departments and the County Office of Education would like to see in a possible youth court program.
- c) Group Homes - No Update
- d) Prop 64 - No update -
- e) Parent Guidebook - No update
- f) User Test of Juvenile Justice System - Commissioners MacAvoy, Swope, Gibbs, Barrack, Flores, Ford, Winter, Telleria said they would be interested in participating in the exercise.
- g) Community Resources Project - Flores said Jobs for Youth is still testing its new youth resources website. The project is being funded through the San Mateo County Human Resources Department.

XII. Discussion of Projects for 2019

Deferred to January 2019 meeting

XIII. Commissioner Comments/Announcements

Nafeesah Mustafa, Assistant Principal of the Court and Community Schools Program, announced Project Change, a higher education project run in partnership with College of San Mateo, the County Office of Education and the Probation Department, has been awarded a California School Board Association Golden Bell Award.

Gustafson announced a San Mateo County Health System workshop scheduled for Nov. 30 on community strategies to reduce access to alcohol and marijuana. A copy of the flier is on the last page of the agenda packet.

Meeting adjourned 7:15 p.m.