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Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention Commission
April 26, 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. Administrative Business (5:15-5:24)

- a. Call to Order
- b. Roll Call and Establish Quorum
- c. Vote on Resolution to meet remotely, per AB 361
- d. Approval of Minutes from March 2022
- e. Resignation of Steve Duddy from the Commission
- f. Swearing in of Sasha Newton as Commissioner
- g. Agenda Review and Approval

II. Oral Communications (5:24-5:30)

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 (5:30-5:50)

- a. Court (Etezadi)
- b. Private Defender's Office (Rayes)
- c. Probation (Stauffer, Clark)
- d. HSA, Children & Family Services (Fong)
- e. County Office of Education (Littrell)

Note: No significant change to report from the DA's Office or BHRS, so no verbal updates this month.

IV. Commission Ongoing Activities (5:50-6:10)

- a. Membership (Enriquez)
- b. Marketing & Social Media (Rasmussen)
- c. Legislative (Huber-Levy)
- d. Inspections (Rasmussen)
- e. Court Liaison (Rasmussen)

- V. **Final Report on Diversion Programs (6:10-6:30)**
(Ad hoc committee on Diversion Programs: Swope, Willis)

- VI. **Report from Committee on Commission Projects (6:30-6:50)**
 - a. Proposed / Draft Projects
 - i. Gang Intervention and Prevention Project (Rasmussen)
 - b. Proposal for Commission Retreat

- VI. **Brief Updates from Ongoing Committees / Projects (6:50-7:05)**
 - a. Peer Point (Wilson)
 - b. After School Programs Advocacy (Huber-Levy)
 - c. Increase School Attendance (Swope)
 - d. Reimagine Juvenile Hall (Bocanegra, Labouisse)
 - e. Realignment (SB 823) Subcommittee of the JJCC (Labouisse)

- VII. **Commissioner Announcements (7:05-7:15)**



JJDPC Meeting, April 26, 2022 Public Participation Instructions

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Next Meeting: Tuesday, May 31, 2022, 5:15 – 7:15 p.m.

Location: To Be Announced

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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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Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention Commission

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Minutes of the Juvenile Justice & Delinquency Prevention Commission

March 29, 2022 | 5:15-7:30 pm

Remote Meeting

MINUTES

Commissioners Present: Monroe Labouisse, Chair; Karin Huber-Levy, Vice Chair Administration; Rocsana Enriquez, Vice Chair Membership; Paul Bocanegra; Rebecca Flores; Armaan Khare-Arora; Sathvik Nori; Johanna Rasmussen; Susan Swope; Melissa Wilson

Commissioners Absent: Steven Duddy, Austin Willis

Additional Attendees:

Judge Chinhayi Cadet – Juvenile Court
Jehan Clark – Probation
Sasha Newton – Prospective Commissioner
Ameya Nori – Youth Commission Liaison
Kate Hiester – Fresh Lifelines for Youth
Jennifer Martinez – Juvenile & Family Specialist, Redwood City PD
Wesley Liu – Commission Volunteer
Wendy Gwyn – The Art of Yoga Project
Zach Kirk – Silicon Valley De-Bug
Stewart Hyland – St Vincent de Paul, EPA
Clara Jaeckel – Community Member, Redwood City

Aurora Pena – Behavioral Health & Recovery Services
Regina Moreno - Behavioral Health & Recovery Services
Jeneé Littrell – SMC Office of Education
Beverly Gerard – SMC Board of Education
Ligia Andrade Zúñiga– SMUHSD Board of Trustees, Liaison- SMC Commission on Disabilities
Chelsea Bonini – Liaison- SMC Commission on Disabilities
Chris Woo – Project Change, Skyline College
Michelle Iracheta – Redwood City Pulse
Michael Jones – VP Redwood City, Boys & Girls Clubs of the Peninsula
Julian Garcia – Community Member, East Palo Alto

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 5:17 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. **Action for Approval of February 2022 Minutes:** Chair Labouisse invited a motion to adopt the February minutes with one correction noted.

MOTION: Swope/SECOND: Huber-Levy

AYES (VOICE VOTE): All present

NOES: none

ABSTAIN: none

MOTION PASSED.



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- e. **Welcome remarks** (Labouisse). Chair Labouisse welcomed everyone and clarified that direct messages in Chat are recorded and viewable as part of public meeting record.
- f. **Action to Set Agenda for March 29, 2022:**
MOTION: Swope/SECOND: Enriquez
AYES (ROLL CALL VOTE): All present
NOES: none
ABSTAIN: none
MOTION PASSED.
- g. **Updates and Announcements** (Labouisse):
Huber-Levy: All Commissioners who were not able to attend the San Mateo County Boards and Commissions training held on March 3 are strongly encouraged to review the recording of the training as well as the newly revised Boards and Commissions Handbook, available at this link: <https://www.smcgov.org/bnc/san-mateo-county-boards-and-commissions-training-session>
- II. Oral Communications:** No written or oral public comments were provided for items not on the agenda.
- III. Commission Updates & Actions:**
- a. **Membership** (Enriquez):
- Currently have three open positions for Commissioners, and have several interested potential candidates for consideration; continuing outreach to communities to increase diversity on Commission;
 - Sasha Newton has been interviewed by the Membership committee and was presented to the Commission for approval as a new Commissioner:
 - **Vote to Approve Sasha Newton as Candidate for Commissioner:**
ROLL CALL VOTE:
AYES: All present
NOES/ABSTAIN: none
APPROVED.
- b. **Marketing and Communications** (Rasmussen):
- JJDPC website is under reconstruction as data was lost when County undertook major changes to overall website; social media accounts continue to experience steady growth in followers; continuing with the Commissioner spotlight series as well;
 - JJDPC Dashboard (Khare-Arora): link to Dashboard was also lost due to overall reconstruction; have been working on improvements to Dashboard, ordering them more logically and will be updating them monthly going forward.
- c. **Legislative Update** (Huber-Levy)
- Following bills AB 2361 (Transfers to Adult Court), AB 2417 (Bill of Rights for Youth), AB 2658 (Juvenile Electronic Monitoring). Will meet with Ron Rayes, Private Defender's Office, and also reach out to FLY's policy coordinator for further collaboration on legislative activity.



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IV. System Updates and Trends:

a. **Probation** (Clark) – currently there are 18 juvenile probation officers:

Status of Youth on Probation:

- Intake (Assessment/Investigations): 131
- Supervised Probation: 114
 - Placement: 0
 - Informal Contract (Diversion): 5
 - With Gang Conditions: 8
- Electronic Monitoring (EMP): 20 (on probation or pending hearing)
- Non-Minor Dependent Status: 6
- DJJ: 3

Youth Services Center/Camp Kemp: In person services have mostly resumed after pausing last month due to recent COVID outbreak; beginning next week, all Court appearances are to resume in person.

YSC: 18 (male youth)

- Commissioner Rasmussen inquired as to status of new pillows for youth at YSC. Ms. Clark noted that they are on order awaiting arrival; also the multi-sensory de-escalation (‘calm’) room is almost ready (began work on this during pandemic – ‘under the sea’ theme).
- Commissioner Enriquez asked for details on the “Why Try” resilience and motivation program for youth at YSC. Ms. Clark noted that it is the most promising program they have: staff are trained, it is evidenced-based, and program can continue even with only 1 youth.

Camp Kemp: 1 (female youth – Sonoma County); 4 girls attending Girls Empowerment Program (GEP) daily.

- Commissioner Wilson inquired as to future of Camp Kemp program given the low numbers. Ms. Clark noted that still have GEP, and contract with Sonoma County, and there are no plans to close the Camp.

Total SMC youth in formal juvenile justice system: 287 (last month: 274)

b. **HSA, Children and Family Services** (Fong – by written report)

A written update on relevant metrics was provided by Mr. Fong to this meeting (update was attached to agenda packet made available before meeting).

c. **Juvenile Court** (Judge Cadet)

As of April 4, Court will start requiring in-person appearances for contested hearings, involving significant issues, however will have hybrid model and continue to allow flexibility for zoom appearances in cases where there are difficulties for people to attend court in person and all parties are in agreement. Judge Cadet confirmed that it is still possible for Commissioners to attend court by zoom and encourages all Commissioners to attend to get a broader perspective of what is going on and how things actually happen in court.

d. **COE - Gateway Community School** (Littrell)



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Ms. Littrell noted that COE Board President, Beverly Girard is also at the meeting. Currently COE serves students at: Camp Kemp: 1 student referral
Gateway Community School: 16 students
Hillcrest: 15 students
Canyon Oaks: 12 students (full capacity)

COE is the educational entity for Hillcrest and Camp Kemp, the partner for education at Canyon Oaks, and serves students at Gateway, many of whom had been expelled from their home school district. Referrals to all COE schools, including Gateway, have steadily declined over past years. This is a positive development, as it means that school districts are serving greater numbers of students in their 'home' district schools, and generally it is best for students to stay connected to their home district. Districts are now applying restorative practices to support students and reconsidering the dynamics of disciplinary practices.

COE serves and will continue to serve students unable to be served by their districts of residence, specifically students with moderate to severe special education needs, and disabilities greater than districts can manage.

As numbers at Gateway declined, costs rose, and the economy of scale shifted. As Gateway is a program, not a district, it is not sustainable going forward, both from fiscal standpoint and through a social justice lens. A recommendation was made to Board of Education in January 2022 to close the Gateway program at end of this school year.

Districts such as SSFUHSD and Jefferson Union HSD have already been supporting their students with issues similar to Gateway students. COE is discussing this model with SMUHSD and Sequoia UHSD: Gateway receives 75% of student referrals from Sequoia (15 spots), 25% from SMUHSD (5 spots), with occasional referrals from Cabrillo and SSFUSD.

Sequoia UHSD is planning to support their own students starting 2022-23 school year, and they have a robust team in place. SMUHSD is transitioning to a new Superintendent this year, and are less confident in their ability to support students. COE is committed to meeting any unmet need, and will ensure appropriate support is provided through 2022-23 school year.

School to prison pipeline, social justice issues: Gateway primarily serves male youth of color, and many are students on IEPs. It is clear that COE has role to play in assisting districts in supporting students with disabilities in a way they had not historically been doing. COE is actively working to build a therapeutic day classroom for 9-12 HS students, most of whom will be students identified with ED ('emotional disturbance') as primary disability. The classroom is to be very restorative with content experts, properly credentialed teachers, and a full time therapist imbedded into school program, along with the rich partnerships that had served the Gateway program. Disclaimer – this is work in progress and evolving but is currently the plan for the 2022-23 school year.

Some district schools (SMUHSD and Sequoia) have similar services, however they are impacted, and there are students who benefit from being away from their home school. It is expected that this new classroom will replicate Canyon Oak services to a great extent and be a 'connection' to Canyon Oaks, serving as a transition step between leaving Canyon Oaks and returning to the home district school.



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V. Ad Hoc Committees / Projects for 2022

- a. **Mission, Aspirations, Operating Policies** (Labouisse, Bocanegra, Enriquez, Huber-Levy, Swope):
- **Mission Statement** (Bocanegra): The revised mission statement was shared with the meeting. A motion was entertained to adopt the revised Mission Statement:
MOTION: Swope
AYES (ROLL CALL VOTE): All present
NOES: none
ABSTAIN: none
MOTION PASSED.
 - **Aspirations** (Swope, Enriquez): The revised and new aspirations were presented to the meeting, expanding our existing Aspirations to present a greater emphasis on re-entry and transition and on schools and keeping kids in schools. A motion was entertained to adopt the revised Aspirations:
MOTION: Labouisse
AYES (ROLL CALL VOTE): All present
NOES: none
ABSTAIN: none
MOTION PASSED.
 - **Operating Policies** (Labouisse, Huber-Levy): The Operating Policies were revised as presented to the meeting, reflecting additional roles of officers, updating language in several places. A motion was entertained to adopt the revised Operating Policies:
MOTION: Huber-Levy
AYES (ROLL CALL VOTE): All present
NOES: none
ABSTAIN: none
MOTION PASSED.

Chair Labouisse provided opportunity for any members of public who wish to speak or make comments on agenda items to do so – none at this time.

- b. **Commission Projects for 2022-23** (Labouisse): Chair Labouisse reviewed the survey through which Commissioners provided their input into current and proposed Commission projects for the coming year; Chair Labouisse moved that the Committee continue to meet, with additional interested Commissioners, over next month to review projects and bring recommendations back to the Commission at the next meeting.
MOTION: Labouisse/SECOND: Huber-Levy
AYES (ROLL CALL VOTE): All present
NOES: none
ABSTAIN: none
MOTION PASSED.



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VI. Ongoing Committees– Actions and Updates:

- **Diversion Programs** (Swope, Telleria, Willis):
 - The Report on Diversion Programs in SMC is complete and was circulated for review prior to this meeting with the agenda.
 - There are 4 distinct diversion programs currently operating in SMC for youth who have been arrested: Sheriff’s Department, Redwood City Police Department, City of San Mateo Police Department, and Probation Department.
 - Probation Department diversion program is only program offered County-wide.
 - The research highlighted the need for something in addition to the Probation Department diversion and the programs operating in certain cities. For the Sheriff’s Department and Redwood City Police Department diversion programs, successful completion of the program results in the arrest record being destroyed, with no need for record sealing on reaching age 18. Successful completion of diversion programs through Probation and City of San Mateo still require sealing records at age 18.
 - The PeerPoint program answers the need for a County-wide diversion program for first time offenders and youth at risk of suspension or expulsion, and would accept student referrals from schools prior to arrest.

Chair Labouisse invited Commissioners to vote to extend meeting by 15 minutes to 7:30pm to continue discussion of last agenda item.

- Commissioner Swope moved that the Report on Diversion Programs in San Mateo County be approved by the Commission:
- Discussion from Commission:
 - Commissioner Wilson reminded Commissioners of the suggestions she had made regarding additions to the summary and recommendations sections of the Diversion Report, and noted the urgency of bringing this report forward to the BOS as it has important implications for other projects of the Commission.
- Discussion from community members:
 - Kate Hiester (FLY) –she agrees and respects the urgency of presenting the report to the BOS, but hopes Commission does not vote to move it forward without further review; she believes that the edits proposed by Commissioner Wilson are important and send a message about the particular stance of the Commission of how to address issues of School to Prison pipeline and would hope that we have a further robust discussion and consider putting a stake in the ground regarding these issues.
 - Jennifer Martinez (Redwood City PD, managing diversion program there)–important to distinguish ‘educational’ diversion (diversion from suspension or expulsion), as this type of diversion is not offered by Redwood City PD, which offers diversion for criminal acts through juvenile contact reports (JCR) from an officer for youth who have committed an act within the jurisdiction of Redwood City, and recognizing that there is a need to address issue of students missing school, being left behind and the domino effect of that.
- As further discussion is desired on this topic, Chair Labouisse tabled the motion to approve the Diversion Report to the next Commission meeting in April.



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Meeting adjourned at 7:32 pm.

Next Meeting: Tuesday, April 26, 2022

JDPC – Update on Key Bills Impacting Juvenile Justice in San Mateo County
2022 Legislative Session – March 2022

Bills Introduced February 2022:

AB2361 Transfers to Adult Court:

Under existing law (SB1391), juvenile court is required to receive and consider report from the probation officer and any other relevant evidence before deciding whether minor should be transferred:

- court must consider certain criteria, including whether minor **can be rehabilitated** prior to expiry of juvenile court’s jurisdiction
- court is required to **find** that minor is not amenable to rehabilitation
- by increasing number of minors retained under jurisdiction of juvenile court, and thereby increasing number of minors entitled to county funded rehabilitation services, this bill imposes a **state-mandated local program**

AB2417 Bill of Rights for Youth:

Under existing law this applies only to youth in DJJ – this bill would extend it to apply to youth confined in any juvenile justice facility, and would further require:

- that youth have **access to postsecondary academic and career technical education and programs and access to information regarding parental rights**, among other things
- the Division of the Ombudsperson of the Office of Youth and Community Restoration, in consultation with other specified parties, to develop standardized information **explaining these rights** no later than July 1, 2023

AB2658 Juvenile Electronic Monitoring:

This bill would entitle a minor to have one day credited against the minor’s maximum term of confinement for each day, or fraction, that the minor serves on electronic monitoring. Also:

- if electronic monitoring is imposed for more than 30 days, require the court to hold a hearing every 30 days to ensure that the minor does not remain on electronic monitoring for an unreasonable length of time;
- prohibit electronic monitoring devices from being used to converse with a minor or to eavesdrop or record any conversation;
- require the Department of Justice, in complying with other reporting requirements, include data regarding the use of electronic monitoring in juvenile court.

AB2629 Juvenile Petition Dismissal:

Private Defender will provide update on this at April meeting: This bill creates a **presumption that a juvenile petition should be dismissed** when juvenile court terminates jurisdiction, unless evidence exists that dismissal would endanger public safety.

San Mateo County Human Services Agency, Children and Family Services
 Monthly Report for Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention Commission
 As of February 1, 2022

1a. In and Out of County Placements

County Type	Count	Percent
In County	84	60.4
Out of County	55	39.6
Grand Total	139	100

1b. Placements by Bay Area Counties

County Type	Count	Percent
Bay Area Counties*	115	82.7
Other Counties	24	17.3
Grand Total	139	100

* Bay Area Counties include Alameda, Contra Costa, Marin, Napa, San Francisco, San Mateo, Santa Clara, Solano and Sonoma

2a. Minors Placements

County Type	Minors	Percent
In County	59	72.0
Out of County	23	28.0
Grand Total	82	100

2b. Minors by Bay Area Counties

County Type	Minors	Percent
Bay Area Counties*	67	81.7
Other Counties	15	18.3
Grand Total	82	100

3a. Nonminors Placements

County Type	Nonminors	Percent
In County	25	43.9
Out of County	32	56.1
Grand Total	57	100

3b. Nonminors by Bay Area Counties

County Type	Nonminors	Percent
Bay Area Counties*	48	84.2
Other Counties	9	15.8
Grand Total	57	100

4. Placements by Race and Ethnicity (Minors, Nonminor Dependents)

Race/Ethnicity	Minors	Percent	Nonminors	Percent	SUM	Percent
Asian/Pacific Islander	8	9.8	9	15.8	17	12.2
Black	11	13.4	9	15.8	20	14.4
Latino	38	46.3	31	54.4	69	49.6
White	25	30.5	8	14.0	33	23.7
Grand Total	82	100	57	100	139	100

5. Relative/Non-Relative Extended Family Member (NREFM) Placements*

Caregiver Type	Count	Percent
Nonrelative	59	69.4
Relative NREFM	26	30.6
Grand Total	85	100

* Excludes Youth in Supervised Independent Living Program and Children in Guardian Homes

6. Youth in Short-Term Residential Therapeutic Program (STRTP) by Race and Ethnicity

Race/Ethnicity	Count	Percent
Black	2	28.6
Latino	2	28.6
White	3	42.9
Grand Total	7	100

7. Youth in 241.1 Status by Race and Ethnicity

Race/Ethnicity	Count	Percent
Asian/Pacific Islander	1	7.7
Black	3	23.1
Latino	7	53.8
White	2	15.4
Grand Total	13	100

Diversion Programs in San Mateo County

**Susan Swope, Debora Telleria, and Austin Willis
Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention Commission**

March 2022

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Diversion Programs in San Mateo County

Susan Swope, Debora Telleria, and Austin Willis

March 2022

I. Summary

In the process of researching Diversion Programs in San Mateo County, our committee talked to all the police departments (PDs) in the County and the Sheriff's Department. Frequently, we were referred to SROs.

Given the current buzz in the school districts about SROs, we decided to include questions about the PDs' SRO activities, as well as determining which PDs had diversion programs and how those were set up. This report includes a brief discussion of what we found regarding both.

We found only four diversion programs in the County. Probation's program is the only one that covers any juvenile arrested anywhere in the County. The Sheriff's Department Program covers all of unincorporated San Mateo County, plus the cities that have contracted with the Sheriff's Department for police services¹. Redwood City's and the City of San Mateo's programs cover youth who live or are arrested in their jurisdictions. The San Mateo program also offers diversion to neighboring cities' PDs, e.g., Foster City and Belmont.

A. Overview of SRO Programs in San Mateo County

Ten of San Mateo's 30 cities provide SRO services to the local schools through their police departments. They are Atherton, Belmont, Burlingame, Daly City, Hillsborough, Menlo Park, Redwood City, San Bruno, San Mateo City, South San Francisco². Cities covered by San Mateo County Sheriff's Department are El Granada, Half Moon Bay, La Honda, Loma Mar, Millbrae, Montara, Moss Beach, San Carlos, Woodside, Portola Valley, the North Fair Oaks area of Redwood City, plus unincorporated San Mateo County.

¹ These are listed in Appendix A.

² SRO program currently on hold pending outcome of MOU.

South San Francisco has suspended its SRO program pending the final negotiation of a memorandum of understanding (MOU).

San Mateo County SRO programs assign officers to schools to create and maintain a safe learning environment. There is a significant range of services SROs provide, from those who only answer calls for service, to those who are onsite full-time, and make a concentrated effort to establish a relationship with the students, teachers, and administration. These officers work with the school administrators, parents, and community-based organizations to provide classes on crime and illegal drug use prevention and safety, provide security and crowd control for school functions, and follow-up on truant students. Others do drop-ins to check on the schools at various times, such as before and after school and during lunch.

In addition, the SROs investigate crime and activities associated with criminal behavior. They may also conduct home visits. The success of these programs often depends on the quality of the relationships the officers develop with the students and staff. Several SROs specifically dress differently in khaki pants, a polo shirt with the PD insignia, their duty belt (which includes their gun) and a bullet-proof vest (which they are required to wear when on duty) to present a friendlier face on campus.

With the onset of Covid-19, many SROs were reassigned to patrol duties while the schools were closed. Others were tasked with tracking down students who were not participating in online education and providing support via phone, Zoom, or home visits.

The post-Covid role of SROs is unclear. Many SROs have had to start over again, rebuilding their relationships and networks now that schools are back in session. In addition, funding continues to be an issue. During Covid, some of the money earmarked for SRO programs was diverted to provide additional mental health support to students. Going forward, funding may be challenging, as the national discourse around policing grows and funding sources are focused on treating the trauma students experienced during Covid.

For the jurisdictions that have diversion programs, their SROs generally make the referral of youth to the diversion program. However, any police officer in Redwood City or the City of San Mateo can make a referral.

B. Overview of Diversion Programs in San Mateo County

Initially, we identified four diversion programs in San Mateo County. They are run by: San Mateo County's Juvenile Probation Department, San Mateo County's Sheriff's Department, the Redwood City Police Department, and the City of San Mateo's Police Department.

Recently, we became aware of two other possible programs that we are looking into to determine if they truly are diversion programs. South San Francisco Unified School District says they refer youth to the Boys & Girls Club's Alternatives to Suspension Program. The Boys & Girls Club says they do not consider their Alternatives to Suspension to be a diversion program because youth referred to them have not been arrested or charged. They are in danger of suspension or expulsion from their schools.

San Bruno PD's SRO says he refers youth to North Peninsula Family Alternatives (NPFA), a multi-agency, community-based juvenile diversion program serving North County cities. This turned out to be the Youth Services Bureau (YSC) at the YMCA in South San Francisco. According to the County's Services Connect, YSC offers counseling as an alternative to the juvenile justice system for first-time offenders who are referred by local law enforcement agencies.

Right now, there are few youth in diversion programs: Probation had nine (9) during FY2020-2021, The Sheriff's Department had eight (8) as of July 2021. The City of San Mateo had 14 in FY 2019-2020, and Redwood City had only two (2) with possibly two (2) more to be added. Now that schools are back in session on site, the number is expected to go up. All four programs indicate that nearly all the youth who enter any of the diversion programs successfully complete their contracts and are not re-arrested.

1. Eligibility

Each program reported a slightly different lower age range for youth that are eligible, but all accept youth under 18. All of them require that the youth live and/or have been arrested within their jurisdiction.

The City of San Mateo has a voluntary Prevention Services Program, in addition to their diversion program, which offers similar resources for a youth and their family. A youth's parents or school can make referrals to the Prevention Services program for youth demonstrating risky behavior before they commit a chargeable offense. Only a police officer can refer youth to the diversion program. The eligibility criteria for all four programs is summarized in Table 1.

Table 1: Eligibility Criteria

	County Probation	Sheriff's Department	City of San Mateo	City of Redwood City
Age	12-17	Under 18	11-17	Under 18
First offense only	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Lives in	County	Sheriff Dept. jurisdiction	City of San Mateo	In City of Redwood City's jurisdiction
Arrested in	County	Sheriff Dept. jurisdiction	City	RCPD's jurisdiction
Referral by police officer	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes

2. Qualifying/Non-Qualifying Offenses

In general, qualifying offenses for admission to any of the four programs are misdemeanors and non-violent felonies.

Table 2: Qualifying Offenses

	County Probation	Sheriff's Department	City of San Mateo	City of Redwood City
Misdemeanors	X	X	X	X
Vandalism	X	X	X	X
Stealing from Parent	X	X	X	X
Petty theft	X	X	X	X
Alcohol use/possession		X	X	X

Cannabis use/possession		X	X	X
Fighting		X		X
Non-violent felonies	X	X	X	X
Low-level weapons case, with officer recommendation		X	X	X (knife to school)
Joyriding	X	X	X	X
Hit and run (no injuries)		X	X	X
Trespassing	X	X	X	X
Inappropriate use of electronic devices		X	X	X
Restitution <\$1000	X			

None of the four will divert for serious or violent 707(b) felonies including, murder, attempted murder, rape, assault with a weapon, or where there are major injuries. Redwood City will consider low-level weapons cases, e.g., taking a knife to school, and also firearms in some cases.

Table 4: Non-Qualifying Offenses
(i.e., 707(b) offenses, see footnote #3)

	County Probation	Sheriff's Department	City of San Mateo	City of Redwood City
Murder	X	X	X	X
Attempted murder	X	X	X	X
Rape	X	X	X	X
Assault with weapons or major injuries	X	X	X	X
Firearms at school	X	X	X	X
Selling drugs at school	X	X	X	X
Most robberies	X	X	X	X

Only Probation's program has a range of options for handling cases referred to them. They include, from least-to-most-punitive:

- Letter of reprimand
- Referral to Victim Impact Awareness program (VIA)
- Referral to the Juvenile Offender Mediation Program
- Ninety-day intervention contract

- Six-month contract
- Referral to the District Attorney (DA).

The other three have only two options—a six-month contract or referral to Juvenile Probation.

3. Diversion Contract Components and Services

All four programs offer a wide range of possible contract components that they tailor to each youth’s needs.

Table 5: Possible Diversion Contract Components

	County Probation	Sheriff’s Department	City of San Mateo	City of Redwood City
Behavioral & clinical risk assessment	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Individual counseling/therapy	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Family-related requirements				
● Curfews	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
● Family counseling/therapy	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
School-related requirements				
● School attendance	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
● Complete homework/ turn in on time		Yes		Yes
● Good grades		Yes	Yes	
● School & family check-ins	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
● Tutoring	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Classes as needed, e.g., anger management, nutrition, etc.	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
● Victim Impact Awareness (VIA)	Yes	No	Yes	

• Take online petty theft program	Yes	No		
No drug use or possession	Yes	Yes		Yes
No gang-related clothing or paraphernalia	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
No possession of item that may be considered a dangerous weapon	Yes	Yes		Yes
Pay to replace lost or damaged property	Yes	Yes		Yes (hasn't happened yet)
Prosocial activities, e.g., PAL	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Repair any damage	Yes	Yes		Yes (hasn't happened yet)
Tattoo removal		Yes		Yes
Mentoring	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Community service	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Job search assistance	Yes	No	Yes	

Obviously, if the youth must agree to meet the requirements of the contract they, and their parent(s) or guardian have signed, they must have access to the resources they need to carry out those requirements. Table 6 lists the diversion services each program provides. Both the Sheriff's Department and the City of Redwood City's programs offer the Parent Project parentprojectfamilyclasses.com to give parents tools to parent effectively.

Table 6: Services During Diversion

	County Probation	Sheriff's Department	City of San Mateo	City of Redwood City
Individual therapy/counseling	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Drug & alcohol use treatment	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Family counseling	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Case management	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Tutoring	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Job-search assistance	Yes	No	Yes	Planned
Referrals to Youth Outreach Program (YOP)	Yes	No	Yes (optional)	No

Referral to Fresh Lifelines for Youth (FLY)	Yes	No	Yes (optional)	Yes
Referral to Teen Triple P Parenting	Yes	No	Yes (optional)	No
Parenting classes for parents	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Tattoo removal		Yes		Yes
Mentoring	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes

1. Outcomes

Interviews with the programs were conducted over a lengthy period (nearly a year). Thus, the numbers provided initially represent different periods. Statistics from 2020 or 2021 cannot be considered representative, given the departure from normal activities caused by Covid-19. We asked for figures for FY 2019-2020 and current figures now that schools are back on site instead of virtual. The Sheriff’s Dept and the City of San Mateo were able to provide those numbers. Since the Juvenile and Family Services Specialist at the RCPD has only been there since October, she does not have access to those numbers. Probation requested more time to research the numbers, and this report will be revised when they are received.

From the numbers and results we do have, it seems clear that diversion programs are an effective intervention for interrupting the school-to-prison pipeline. Nearly all the youth who are diverted complete their contracts successfully and do not reoffend during their time in the program or in the year following.

Only one of the 15 participants in the City of San Mateo’s program during FY2019-2020 failed to meet the terms of the contract. The other 14 did. San Mateo’s program estimates that about 90% of their program participants are successful. The Sheriff’s Department’s program reports that only 3-5% of their program participants re-offend, although they note that given the mobility of families in this program, it is not always possible to track participants for a full year after their participation. Similarly, Probation’s program shows 8 of 9 youth in their program in FY2020-21 completed the program. Only one failed to do so.

Table 7: Success Rates Provided at Interview

	County Probation	Sheriff’s Department	City of San Mateo	City of Redwood City
Period covered	FY2020-21	July 2021	FY2019-20	January 2022
Follow-up		6 months	3-6 months	6 months
No. Youth on contracts	9	8	15	4

No who successfully completed	8	8	14	NA
No. who did not complete	1	0	1	NA
Re-offenses during contract	0	0	0	0
Re-offenses 3 mo. after contract	0	0	0	0
Re-offenses 6 mo. after contract	0	0	0	0
Re-offenses 1 yr. after contract	0	NA	NA	NA
Percent who succeed	88%	100%	94%	Pending
Percent who reoffend	11%	0	6%	NA

Table 8: 2018-2019 Success Rates

	County Probation	Sheriff's Department	City of San Mateo	City of Redwood City
Period covered	FY2018-19	FY2018-19	FY2018-19	FY2018-19
Follow-up		6 months	3-6 months	
No. Youth on contracts	20	17	39	
No who successfully completed		16	22	No
No. who did not complete		1	2	Data
Re-offenses during contract		1	2	available
Re-offenses 3 mo. after contract		1	0	
Re-offenses 6 mo. after contract		NA	1	

Re-offenses 1 yr. after contract		NA	NA	
Percent who succeed		94%	95%	
Percent who reoffend		6%	5%	

Table 8a: 2019-2020 Success Rates

	County Probation	Sheriff's Department	City of San Mateo	City of Redwood City
Period covered	FY2019-20	FY2019-20	FY2019-20	FY2019-20
Follow-up		6 months	3-6 months	
No. Youth on contracts	12	23	28	No
No who successfully completed		22	14	Data
No. who did not complete		1	1	Available
Re-offenses during contract		1	1	
Re-offenses 3 mo. after contract		1	0	
Re-offenses 6 mo. after contract		NA	0	
Re-offenses 1 yr. after contract		NA	NA	
Percent who succeed		96%	100%	
Percent who reoffend		4%	0%	

Table 9: Youth Currently in Program

As of March 2022	County Probation	Sheriff's Department	City of San Mateo	City of Redwood City
No. Youth currently on contracts	5	6	5	4

No. Youth being assessed for diversion		No new cases waiting	2	0
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The full descriptions of the 4 diversion programs we know of, begin on page 22.

II. Conclusions and Recommendations

A. SROs

With regard to SROs, they currently serve in different ways from school district to school district. Some work to get to know and establish relationships with the students, teachers, and administrative staff and are more able to respond appropriately to a given situation. Some only go to their assigned campuses when called for service. There are situations where SROs' attitudes and reactions can prove counterproductive and create an oppressive atmosphere on the campus often aimed at disadvantaged youth. Using disparaging language to label youth should be discouraged.

Recommendation

School districts are re-evaluating the roles of SROs and whether or not to have them on campus. We recommend sharing this report with the SMCoe and with the school districts as it may be helpful for them to know what other school districts are doing.

B. Diversion Programs

San Mateo is the most economically disparate (<https://first5sanmateo.org/our-impact/>) and one of the [most racially disparate](https://www.racecounts.org/county/san-mateo/) counties (10th) (<https://www.racecounts.org/county/san-mateo/> Racial Inequality) in California and this is seen in [absenteeism, suspensions, and justice-system involvement, particularly in who is detained \(http://www.getthehealthysmc.org/youth-need-data\)](http://www.getthehealthysmc.org/youth-need-data).

Two cities (Redwood City and San Mateo) have local law-enforcement diversion programs. The Sheriff's Department and Probation also have diversion programs.

Most, including East Palo Alto, Daly City, and South San Francisco, do not. As a result, low-offending, low income, and BIPOC youth from these areas who are arrested, are referred to the Probation Department. This results in their *early entry* into the County's juvenile justice system, perpetuating social and health inequalities in their lives, and the lives of their families and communities.

Referral to Probation, whether they are considered eligible for diversion or not, creates a record. If they don't want that record to follow them, they must take steps to seal their records when they reach age 18. Participation in the Sheriff's or the cities' diversion programs do not create a record. Youth in those programs receive trauma-informed treatment as needed, along with other supportive services. If they successfully complete their contract agreements, they have no record of justice system involvement.

These same youth are more likely than their counterparts to have exclusionary discipline measures, such as school suspension, imposed on them for the same misbehavior. Removing the youth from academic learning and the school community, damages their identity as a student. Worse, it puts that student behind in their classes. Each suspension puts a child farther behind and makes it more difficult to perform at class level. As a child falls behind, they are more likely to skip school or drop out altogether.

School suspensions affect BIPOC, LGBTQ++, foster, and emotionally/learning disabled youth disproportionately. These are students who need more support and access to services than those without those disadvantages. A youth who does not attend school is likely to suffer near and long-term negative outcomes leading to high-risk and, possibly, criminal behavior. In the long term, their lack of skills and resources are barriers to good jobs with good pay, housing, and health care. Currently, our educational institutions struggle to serve these youth.

The inequities that cause and are exacerbated by school-push-out and justice-system-push-in are stressors on youth, their families, and communities. All youth deserve the best possible physical, emotional and social well-being outcomes that are only available through fair and equitable access to resources and opportunities.

Recommendations

The Diversion Project's authors ask the JJDPC to:

- Encourage development and implementation of a comprehensive diversion program that is open to any youth who is:
 - Arrested in San Mateo County
 - In danger of suspension or expulsion from their schoolas an alternative to suspension or expulsion or referral to probation.
- This Diversion Program should:
 - Allow referrals by police officers, school staff, and parents or guardian
 - Offer youth agreements that take into consideration their individual needs and their barriers to prosocial behavior, whether individual or family needs and challenges
 - Use restorative justice practices
 - Provide trauma-informed case management and other resources as needed to support and ensure their success
 - Be available as an option to existing programs for youth referred to them.

The proposed Peer Point Project meets those requirements, especially with the active involvement of the respondent's true peers, which has the added huge advantage of introducing the client youth to an ongoing positive influence as they serve as peers for future clients.

- Share this report with the Board of Supervisors, Juvenile Court Judges, County Manager, Probation, and the County Office of Education, with a request that they support and help to fund a restorative diversion program for the County as a whole.

III. Police SRO Programs by City

C. Atherton Police Department (APD)

Officer Demetri Andruha is the SRO serving the Atherton school districts, which include eight campuses with a total of 13 schools including:

- Sacred Heart Prep (preschool, E-8, and high school)
- Menlo School
- Menlo College
- Los Lomitas School District
- Menlo Park School District
- Sequoia Union High School District
- Redwood City School District

The SRO program is a partnership between the Sequoia Union High School District, the Menlo Park School District, Menlo School, Sacred Heart Prep, and the Atherton Police Department. In 2018, Atherton lost its funding for an SRO when Atherton residents voted to remove the tax that funded the SRO position. Now, most schools contribute \$5-\$10K each per year and Menlo-Atherton pays \$30K per year for SRO services. The Atherton Police Department was applying for grants for the SRO program when the pandemic began.

The goal of the Atherton SRO program is to prevent juvenile delinquency by building positive relationships with law enforcement. Officer Andruha proactively works to keep Atherton schools safe and responds when crimes are reported or when the schools need his assistance. He provides school trainings as requested, including trainings on the 4th amendment, constitutional laws, driving safety, and bicycle safety.

Officer Andruha meets with students to help redirect their energy from destructive behaviors to school-sanctioned extracurricular activities. He checks in with each school every morning and then spends the rest of the day at Menlo-Atherton High School. Menlo-Atherton averages 2.5 incidents a day, with bike thefts among the most

common. Many of the violent incidents are started by disagreements on social media. Officer Andruha believes that Menlo-Atherton High School avoids turning cases over to him.

Officer Andruha reports all incidents to the Atherton Chief of Police, Steven McCulley, who in turn forward them to Records. The Records department sends the incident report to Probation for evaluation. There is no report-back to Officer Andruha on whether Probation decides to dismiss the case, divert the youth, or turn the case over to the District Attorney to press charges.

During Covid, Officer Andruha was reassigned. While the schools were closed all school-related police details were canceled, including sporting events and traffic safety.

D. Belmont Police Department (BPD)

There are two SROs serving the Belmont schools. Officer Abinader covers the Belmont Redwood Shores School District for elementary and middle school students. Officer Berry covers Carlmont High School and Notre Dame High School, as well as Notre Dame de Namur University. He is not sure how the SRO positions are currently funded. The schools used to pay part of the SRO salaries, but have stopped most funding, except for a part of Officer Berry's salary.

Officer Abinader spends most of his time at Carlmont High School and drops in on the Notre Dame schools in the afternoon. Both SROs check in with their schools daily and are very interactive with the students. They believe they have a good rapport with the students.

The Belmont SROs wear a modified uniform that consists of khaki pants, a polo shirt, duty belt (including gun), and a bullet-proof vest. They investigate any juvenile-related crime. In addition, they assist with school activities including sporting events, field trips, dances, and chaperoning. Officer Abinader teaches the SAFE program to 5th graders. Both SROs have given presentations on cyber awareness and other topics, when requested by the schools.

The Belmont SROs refer youth to the City of San Mateo City diversion program. Since contracting with San Mateo City in early 2021, they have not referred a student to the San Mateo diversion program. They don't have many problems with youth in Belmont. In the past, they have arrested one to two juveniles a year. They prefer to refer youth who live in Belmont for diversion. It would be difficult to get youth who do not live in the City of San Mateo or Belmont into the program.

E. Burlingame Police Department (BPD)

Officer Steve Vega is the SRO serving Burlingame's 12 schools, which include the San Mateo Union High School District, the Burlingame School District, Peninsula High School, St. Catherine of Siena School, Our Lady of Angels School, and Mercy High School. He meets with students and tries to get to know them. He also has patrol duties. There are few juvenile crimes in Burlingame.

Officer Vega does check-ins on the schools in Burlingame. Upon request, he provides training on life skills, vaping, drugs, and alcohol, and general community safety. He rarely gets requests to provide student training. He also counsels students and attends meetings.

F. Daly City Police Department (DCPD)

Officer Randy Ortiz serves the Daly City schools, including: the Jefferson Elementary School District, Jefferson High School, Shasta Summit High School, Thornton High School, Westmoor High School, and the Wilderness School. There is talk about discontinuing the SRO program at two of the high schools.

Officer Ortiz connects with the school staff and students at schools and at student clubs. Before Covid, he was on campus daily. He has good rapport with both students and parents. His focus is on crime prevention. For example, there was an incident before Covid when about 20 students got into a fight. They held separate meetings, with pizza for each of the two arguing factions, to try to resolve the issue. Unfortunately, some youth continued fighting and were arrested. Officer Ortiz answers schools' calls for service regarding missing students, fights, weapons on campus, etc. There are some active gangs in Daly City and Officer Ortiz has provided school staff with gang-related training.

Officer Ortiz forwards incident reports to Probation. Probation decides whether to dismiss, divert, or forward the case to the District Attorney for prosecution. He has spoken with the director for the San Mateo City Diversion Program about sending youth from Daly City to their program. As part of the program, Officer Ortiz would need to actively participate along with the Daly City youth in the diversion program. Currently, Officer Ortiz does not have the capacity to take on this additional responsibility. The Daly City Police Department does not have enough staff to run their own diversion program.

During Covid, Officer Ortiz assisted students with online learning, identifying service needs, such as Wi-Fi hotspots, computers, etc. He assisted schools with truancy issues

by making home visits to students that teachers and school officials were unable to reach by phone, to check on their welfare and safety.

G. Hillsborough Police Department (HPD)

Nelson Corteway, Captain of the Hillsborough Police Patrol and Operations Division confirmed that there is one SRO serving the Hillsborough City School District (K-8), The Nueva School, and the Crystal Springs Uplands School. The officer's SRO duties are secondary to their patrol duties. The SRO notifies the school before they enter campus.

Hillsborough used to have a diversion program that was cancelled in the early 2000s because of the fear of liability. Juvenile cases handled by the Hillsborough SRO are referred to Probation to dismiss, divert, or forward to the District Attorney to prosecute.

During Covid, SRO visits were suspended at all of Hillsborough's public and private schools.

H. Menlo Park Police Department (MPPD)

Officer Victoria Trask was the full-time SRO serving the Menlo Park School District, Menlo-Atherton High School, and the Sacred Heart Schools. Menlo Park's SRO program began around 2015 and was initially funded by Facebook. Officer Trask has been the Menlo Park SRO since 2018. She is currently on a work-related disability, so there is no SRO assigned to Menlo Park schools right now.

Officer Trask taught the following courses at her schools:

- DARE (Drug Abuse Resistance Education) teaches 5th grade students how to make good choices and gives them tools to face difficult issues. This course is being modified for younger students, and there is also an on-line course for high school students.
- Bullying is a program offered as needed. It has been taught to 4th and 8th graders at Belle Haven School. It is a weekly elective class that teaches students respect for others. Students have been very receptive, and bullying issues have gone away at Belle Haven.
- "More than Sad" is a class that teaches students how to deal with emotions that could lead to self-harm or suicide.

Youth who have drug abuse problems or are gang-related are referred to the Sheriff's Department diversion program. They take them on jail or morgue tours to "open their eyes".

I. Redwood City Police Department (RCPD)

Officer Roman Gomez served as the SRO for Redwood City schools from 2011-2014. He returned to this position in 2019. Prior to Covid, he was assigned to Sequoia High School, which is the only comprehensive high school in his jurisdiction. There is no SRO at Redwood High School. Redwood City patrol officers are dispatched to handle any issues at Redwood.

Officer Gomez was onsite at Sequoia High School for the safety of the children and the staff. He believes he had far more positive interactions with students than negative ones. His standard uniform consisted of cargo pants and a black polo shirt with the Redwood City Police Department insignia, a duty belt (including his gun), and a bullet-proof vest. He worked with the onsite therapist when there was a mental health crisis. He also worked with the school's vice principals to consult on any issues at the school or students who are at-risk for criminogenic behavior.

He taught safety classes, upon request from the school. He did a once-a-year training for staff on code blue (shelter-in-place) and code red (violent intruder on campus) lock down, and barricade drills at Sequoia and other Redwood City schools. He also did a presentation before prom for juniors and seniors on drinking and driving. He alternated between two programs every year. One year he would show a DUI video and have a guest speaker, a family member who lost someone to a drunk driving crash. The alternate year, he staged vehicles in a mock DUI accident, and recruited students to reenact the crash scene. Redwood City police officers and firefighters and the American Medical Response (AMR) role-played a DUI scenario. Officers conducted a full DUI fatal collision investigation and role play arresting the driver. Then they held a mock funeral for the "deceased student." If possible, he had a family member who lost someone to drunk driving speak at the end.

Officer Gomez actively enforced the Truancy Ordinance for the Truancy Abatement Program, which requires students to be in school between 8:39 am and 1 pm. If he found a student out of school during the school day, he might issue a warning or give the student a citation and a fine, which would increase with each subsequent truancy incident. He transported the student to their enrolled school and might also contact their parents.

He talked with any students on probation at the beginning of the year to make sure they understood the orders and conditions the judge gave them. Often, they don't

understand all their orders, especially gang orders. Officer Gomez tried to divert youth to the Redwood City Diversion Program rather than turning cases over to the District Attorney.

During Covid, Officer Gomez was reassigned to patrol duty. The Redwood City Police Department has traditionally provided a School Resource Officer to Sequoia High School via a contractual agreement. However, the SRO program is currently on hold while the City of Redwood City and the Sequoia Union High School District conduct an assessment to determine the future of the program.

J. San Bruno Police Department (SBPD)

Officer Thomy Ledesma is the SRO of record for the San Bruno Park School District.

K. City of San Mateo Police Department (SMPD)

Lieutenant Kimber Joyce leads the San Mateo Police Department (SMPD) Youth Services Unit, which is composed of YSOs³, Police Activities League (PAL), Explorer Program, and their Diversion Program. In August 2020, the San Mateo-Foster City Elementary School District officials terminated a \$260K contract with the San Mateo Police Department which placed officers on local school campuses. The San Mateo Union High School District used to fund the YSO program. Their contract ended in June 2021. YSOs are currently assigned to assist with calls at the San Mateo public middle schools and high schools.

During Covid, funds for the YSO program were diverted to provide mental health support to students. SMPD now funds two YSOs that serve the public high schools, middle schools, and elementary schools as well as working the SM's PAL, Diversion, and Explorer programs.

The City of San Mateo YSOs view themselves not only as police officers, but as educators, mentors, and safety advocates, as well. They are available to meet school staff, student, and parent needs. They often act as a liaison for schools with outside partners such as Probation, Children & Family Services, Behavioral Health & Recovery Services, and other community-based organizations. The YSOs believe in restorative justice and try to resolve issues at the lowest level possible. They provide school safety training, and until this year, had a G.R.E.A.T. (Gang Resistance Education and Training) program. The YSOs are part of a Threat Assessment Team on the Youth Services Unit. They also have a YSO who is a member of the County's Two-Threat Assessment Team.

³ City of San Mateo calls its equivalent of SROs Youth Services Officers (YSOs)

During Covid, the City of San Mateo SROs provided support to students via phone, Zoom, and home visits.

L. San Mateo County Sheriff's Department

The San Mateo County Sheriff's Office provides patrol service for more than 70% of San Mateo County's unincorporated areas. They also provide contract law enforcement services for the cities of Half Moon Bay, Millbrae, San Carlos, Eichler Highlands, the towns of Portola Valley and Woodside, as well as for the Peninsula Corridor Joint Powers Board and the San Mateo County Transit District.

Lieutenant Chris Sweeney heads the San Mateo County Sheriff's Department Community Policing Unit, which provides SROs within San Mateo County. The Headquarters Patrol Bureau has two SROs and covers the areas of North Fair Oaks, Portola Valley, and Woodside. The Coastside Patrol Bureau provides community policing for cities on the coast, including: Half Moon Bay, El Granada, La Honda, Loma Mar, Montara, Moss Beach, Pescadero, Princeton-By-the-Sea, and San Gregorio. The Millbrae Police Bureau has one full-time SRO, Deputy Dan Young, who serves Millbrae schools. The San Carlos Police Bureau has one full-time SRO, Deputy Rodney Reed, who serves San Carlos schools. The Sheriff's Department plans to hire several more SROs in the near future. Their assignments will be fluid as the Sheriff's Department determines which schools they will cover.

The Sheriff's Department SROs wear an informal uniform consisting of khaki pants and polo shirts with the Sheriff's Office insignia. The primary responsibility is to investigate juvenile crimes and to work with school officials to maintain a safe learning environment. They also attend school sporting events, movie nights, etc. The SROs work closely with school officials and local agencies to identify and correct students' behavioral problems before they become a serious problem. They try to form positive relationships with students by hanging out with them and getting to know them.

The Sheriff's Department Community Policing Unit offers many programs for youth, including the Sheriff's Activity League (SAL). They also offer a program called the Community Alliance to Revitalize Our Neighborhood (CARON) for parents. The Sheriff's Department runs its own diversion program.

During Covid, the SRO supervisor and SROs were reassigned.

M. South San Francisco Police Department (SSFPD)

In July 2021, the South San Francisco Unified School District (SSFUSD) suspended its school resource officer program, following a backlash from current and former students and other community members. Since then, the SSFUSD has been negotiating with South San Francisco on a memorandum of understanding (MOU) regarding SROs and campus policing. In February 2022, the MOU received unanimous Board approval and is being sent back to the City Council for consideration. It could return to SSFUSD trustees if additional changes are made. Before the SRO program was suspended, there were two SROs serving the SSFUSD, which covers all elementary, middle, and high schools in South San Francisco.

Prior to the suspension of the SRO program, the SROs were visible on campus before school for drop-offs, during recess, lunch, and after school. They would rotate between schools and interact with staff and students to build relationships. Since the suspension of the SRO program, the SSFUSD has downsized their SRO program to one officer, Thomas Lopez. He is currently working off campus and responds to incidents and requests when contacted by the schools.

The SSFUSD refers youth who would otherwise be suspended or expelled to the Boys & Girls Club's Alternative to Suspension program, which is a partnership between the Boys & Girls Club and the SSFUSD to provide space and programs for students. The program provides up to eight hours of counseling. These youth have not committed a crime, nor have they been arrested.

II. Diversion Programs by Jurisdiction

A. San Mateo County Juvenile Probation Diversion Program

San Mateo County's Juvenile Probation Department accepts referrals from any County police department and the Sheriff's Department. Probation's Assessment Center determines if the referral is eligible for the Diversion Program. To be eligible, the youth must:

- Be 12 to 17 years old,
- Be charged with a non-violent misdemeanor or some felonies that are not 707(b) offenses⁴, with restitution under \$1,000.
- Have no prior offense
- Live in San Mateo County.

⁴ There are 29 WIC 707(b) offenses. They include: murder, arson, robbery and rape with force, violence, or threat of great bodily harm. If committed at age 14 or older, he or she is not eligible to seal their juvenile record.

When a youth is cited by a police officer, the officer forwards the police report to Probation, where the case is assessed for an appropriate response. Possibilities include:

- Letter of reprimand
- Referral to victim impact awareness (VIA) program⁵ and/or mediation (separate sessions)
- Placement on a 90-day intervention, or
- Six-month informal contract.

If the youth is diverted, both the youth and the parent(s) or guardian sign the contract, which may require the youth to:

- Repair any damage and/or pay to replace any destroyed or lost property.
- Perform set hours of community service
- Attend counseling sessions
- Attend VIA
- Attend the Petty Theft Program (PTP) online.

There are no fees for participation in the diversion program. If the youth successfully completes their contract, they can have their record sealed when they turn 18. If their record is not sealed, it will be filed by Probation. If the youth does not complete the program as agreed, or if a youth commits a new offense, the case is sent to the DA's office.

While in the diversion program, the youth may receive the following services as needed:

- Individual therapy/counseling (they stay with the same clinician for the duration of their contract. On a case-by-case basis, they may continue with that clinician after completing their contract if that clinician is still available⁶. At that point, there may be a fee, or it may be covered by Medi-Cal.)
- Tutoring
- Job-search assistance
- Family counseling
- Referral to other programs, e.g., the Youth Outreach Program (YOP), Fresh Lifelines for Youth (FLY), Teen Triple P Parenting
- Drug and alcohol counseling.

⁵ VIA is a seven-week, two hours per week program and may include mediation (separate sessions), letter of apology to the victim, or writing an essay.

⁶ Many clinicians are on nine-month internships. If the clinician completes their internship, they will probably no longer be available.

As of July 2021, there were four youth on informal contracts. In FY 2020-21 (July through June), there were nine youth in the program. Eight of the youth successfully completed the program; one did not and was referred to the DA. None reoffended during their contract or the year following completion.

B. San Mateo County Sheriff's Department Diversion Program

The Sheriff's Department contracts with Manuel Velarde (who formerly ran Redwood City's Diversion Program) on an FY-basis (July 1 through June 30) to run their diversion program, which includes a prevention program and tattoo removal.

A youth can be placed in the Sheriff Department's diversion program as long as the juvenile has a case with the San Mateo County Sheriff's Department. ONLY cases originating in the San Mateo County Sheriff's Office jurisdiction are accepted.

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Youth (under 18) can be referred for a first offense that is a minor crime, such as vandalism, stealing from a parent, alcohol use, or fighting. If a youth commits a serious crime—e.g., rape, attempted murder—the case goes direct to the DA's office. Mr. Velarde noted that there IS a difference between breaking a window and setting a house on fire.

When a youth is charged with a minor crime, the arresting Deputy Sheriff writes the case up. A supervisor revises it and approves the case. Then, the case is sent to the Juvenile Detective, who sends the case to Mr. Velarde. He meets with the youth and their parent(s)/guardian at the Community Policing Unit, or a substation close to the youth's home. At the meeting, they discuss what happened, and if the youth takes responsibility for their actions and promises to behave, they develop a plan that can include:

- Therapy (individual and/or family counseling)
- Community service
- Tutoring
- Parenting classes
- Drug and Alcohol rehab services.

At the meeting, Mr. Velarde stresses that the offense is serious, and this program is their chance to handle the misbehavior informally and avoid a record and that this may be the youth's last chance to stay out of the justice system. The youth and their parents or guardian sign a 6-month contract. He keeps it simple and very effective. There are not a lot of forms for them to sign. A diversion contract and if it is necessary a community service contract.

Mr. Velarde has connections with resources throughout the County to enlist the appropriate referrals for each case. The Sheriff's Department offers parenting classes to help parents work with difficult teenagers and also with younger children. They use the Parent Project materials: parentprojectfamilyclasses.com, a program used all over the United States. Sheriff's Department staff attend a one-week training in LA to learn how to run the class. Mr. Velarde said he has attended the class, and it is very intense. He said a key part of the class is to teach parents how to use their local law enforcement agency, and what they should expect if they call.

If the youth violates their contract, the case is referred to Probation and goes through their Assessment Center. From there, Probation may refer the case to the DA for prosecution.

If the youth is successful in completing the contract, the case is destroyed and disappears from the record. It never goes to Probation or the DA. It is retained in the County-wide police data system (RIMS), which is accessible only by County PDs. He follows up with youth for 6 months after the contract. Maybe 3-to-5% reoffend. He considers it a success if the youth is not rearrested and is attending school regularly. It can be difficult to follow up because families often move.

The objective is to help parents be effective in positively influencing their child's behavior and to make them aware of the resources that are available to them. It's the parents' job to raise their child. Most of the youth Mr. Velarde works with are under 18. They still need to graduate from high school. A few may also need to find a job. Mostly, they need counseling, drug and alcohol use treatment, and mentors.

The number of cases has dropped because of the new laws, especially those involving marijuana. In July 2021 he had eight open cases. He believes the number will go up as Covid restrictions are relaxed. He expects to have at least 20 youth in the next year.

There are no fees for the Diversion Program. All services are available in English and Spanish.

C. San Mateo Police Department's Diversion Program

San Mateo's diversion program accepts youth aged 11 to 17, who meet the following criteria:

- First-time offense
- Referred by a police officer⁷
- Misdemeanors and non-violent felonies
- Low-level drug and weapons cases with officer recommendation
- Usually no gang members (although they will consider a youth with gang association with officer recommendation)
- Youth and family must be willing to engage in the program
- Lives or goes to school in the City of San Mateo.

To refer a youth to SMPD's Diversion Program, a police officer files a Juvenile Contact Report (JCR). The JCR is reviewed by the Youth Services Unit (YSU) Sergeant and Probation Officer to determine eligibility. If the youth is NOT eligible, the JCR is forwarded to the Juvenile Court for formal processing of the charges.

The San Mateo PD has a unique collaborative team that includes police officers, a full-time deputy Probation Officer, a clinical case manager, and a family liaison. If the youth is eligible, the youth and family are contacted and offered the option of the voluntary diversion program.

An intake meeting is scheduled with the youth, their family, and the diversion team to explain the program. Working with the referred youth and their family, the team designs an individual six-month plan, which may include a variety of components (e.g., therapeutic interventions, education planning, PAL programming, social service needs and much more).

The youth and their parent(s)/guardian both sign a six-month contract, which may include any, or all, of the following:

- Behavioral and clinical risk assessments
- Community service (once a month for six months through PAL)
- Individual and family counseling/therapy—they stay with the same clinician for the duration of the program and may continue with that clinician afterwards. (One Life Counseling is the provider. Ten sessions are required, three with the family.)
- Tutoring through PAL (The Right Approach)
- Job search assistance

⁷ If a youth's school or family is concerned that they are engaging in risky behavior, but they have not yet committed a chargeable offense, they can refer that youth to the SMPD's Prevention Services Program.

- School and family check-ins
- Curfews
- PAL activity/event participation
- School attendance, good grades
- Classes to address drug/alcohol use, anger management, victim impact/empathy, stress management, nutrition, conflict resolution/decision-making, suicide prevention, gang awareness, health relationships, career development/goal setting, cyber safety, bullying, career development, justice, fairness, among others.

One to two weeks after the initial meeting, a case manager meets with them to do an extensive intake and set them up with any needed social services. A PAL family liaison contacts them to set them up with the PAL program.

During the contract period, the youth attends a monthly class that is designed to explore topics such as community safety, mental health awareness, authenticity, and self-discovery. Each youth participates in monthly community service. Also, parents/caregivers meet during the contract term to discuss helpful parenting tools.

After successful completion of the contract, the youth's case is closed, and no formal action is taken by the juvenile justice system. They do have a record in Probation's database that can be sealed when they are 18.

At the start of the Covid-19 pandemic, in FY 2019-2020, 14 youth completed the program, one failed. (Youth can fail only by being rearrested or being a no-show for program activities.) No youth or families offered the program has declined to participate.

All youth who completed the program cleared both the 3-and-6-month recidivism checks. Eleven post-graduates and their families requested additional services following program completion. Approximately 20% of the juvenile criminal cases in the City of San Mateo are diverted. Overall, the program has about a 90% success rate.

There is no fee for the diversion program. If counseling continues after the program, there may be a sliding scale fee, which may be covered by Medi-Cal.

D. Redwood City Police Department's Diversion Program

The Redwood City (RWC) Police Department diversion program is run by Jennifer Martinez, Juvenile and Family Services Specialist. She was hired in October 2021 to replace Manuel Velarde who now runs the diversion program for the Sheriff's Dept.

The RWC program accepts youth under 18 years old. So far, the youngest she's seen is 12, the oldest 16. To be eligible for consideration for the program, they must have been arrested in the jurisdiction of the RCPD. It must be their first offense. Divertible offenses include minor crimes, such as:

- Vandalism (e.g., graffiti)
- Taking a knife to school
- Substance use (public intoxication, possession of alcohol or cannabis)
- Fighting (assault and battery)
- Joyriding
- Hit-and-run (no injuries)
- Petty theft
- Trespassing
- Inappropriate use of electronic devices.

Non-divertible offenses would be murder or attempted murder, rape, assault with weapons or major injuries, firearms at school, selling drugs at school, most robberies.

They accept only arresting officer referrals. If a school wants a student to go through the diversion project, they must call RCPD to arrest them and file a case. The arresting officer completes a Juvenile Contact Report (JCR). These are routed through the Juvenile Unit. The Juvenile Detective or Juvenile Specialist will determine whether the case is suitable for diversion.

Once she receives a case, she reviews the police report. Then she calls the parent or guardian and conducts a brief screening. She then meets with the youth and their parent/guardian to review the diversion program and further assess the case.

She gets to know the youth, their family, and their circumstances. Then she works collaboratively with them to develop agreements that will be part of their diversion contract.

Ms Martinez works with each youth individually. She wants to understand what's going on with the youth and how she (and the RCPD) can support them. She identifies the youth's strengths, challenges, and any other factors that may have contributed to the offense, including access to resources or the lack thereof. If they miss on a requirement, she will reassess what additional support they need to help youth succeed.

The diversion program is six months long. The contract is signed by both the youth and their parent or guardian. The contract may include:

- Repairing damage to property (so far this has not come up)
- Pay to replace lost or damaged property (has not come up so far)
- Community service (They sign a separate contract when they are assigned community service. This contract is with the community-based organization (CBO) with whom the youth is performing community service.)
- Counseling Ms. Martinez does the counseling herself. She has a MSW in Social Work. She performs the initial assessment and checks-in with them every week for six months. She also checks-in with their parent(s) and school.

Ms. Martinez wants the contracts to be less rigid than they were, more compassionate. She will support the youth to overcome challenges they encounter as they participate in the diversion program, while still promoting their accountability for their actions. If the youth breaks the contract with another charge, their case will be forwarded to juvenile probation. She plans to use a clinical, therapeutic approach. The requirements in the current contract are:

- Attend school on a regular basis without tardiness or unexcused absences.
- Complete all assigned homework and turn it in on time.
- Do not use or possess any tobacco products, alcoholic beverages, or drugs.
- Do not wear gang-related clothing or possess gang-related paraphernalia.
- Do not possess any item that may be considered a dangerous weapon

During diversion, Ms. Martinez currently provides individual and family counseling (weekly sessions for six months.) She plans to reestablish partnerships with local universities including Cal State East Bay, San Francisco State, and San Jose State to recruit undergraduate and graduate students to provide individual, family, and group counseling at no cost to youth and their families. Covid has delayed that effort.

She is working on recruiting community resources to provide tutoring and job-hunting assistance.

Right now, she has only two youth under contract. Two more have been referred to her to assess. Generally, the police report on the offense makes the recommendation for diversion. She also has the discretion to make a recommendation for diversion on a juvenile contact report if the arresting officer does not.

Mr. Velarde told her there used to be a lot of youth in the program. Referrals are down because of Covid. When she interned with Mr. Velarde five years ago, she had three clients, and she was one of three interns who each had 3-to-5 clients. At that time, all their clients successfully completed the six-month program. If there was follow-up, she wasn't privy to it.

As to follow-up services, her intention is that if youth have continuing needs, she will facilitate a warm hand-off to an agency that can continue to provide needed support. They can call her if they need resources. If they wanted to come back and volunteer with the diversion program, she would be open to that.

Clients will stay with the same clinician for the six months they are in the program. If they need continuing therapy and their clinician is with a community agency, they will probably be able to stay with that clinician. If they are working with a RCPD intern clinician, they would stay with that person for the six months in the program. Typically, an internship lasts nine months, so there is no guarantee the youth could stay with the same clinician after leaving the program.

There are no fees for participating in the diversion program. Post diversion, if they are switching to another CBO, e.g., Star Vista, there might be a fee. Star Vista will work with Medi-Cal, and they have a sliding scale in any case.

E. RCPD Addendum—Youth Who Do Not Qualify for Diversion

The Juvenile and Family Services Specialist, as a separate service from the Diversion Program, provides services to youth who do not qualify for the diversion program. In cases where the youth cannot be referred to the diversion program, because they have not committed a crime, Ms. Martinez may offer to provide a family intervention, which includes the same process of gathering information to provide larger context to the reason for referral. A common referral is for youth who run away from home. She reaches out to their school to gather information about their friends and other supporters.

In the case of runaways, upon reunification, officers conduct a welfare check to determine whether the youth was exposed to any risks or harmed in any way. Ms. Martinez will offer a follow-up and work with the youth and their family to develop a safety plan to keep youth from running away in the future.

Other requests she's received from overwhelmed parents seeking support include requests to have police scare their children. The challenge with this request is that law enforcement is not meant to instill fear, but rather to strive to protect the community. It is important to mend the trust between law enforcement and the community where it may have been adversely affected.

Families also reach out to law enforcement for help demonstrating trust, whereas scaring the children would give a contradictory message. Ms. Martinez wants to promote healthy communications and relationships in families experiencing conflict. She uses a trauma-informed approach, provides active listening, validates family

stressors, and concerns, and facilitates conversation to mediate between youth and their families. Included in the family intervention is the development of a safety plan to which all members of the family contribute and agree.

Appendix A: San Mateo County Jurisdictions with SROs

City	Contact
Atherton	Officer Demetri Andruha
Belmont	Officer Antoine Abinader Officer Ed Berry
Burlingame	Officer Steve Vega
Daly City	Officer Randy Ortiz
Hillsborough	Captain Nelson Corteway
Menlo Park	Officer Victoria Trask
Millbrae*	Deputy Dan Young
Redwood City	Sgt. Roman Gomez
San Bruno	Officer Thomy Ledesma
San Carlos*	Deputy Rodney Reed
San Mateo City	Lt. Kimber Joyce
South San Francisco**	Officer Thomas Lopez
SMC Sheriff's Dept	Lt. Chris Sweeney

*Contract SRO services from the Sheriff's Department

**SRO program currently on hold pending outcome of MOU

Cities Covered by the Sheriff's Dept		Cities Without SROs
El Granada	Pescadero	Brisbane
Half Moon Bay	Portola Valley	Broadmoor
La Honda	Princeton-By-the-Sea	Colma
Loma Mar	San Carlos	East Palo Alto
Millbrae	San Gregorio	Foster City
Montara	Woodside	Pacifica
Moss Beach		

2022 Projects - Proposals / Draft

Projects proposed	Aspiration(s) aligned
Bring Youth and Family Voices to the Commission	Voices of Community Heard
Outreach to Build Relationships with Elected Officials	Voices of Community Heard
Investigate Collaboration Opportunities with other JJDCPs	Voices of Community Heard
Advocate for New Youth Substance Abuse and Mental Health Programs in the County	Mental Health, Substance Abuse, and Restorative Programs
Advisory Committee for JJCC Subcommittee on Realignment / SB 823	Mental Health, Substance Abuse, and Restorative Programs Transition and Reentry
Track Overall Reentry Success from YSC	Transition and Reentry
Improve Education Reentry and Transition Success, including Transition from Community Schools	Transition and Reentry
Investigate Impact of Housing Insecurity on Justice Involved Youth	Transition and Reentry
Investigate and Recommend Current Gang Intervention and Prevention Programs	Transition and Reentry School Attendance and Restorative Practices
Advocate for New/More Diversion Programs	Transition and Reentry School Attendance and Restorative Practices
School Attendance: Investigation and Overall Recommendations (current and ongoing project)	School Attendance and Restorative Practices
What is the Current State of SROs in the County?	School Attendance and Restorative Practices
Advocate for New After School Care Programs	After School Care



Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention Commission 2022 Project Proposal

San Mateo County Juvenile Gang Project

Project Description:

In order to reduce incidents of violent juvenile crime in San Mateo County, we must understand the role gangs currently play in the lives of our San Mateo County Youth.

The San Mateo County Juvenile Gang Project Team would work with local law enforcement agencies, gang task forces, and reformed adult gang members with lived experience to help us gain insight and collect data on the following:

- The current status of juvenile gangs in San Mateo County.
- The areas where juvenile gang violence is occurring in San Mateo County.
- The types of juvenile gang related crimes being committed.
- Gang Recruitment and Indoctrination.
- How juvenile gangs impact our schools.
- Document the programs and strategies used to date and their effectiveness.
- Identify new gang intervention and prevention programs and/or models that have proven to be successful in addressing gang related juvenile violent crime in other areas of the state.

Once completed, the data would be compiled into a report that, with the commission's approval, can be used to effectively advocate for the implementation and/or creation of proven gang intervention and prevention programs to adequately address violent juvenile crime in San Mateo County.

Project Lead: Commissioner Rasmussen

Project Team: Commissioners: Bocanegra, Nori, and Labouisse.