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# Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention Commission February 23, 2021 | 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 (5:15-5:25)
  - a. Call to Order
  - b. Roll Call and Establish Quorum
  - c. Welcome and Introductions
  - d. Agenda Review and Approval
  - e. Approval of Minutes of January 26, 2021

#### II. Oral Communications (5:25-5:30)

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. Board of Supervisors Update (5:30-6:00)

Supervisor David Canepa

- IV. Updates (6:00-6:30)
  - a. Court (Etezadi, Jakubowski)
  - b. Private Defender Program (Rayes)
  - c. District Attorney's Office (Cho)
  - d. Behavioral Health & Recovery Services (Pena)
  - e. County Office of Education (Littrell)
  - f. Probation (Clark, Stauffer)
  - g. Medical (Isaac)
- V. Inspection Kickoff (Flores) (6:30-6:35)
- VI. 2021 Project Plan Review & Approval (6:35-7:05)
  - a. Communicate with Elected Officials (Bocanegra, Labouisse)
  - b. Advocate for Task Force on Alternatives to Youth Incarceration (Bocanegra, Labouisse)
  - c. Diversion Programs in San Mateo County (Swope, Willis, Winter)
  - d. Truancy Strategy for County Public Schools (Swope)
  - e. Analyze After School Programs (Barrack, Flores)
  - f. Create Dashboard to Monitor Data (Barrack, Telleria, Willis)
  - g. Outreach to Underserved Youth/Families (Rasmussen, Telleria)
  - h. Lessons Learned During COVID-19 (Nori, Rasmussen, Wilson)



## VII. Commission Report Outs (7:05-7:15)

- a. Community Ambassadors (all)
- b. Legislation (Bocanegra)
- c. Marketing/Communication (Rasmussen)
- d. Membership (Wilson)
- e. Youth Commission (Nori & Willis)

# JJDPC Meeting, February 23, 2021 – Public Participation Instructions

Pursuant to the Shelter in Place Orders issued by the San Mateo County Health Officer and the Governor, and the CDC's social distancing guidelines which discourage large public gatherings, the Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Commission's meetings will be held remotely with public access available by videoconference.

**Topic:** JJDPC February Meeting

Time: February 23, 2021, 5:15 PM Pacific Time (US and Canada)

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Next Meeting: Tuesday, March 30, 2021, 5:15 – 7:15 p.m. Location: Online via Zoom

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# Minutes of the Juvenile Justice & Delinquency Prevention Commission

# January 26, 2020 | 5:15-7:15 pm Remote Meeting

#### **MINUTES**

**Commissioners Present:** Toni Barrack, Co-Chair; Debora Telleria, Co-Chair; Rebecca Flores, Administrative Vice-Chair; Melissa Wilson, Membership Vice Chair; Paul Bocanegra; Monroe Labouisse; Sathvik Nori; Susan Swope; Douglas Winter

**Commissioners Absent**: Sonoo Thadaney (leave of absence)

#### **Additional Attendees:**

Judge Susan Jakubowski – Juvenile Court Rebecca Baum – District Attorney's Office Ron Rayes – Private Defender Program Sharon Cho – District Attorney's Office Jehan Clark – Probation Ally Hoppis – Behavioral Health & Recovery Services Melanie Stauffer – Probation Aurora Pena – Behavioral Health & Recovery Services Ameya Nori – Youth Commission Liaison Jenee' Littrell – County Office of Education Austin Willis – Youth Commission Liaison Tom Leung – Community Member Jamila McCallum - Edgewood Johanna Rasmussen – New Commissioner Kate Hiester – Fresh Lifelines for Youth Angie Angelini – Rasmussen Guest Janet Borgens – Potential Commissioner Susan Grimsrud – Rasmussen Guest Steve Duddy – Potential Commissioner Kara Heryford – Rasmussen Guest Brian Evans – Potential Commissioner Steve Heryford – Rasmussen Guest Karin Huber-Levy – Potential Commissioner Mia Manamea – Rasmussen Guest Victor Lecha III – Potential Commissioner Chris Rasmussen – Rasmussen Guest

#### I. Administrative Business

- a. Call to Order: Co-Chair Barrack called meeting to order at 5:15 p.m.
- **b.** Roll Call and Establish Quorum: A quorum was established at 5:15 p.m.
- c. Welcome and Introductions
- **d. Agenda Review:** Approved as distributed.
- e. Approval of Minutes: Approved as distributed.
- f. Swearing in New Commissioners: Rasmussen, Willis
- g. Swearing in/Reappointment of Commissioners: Barrack, Labouisse, Swope, Wilson

#### II. Oral Communication: None



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## III. Updates and Trends

# a. Juvenile Court (Judge Etezadi)

- Dependency cases are taking up most of their time. Dependency cases are when they remove children for abuse, neglect and abandonment.
- Juvenile justice cases have plummeted. There are currently ten youth at the Youth Services Center (YSC), which has a capacity of 180. Probation is doing a fabulous job to make sure youth remain safe from COVID.
- All of the agencies are making sure that they do not detain youth unless they have committed a serious offence, which is why numbers have plummeted.
- The Juvenile Court conducts 95% of all hearings remotely. The Juvenile Court is working full time and remains open. They have not reduced their services because they are able to continue to provide services on a remote platform.

## **b.** Private Defender Program (Rayes)

• Juvenile arrests have declined by 80% in the past 10 years across the state of California. The daily population in juvenile hall has declined by 60% in the past 10 years and has plummeted even more since COVID. In 2010 there were 2,500 youth in foster care and as of 2020 there are 615 in foster care. The transfer of youth to adult court has also declined from 1,200 in 2010 to 64 cases in 2020.

## c. District Attorney Office (Baum)

- Petition requests from Probation regarding filing have gone down. This could be
  attributed in part to schools being closed. There is an increasing trend of more
  serious offences, gang violence offenses, and guns in the hands of our youth.
  Substance abuse and mental health issues continue to be an issue and the
  pandemic has exacerbated that. On the flip side, extra family time for some youth
  has been a good thing.
- Personnel change, Sharon Chow will be taking over Rebecca Baum's position.

## d. Behavioral Health & Recovery Services (Pena)

- The number of youth at the YSC has gone down and so have their number of cases. BHRS continues to provide services to the youth that are in the hall, on probation or in the community via Telehealth or telephone.
- There have been more reports of increased anxiety given COVID and youth being out of school and not having pro social activities.





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• There has been an increase in drug use; some clients are really struggling and are not attending school so they turn to drug use.

## e. County Office of Education (Litrell)

- The population in court and community schools continues to decline. Gateway specifically has significantly declined in enrollment. However, they are one of the very few programs that are educating students in person. Currently pursuing a significant grant called the Community Schools grant. If awarded they will revamp Gateway into a more restorative model (rehabilitative and restorative approach), with a lot more intensive mental health support. They will also be able to expand their services from six to 60 students.
- Across the county they are seeing more and more students that would benefit from some social, emotional, mental health and behavioral support. They continue to work with districts to help them develop an array of services and rethink their policies and practices.
- Offering a webinar training series to help high school leaders rethink what high school should look like. With the distance learning challenges of adults not having eyes on students, it makes it difficult to make child welfare reports. There are food security challenges, homelessness and mental health challenges. Ultimate goal is to get students back into the classroom and connected so that all social and emotional needs are met.

## **f. Probation** (Clark & Stauffer)

- There are currently 10 youth at YSC and four at Camp Kemp.
- Medical staff are testing all youth upon intake prior to entering the facility and tested again at day 12 before going over to general population.
- Youth just went back to in person school and started Project Change.
- All programming is offered virtually along with visits. Will continue to offer these services virtually. Staff are surveying the youth to see if they are benefiting from virtual programs and to see how they can make it better for them. With the new vaccine rolling out hopefully in person programming could come back.
- With SB823, which entails the closure of the Department of Juvenile Justice (DJJ) and the age increase of housing juveniles up to age 24, the YSC will focus their attention on expanding the girls' program by providing services to the neighboring counties.
- Juvenile Services has made a conscious effort to make sure they are not booking a lot of youth into the facility unless they have committed a serious violent offence.



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Unless there is a safety risk to the community, they are asking to release these youth. Unless there is a reason for them to remain detained, they are utilizing the electronic monitoring program and community care program.

• In terms of supervision, they are making sure counseling services, counseling service for parents and other supportive services are in place.

## IV. Inspections

• Inspection reports are complete for 2020 and are now posted on the Probation website and letters have been sent to the appropriate parties along with a copy of the report.

# V. Annual Report

- Commissioner Swope moved to approve the 2020 annual report. Seconded by Commissioner Labouisse.
- No discussion, approved unanimously.

# VI. Strategic Plan Update (Labouisse)

- The mission statement and aspirations remain the same except for a small change to the language in the third aspiration, adding middle school children.
- Projects are organized according to the aspirations. New projects have been defined and Commissioners will vote on the priority of projects and sign up for 2021 projects via a survey later this week.
- Commissioner Wilson moved to adopt the update strategic plan as written. Seconded by Co-Chair Barrack. No discussion. Updated strategic plan was passed and approved unanimously.

## VII. Strategic Project Milestone Reviews

## a. Develop Truancy Strategy (Swope)

- Still in the information gathering phase.
- The committee is looking into getting rid of the idea of SARB's completely, but it may not be feasible.

## **b.** Elected Officials (Bocanegra, Labouisse)

- Have not had more meetings with elected officials since 2020.
- Had a follow up meeting coordinated by Supervisor Canepa with the Peninsula Solidarity Cohort. They were very interested in hearing about the Commission's strategy and work. Our comments were very well received and as a result the



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Pastor of the San Mateo County Congregational Church has asked us to give the presentation to their congregation via Zoom.

## VIII. Community Ambassador and Coordinator Reports

- **a.** The AOD Collaboration has announced a webinar given on Thursday morning at 10AM on the topic of Adolescence Substance Abuse 101. Current Trends and the Impact of COVID will be presented by the National Counsel of Behavior Health.
- **b.** San Mateo County Child Abuse Prevention Counsel talked about how they handle child abuse response and protocols. They talked about using trauma informed approaches with commercially exploited children along with a multidisciplinary team who only interview the child once to avoid repeated trauma.
- **c.** Domestic Violence Counsel talked about a new law called SB1141, which redefines the law to include corrosive control.
- **d.** Mental Health Commission discussed mental health professionals going into situations with the police or having mental health professionals arriving on site instead of a police officer depending on the danger of the situation.

# IX. Youth Commission (Nori and Willis)

 Youth Commission subcommittee advocated for the adoption of an ethnic studies task force for students and faculties in different school districts, which was approved.

X. Announcements: None

Meeting adjourned 7:15 p.m.

Next Meeting: Tuesday, February 23, 2021

#### JJDPC Project Plan - Advocate for Alternatives to Incarceration

February, 2021

Co-Leads: Paul Bocanegra, Monroe Labouisse

#### Short Description and Goals

In 2019, the JJDPC sent a letter to the San Mateo County Board of Supervisors requesting that they convene a task force to discuss alternatives to youth incarceration. The Board of Supervisors did not act on that request, but with the outreach in 2020 to the Board of Supervisors, the Commission has learned that there is greater opportunity to form this task force in 2021. The leads for this project will work to advocate for such a task force.

#### **Deliverables and Project End Date**

The project will end when the Board of Supervisors votes to approve the formation of the task force. The specific deliverable is a resolution or ordinance which the Board of Supervisors will vote on and which would authorize the formation of the task force. Intermediate deliverables will include drafts of the resolution or ordinance, review meetings with Supervisor Canepa's office (who will be the sponsor), presentations on the resolution or ordinance to people and groups who may support it, and communications and meetings to organize those third parties to contact their Supervisor to voice their support before the vote.

#### Steps Required

- Draft resolution or ordinance by Board of Supervisors to form task force
- Review / coordinate with Commissioners
- Review / coordinate with Supervisor Canepa's office
- Review / coordinate with the Court
- Set up meetings with and make presentations to potential supporters
- Set up meetings with and make presentations to partner agencies
- Organize supporters to contact their Supervisor and ask for a yes vote
- Attend Board of Supervisors meetings as needed

#### **Expected Milestones**

- Draft of resolution or ordinance to form task force
- Meetings to preview the resolution or ordinance and ask for feedback and support
- Decision to put resolution or ordinance on the agenda for a Board of Supervisors meeting
- Board of Supervisors meeting to vote on resolution or ordinance

## <u>Partners</u>

We will need the support of the Court and will want support of most agencies affected by the potential changes the task force could bring about, e.g. County Office of Education, BHRS, Private Defenders, the District Attorney's office, and of course Probation if we can get it. Support from partner CBOs will also be helpful.

#### JJDPC Project Plan - Talk to Elected Officials

February, 2021

Co-Leads: Paul Bocanegra, Monroe Labouisse

## **Short Description and Goals**

We will seek opportunities to communicate with elected officials and community activists in San Mateo County, to convey the work of the Commission and of the experiences of juveniles and their families. Giving members of communities impacted by juvenile justice opportunities to communicate directly by bringing them to meetings, and/or meeting with elected officials and relaying the community members' ideas, are both strategies. We plan to get familiar with legislative and policy priorities at city and county levels, learn how things get done in city and county governments, identify key players, and introduce ourselves and the Commission to elected officials and to community activists.

#### Deliverables and Project End Date

We are still introducing ourselves to many elected officials. Last year, we made progress meeting elected officials, especially the Board of Supervisors, but we have many more to go, especially at the city level. Our main goal will continue to be to introduce the Commission and its priorities to elected officials in private meetings and to ask for their support for Commission investigations / projects, and to ask for feedback on Commission priorities. We plan to talk to at least two elected officials per month from March to December, and to provide updates at each monthly meeting on what we have learned about local policy and legislative priorities. We are not planning to attend and speak at any public meetings, such as city council meetings unless we are invited and the Commission approves.

#### Steps Required

- Adjust the message and goals of the meetings to fit new 2021 priorities
- Decide on targets for officials, notifying the Commissioners of each ahead of time
  - Focus initially on city council members
- Set up meetings and attend
- Report back on learnings to the Commission

## **Expected Milestones**

- At least two meetings per month, and reports to Commission monthly (Feb-December)
- Depending on deadlines in other projects, e.g. a Board of Supervisors vote on setting up a working group to study alternatives to youth incarceration, there may be other milestones around communication. Those dates TBD depending on activity in other projects.

#### Partners

We do not expect the active participation of partners in this project, but will inform partners through Commission meetings and invite their consultation and advice.

# JJDPC Project Plan (February 2021)

<u>Project:</u> Analyze Current After School Programs for Elementary and Middle School Children

Co-Leads: Toni Barrack and Rebecca Flores

#### **Short Description and Goals**

Research and catalog existing after-school programs for elementary and middle school-age children in underserved communities. Determine the services provided by each program, such as support with schoolwork, life skills development, support for health and emotional needs, and pro-social activities. Identify any barriers to full utilization of the programs and service gaps where they exist. Location, transportation, costs, family needs, etc will be considered.

## Deliverables and Project End Date

- 1. A catalogue of programs by location with services provided. In addition to afterschool, the catalogue will list weekend and summer programs.
- 2. A report analyzing barriers to use and gaps in services.
- 3. A recommendation on a follow-up project to advocate for filling gaps in service and addressing any barriers to full utilization of existing services. July 2021.

## Steps Required

- . Define communities to survey, based on the CCCS definition of communities most likely to be affected by the juvenile justice system.
- . Research websites. Catalogue programs with locations and services offered.
- . Interview key providers
- . Identify gaps in services and any barriers to utilization of existing programs.
- . Determine reasons that services are not available or utilized, considering for example, location, transportation, costs.
- . Define and recommend a project to advocate for meeting identified needs.
- . Discuss written report at commission meeting

#### **Expected Milestones**

- . Completed catalogue. March JJDPC meeting.
- . Report on gaps and barriers to use. June JJDPC meeting.
- . Recommendation on follow-up project. July JJDPC meeting.

#### **Partners**

- . CBO's such as Boys & Girls Club, YMCA
- . Government Agencies, such as BHRS, Family Health Services

# JJDPC Project Plan: Juvenile Justice Diversion Plans in San Mateo County 14 February 2021

Co-Leads: Susan Swope, Doug Winter, Austin Willis

## **Short Description and Goals**

Identify and document diversion programs available for justice-involved juveniles in San Mateo County. Prepare a report for JJDPC and Probation with requirements (e.g., commitment and cost) for each diversion program. The goal is to make this information available to juveniles and their families by ensuring that those who assist justice-involved youth are aware of options that can minimize their involvement in the justice system.

## **Deliverables and Project End Date**

Report describing diversion programs by 28 September 2021.

## Steps Required

Task No.	Task Description	Assignment	Completion Date
1.	Review existing list of County police departments and decide which team member will contact them.	Team	12 March 2021
2.	Develop a form on which to collect the information	Team	12 March 2021
3.	Contact police departments to confirm whether or not they offer a juvenile diversion program. If they do, verify and/or update the information we have.	Team	15 June 2021
4.	Agree on format for diversion program listings	Team	30 June 2021
5.	Prepare, review, approve draft diversion program listings	Team	31 July 2021
6.	Liaise with Probation about including diversion programs in their online Resource Guide.	Swope	July 2021
7.	Prepare, review, and approve draft report to the Commission	Team	August 2021
8.	Deliver report to Toni and Debora to include in meeting packet.	Swope	22 September 2021
9.	Present report to commission	Team	28 September 2021
10.	Publicize report to youth and adults in San Mateo County through Probation's Resource Guide and Human Services Agency's Community Information Handbook.	Team	Ongoing after 28 September
11.	Look for opportunities to present to groups who can refer youth to diversion programs (educators, parks and recreation, librarians)	Team	Ongoing after 28 September

## **Expected Milestones**

Each month, beginning with the March 30th meeting, give a brief progress update to the Commission.

#### Partners

What CBOs and/or government agencies do you expect to work closely with?

We will be working with the County's police departments and the Sheriff's Department to gather information and to have them review our write-ups on their diversion programs. We will work with Probation to have our work product information included in Probation's on-line resource guide and with the Human Services Agency to have it included in their Community Information Handbook (both online and printed).

Once approved by the Commission, look for opportunities to present diversion programs to educators, parks and recreation staff, and librarians to make aware of diversion program availability.

#### **Outreach to Underserved Youth and their Families**

February 9, 2021

Co-Leads: Debora Telleria and Johanna Rasmussen

#### Short Description and Goals

This project will reach out to youth and families in underserved communities to better understand their needs and concerns. Their feedback will help direct the work of the San Mateo County JJDPC going forward. Outreach opportunities may include attending and presenting at local community meetings in underserved communities, whether via videoconference or inperson when possible; researching the viability of a youth council for youth on probation; holding commission meetings in underserved communities once in-person meetings are possible; and holding focus groups with underserved communities. Underserved communities are those described by the Community Collaboration for Children's Success initiative (CCCS) as high on its Youth Need Index; they include, amongst others, North Fair Oaks/Redwood City, South San Francisco, East Palo Alto, the northeastern part of San Mateo, and Daly City.

## Deliverables and Project End Date

This project has three components.

- Investigate viability of a youth council for youth at YSC and on probation. Deliverable is a go/no go decision from Probation.
- Outreach to underserved communities to increase our visibility, build relationships and better understand the needs of underserved communities. Deliverable is monthly update on progress.
- Increase accessibility of JJDPC to underserved youth and families. Deliverable is to hold JJDPC monthly meetings in easily accessed public locations, i.e., libraries in affected areas (after COVID).

We will provide an update at each monthly meeting. The first two components of the project will continue through 2021. The third component may not be actionable until Q4, and may continue into 2022.

#### Steps Required

Component One

- Meet with FLY in Alameda to understand their program and how it started
- Prepare proposal with FLY San Mateo
- Present proposal to judges and probation
- If go decision achieved, plan pilot program
- Write-up one page summary for Commission

#### Component Two

- Fine tune scope and outreach strategy
- Identify list of schools, police departments, parole board and appropriate contacts to interview

- Develop script and talking points for interviews
- Set up meetings with youth and families identified through interviews
- Attend meetings and provide guidebook and any other available resources
- Update the Commission on progress

## Component Two

- After COVID, schedule a JJDPC meeting in an underserved community
- Utilize marketing and contacts developed above to invite local community members

## **Expected Milestones**

- Present monthly status reports
- Confirm go/no go decision on youth council (June)
- Hold at least one JJDPC meeting in underserved community (Q1 2022)

## **Partners**

Schools
Police Stations
Juvenile Parole Board
Probation
Local CBO's
Community Leaders

# JJDPC Project Plan (February 2021)

Project: Create a Dashboard for JJDPC to monitor data on juvenile justice

Co-Leads: Toni Barrack, Austin Willis, Debora Telleria

## **Short Description and Goals**

Determine key indicators, and the method for tracking them, that the JJDPC will routinely monitor. Indicators are intended to help identify trends affecting youth in SMC and help identify areas of future JJDPC study.

## <u>Deliverables and Project End Date</u>

A dashboard with definitions of statistics to be tracked and the explanations of how data can be sourced, verified, and routinely updated. To be completed by August 31st.

# Steps Required

- 1. Review of public data (ex: probation, police departments, BSCC, county website, juvenile justice websites)
- 2. List of applicable statistics (ex: statistics about the crimes and the people who commit them (communities, age, gender, ethnicity, etc.), time youth spend in the hall, therapeutic detention time, holding before court)
- 3. Interviews with key system partners
- 4. Description of common definitions and sources of data
- 5. Create mock-up
- 6. Create process for maintaining and displaying data and identify person to do the updating and maintenance

## Expected Milestones

- . Review List of Statistics and get input at JJDPC meeting on March 30th
- . Complete written definitions and confirm sources of statistics, and show mock dashboard to Commission, by June 29th
- . Final report with first dashboard and process by August 31st

## Partners

Governmental Agencies, including Probation, Juvenile Court, BHRS, City Police Depts, County Office of Education

# JJDPC Project Plan - How can we benefit from lessons learned during COVID February, 7, 2021

Co-Leads: Melissa Wilson, Sathvik Nori, Johanna Rasmussen

#### Short Description and Goals

COVID-19 response has affected every area of County juvenile justice. Juvenile arrest rates are down, fewer youth are in custody, and adjudicated youth have shorter sentences.

This project will document pandemic-related policy and procedural changes. It includes investigating whether changes that have had a positive impact can be made permanent and should a Should a and ask, should the change be positive, whether the new which of these changes can become permanent. If a change cannot be made permanently, why is it not feasible and how could it become feasible? This information will come by interviewing all areas of Probation, the Judges, the District Attorney's Office, Court and local schools. Key areas to examine are policing tactics, judicial sentencing, and detention procedures.

#### Deliverables and Project End Date

The team will produce a written report detailing COVID-19 related statistical changes, policy and procedural changes, and feedback by system partners on which positive changes could become permanent and which would require problem-solving (for example, due to conflicting policies within the juvenile justice space, resources, etc.) to accomplish.

The written report will be available by June, 2021.

#### Steps Required

- 1. Outline contacts, questions, data, and assign tasks (done)
- 2. Collect data and conduct interviews
- 3. Write report
- 4. Distribute information across the County juvenile justice system

#### **Expected Milestones**

Project team will meet every two weeks.

Commission updates will occur every two months.

#### Partners

- Police departments and Sheriff's Office
- Assessment Center
- DA's Office
- Private Defender's Office
- Judges
- Probation (YSC and Camp Kemp)
- Youth in detention
- Medical Services
- Probation (community supervision)
- Youth in community supervision
- SMCOE
- BHRS/Star Vista
- CBO's
- Outside school districts
- Project Change