



COUNTY OF SAN MATEO
Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention Commission
222 Paul Scannell Drive • San Mateo, CA 94402
Minutes of the Juvenile Justice & Delinquency Prevention Commission
July 25th, 2023 | 5:15-7:15 pm
College of San Mateo College Heights Conf. Room and Zoom
MINUTES

Commissioners Present: Karin Huber-Levy, Wesley Liu, Paul Bocanegra, Sathvik Nori; Johanna Rasmussen; Susan Swope

Commissioners Joining Remotely: Ameya Nori

Commissioners Absent: Whitney Genevro, Monroe Labouisse

I. Preliminary Business

- a. Acting Chair Huber-Levy called the meeting to order at 5:15 p.m. A quorum was established at 5:35 p.m
- b. M: Swope// S: Bocanegra to approve the May 2023 Meeting Minutes. The motion passed unanimously.
- c. M: Swope// S: Bocanegra to defer approval of the June 2023 Meeting Minutes was made by Commissioner Swope, seconded by Commissioner Bocanegra. The motion passed unanimously.
- d. M: Swope// S: Huber-Levy to approve the July meeting agenda. Passed unanimously.
- e. Judge Susan Etezadi administered the Oath of Confidentiality to all commissioners present.
- f. Membership Update: Commissioner Huber-Levy reported that two commissioners will be sworn in at the August meeting pending Board of Supervisor approval, there are two applicants in the pipeline.

II. Oral Communications: Becca Kieler congratulated Sathvik Nori on his presentation to the Board of Supervisors today about the juvenile hall

III. Updates of System Partners:

- a. Judge Susan Etezadi, representing the Juvenile Court, stated that there were no updates for this month, noting that court business has been slower due to summer
- b. Ron Reyes gave an update for the Private Defender's Program. In the last 4 weeks, he assigned 28 cases (3 were 707(b) offenses), there were 6 sealings. There were 42 calls to the Miranda Consultation Hotline.
- c. Jehan Clark and Sinam Aram, reported that Ms. Aram has been assigned as the Superintendent Assistant Deputy Chief who oversees Institutions. There are 277 youth on



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probation (118 on diversion and 159 on supervision), 3 gang-affiliated youth, 18 youth on intensive supervision, 25 youth under contract. There are 22 youth in juvenile hall (15 Hispanic, 3 African American, 2 Polynesian, 1 Asian, 1 biracial), and 2 girls in Camp Kemp.

All youth are in one hall. They are using other units for study halls and programming. So far, there have been no complaints from staff or youth. The Camp Kemp girls sleep in a separate unit. They have been using the therapy room in Pine 4 since last fall.

IV. Presentation by the Office of Youth and Community Restoration (OYCR)

Nancy Desiree Victor and Ahmed Nemr described the State's new approach to support court-involved youth. Senate Bill 823 mandated the closing of the Department of Juvenile Justice as of June 30, 2023, returning about 400 youth to County facilities up to age 25. Since its implementation, they have received 63 complaints, none from San Mateo County.

They also distributed copies of the Youth Bill of Rights, established by AB 2417. They will be offering training on the Bill of Rights. The OYCR acts as an ombudsman (has legal authority to investigate any youth complaints. They cannot give legal advice or change court orders. They have access to the facilities and any youth in them. Their email is OYCR@chhs.ca.gov.

V. Current Commission Projects

- a. Reimagine Juvenile Hall: Commissioner Sathvik Nori reported on the Committee's presentation to the Board of Supervisors. Supervisors are supportive of expanding therapeutic programming for boys at the Juvenile Hall. Chief Keene was generally supportive of the recommendations. Commissioner Rasmussen noted that Supervisors Corzo and Mueller formed a committee to investigate how the benefits of Camp Glenwood can be expanded to Camp Kemp and include the boys.
- b. Inspections: Commissioner Rasmussen said that the inspection forms are available on Google drive. Any changes will need to wait for next year.
- c. Transition Project: Ms. Ruth Singh stated that the Transition Project has reached out to Star Vista. There are three parents in the Star Vista class. The project's goal is to understand the challenges of parents regarding transition projects.
- d. Police Liaison: Commissioner Rasmussen said she and Commissioner Bocanegra met with a Captain in the San Mateo Police Department to identify common problems. The Captain is interested in learning more about how to support system-impacted families and youth. He noted that there is a SMPD-run youth program that meets on Wednesday evenings.

VI. New Business:



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- a. Commissioner Huber-Levy reported that she is working with the Board of State and Community Corrections to set up training for the Commission.
- b. Website for Probation Youth: Ms. Zahara Agrawal is working on creating a website with resources for Probation youth over the age of 18. Her focus is on resources for getting an ID, developing financial literacy, and accessing community college resources. Resources that are being considered for the website include FDIC youth financial literacy resources, Khan Academy, California Rising Stars network, and more.
- c. Parent Support Group: Commissioner Rasmussen said that the Re-Evolution parent support group involved four parents. They offered suggestions on what they would like to see. The transportation initiative of Re-Evolution has provided transportation to healthcare facilities as well as to the Youth Services Center. The parent support group can be connected with the transition plan project.
- d. Amnesty International Presentation on Restorative Justice: Commissioner Swope reported that she will be presenting to the San Diego branch of Amnesty International on restorative justice at 7 pm on July 26th. Members of the public are welcome.
- e. Tattoo Removal: Commissioner Rasmussen stated that she is working on a Tattoo Removal program in collaboration with the Redwood City Police Activities League.

Meeting adjourned at 7 pm.

Next Meeting: August 29th, 2023