



COUNTY OF SAN MATEO

Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention Commission

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Minutes of the Regular Juvenile Justice & Delinquency Prevention Commission Meeting Tuesday, September 24, 2013, 5:00 p.m. 455 County Center, Room 402, Redwood City

Commissioners Present:

Susan Swope – Chair	Sandra Gomez
Rebecca Ross – Vice Chair	Gurjeet Chahal
Mieke Barrows	Marianna Klebanov
Richard Boitano (Emeritus)	Bonnie Miller
Moneisa Carson	Margot Rawlins
Braulio Gonzalez	Al Serrato

Commissioners Excused: Pat Bresee, Milton Reynolds (Emeritus), Irv Rollins,

Staff Present: The Honorable Susan Irene Etezadi, Presiding Juvenile Court Judge
Larry Silver, Deputy Chief Probation Officer (Institutions)
Christine Villanis, Deputy Chief Probation Officer (Juvenile)
Joan Rosas, Associate Superintendent, Student Services, County Office of Education

Additional Attendees:

Brook Costello – StarVista	Michael Stark – Youth Commission
Adam Ely – County Counsel	Alicia Valdez – StarVista
Rick Halpern – Private Defenders Program	Loriann Villanis – County Office of Education
Alana Hawkins – Fresh Lifelines for Youth (FLY)	

I. Administrative Business:

- Call to Order: The meeting was called to order at 5:17 p.m.
- Roll Call and Establish Quorum: A quorum was established.
- Agenda Review: Agenda was approved as distributed.
- Approval of Minutes: The Minutes of August 27, 2013, were approved as distributed.

II. Oral Communications

There were no oral communications.

III. Probation Remarks

Fresh Lifelines for Youth (FLY) brought four members of the San Francisco 49ers to the YSC to do drills with and talk to kids in the Hall and at Camp Glenwood about managing anger. There will be a written report and a video posted on the 49ers website that provides more information about the program. The Girls Empowerment Program is up and running. There are seven out-of-custody girls and five in-custody girls currently enrolled.

IV. Court Remarks

Judge Etezadi is leading a multidisciplinary team from San Mateo County to a Summit, 'Keeping Kids in School and Out of Court,' on December 3 – 4th in Anaheim, California. The event is privately funded through the Administrative Offices of the Court and co-sponsored by the California Chief Justice and the California Superintendent of Schools.

The focus is to ensure that all kids in California regularly attend and succeed in safe schools, and to keep at-risk kids in school and out of court. Thirty-one of the 58 California counties will send teams. Judge Etezadi will provide a report-out at the January JJDPC Meeting.

V. Inspections

a. Camp Glenwood (Inspected by Klebanov, Rawlins, and Reynolds)

Great facility overall; appears to be a very positive place for kids. The team was very impressed with the quality of the food. Fruits and vegetables are prepared fresh from the Camp Glenwood garden. The program requires kids to work out on trails and get lots of exercise.

There were two areas of concern:

1. Grievances—There were multiple grievances filed against one teacher, alleging unfair grading. This was discussed with Associate Superintendent, Joan Rosas and with Glenwood Director, Sam Moala. Ms. Rosas told the Commission that she reviews every school-related grievance and discusses it with the student and teacher. She noted that there was only one full-time teacher at Camp Glenwood last year, which explains why all the grievances involved only one teacher.
2. Home Land Lines—There are plans to require youth at Camp Glenwood to have a land line home phone in order to have weekend passes. The Commission was concerned that this might be a hardship for some families. Deputy Chief Silver and Judge Etezadi pointed out that any youth on house arrest with an ankle bracelet is currently required to have a land line and thus far this has not been found to be a problem. The land line is needed to confirm the youth's actual location. Judge Etezadi suggested that, if the Commission were still concerned, she would be open to any cost-effective alternative the Commission might recommend.

The Commission asked that two revisions be made to the report and it be brought back to the Commission for final approval at the October meeting. Those revisions are:

1. Revise language that states that kids cannot attend Glenwood if they don't have a land line.
2. Include language stating that there will be further GPS evaluation/discussion by Probation.

b. Your House South (Inspected by Klebanov and Bresee)

The inspectors found Your House South to be a good facility overall, with a very positive atmosphere. Its capacity is six residents; currently there are only two residents. There are four levels of placement: emergency/overnight; extended emergency (up to 21 days); voluntary placement (up to six weeks); and long-term placement by HSA for dependency youth (6 to 18 months). There is a full-time MFT on staff who provides therapy for youth and their parents.

The only recommendation was to upgrade the furniture in the recreation room.

M: Barrows/**S:** Klebanov to approve the Your House South report. **APPROVED unanimously.**

c. EPA Team Home (Inspected by Swope and Rawlins)

The interior of the house was in good shape. Staff appeared to be very caring, and the three residents seemed to be comfortable there. Bedrooms are a good size, and are set up for two girls per room. Commissioners Swope and Rawlins had dinner with the residents and noted there was plenty of food. They are preparing for the facility to be painted soon by students from the University of Notre Dame de Namur. The only concern was that the Fire Inspection was out-of-date. Commissioner Swope will follow-up on this.

M: Swope/S: Barrows to approve the EPA Team Home inspection report with revision that Health Inspection is not required for homes with six or fewer resident capacity. Commissioner Swope to follow-up on Fire Inspection. **APPROVED unanimously.**

d. MAC Group Home (Inspected by Gonzalez and Bresee)

The home seems very family-oriented. Staff and residents appear to have a good rapport. Residents said that the interim program director has implemented many good changes. The home is clean and the walls appear to have been repainted recently.

Youth are given a lot of freedom; home passes are frequent. Vocational programming is also available to the residents. The one area of concern is the limited recreational space. The back yard was reduced to accommodate neighbors. To make up for the lost space, residents have gym memberships.

M: Barrows/S: Klebanov to approve the inspection report as presented. **APPROVED unanimously.**

e. San Mateo Police Department (Inspected by Serrato and Rollins)

This is a relatively new facility. Things appear to be in order. Inspections were up-to-date. There were two concerns:

1. On one occasion, kids were inadvertently locked in an interview room. The situation has since been rectified. That particular room is no longer used for youth interviews.
2. The issue from last year of using 'white-out' on logs has been resolved by using electronic, rather than paper logs.

Commissioner Barrows will revise the Report to reflect that the number of youth listed in secure and non-secure detention (132) is for a two-review period.

M: Barrows/S: Klebanov to approve the San Mateo Police Department Inspection as amended. **APPROVED unanimously**

f. San Carlos Patrol Bureau (Inspected by Swope)

The facility checked out well; everything appeared to be in order, with two concerns:

1. There is continual video, but no audio in their two holding cells.
2. There is no indication in the logs whether a cuffing rail is used or not, although the Deputy indicated that the arresting officer could use one at his discretion.

It is recommended that the log be revised to indicate whether a cuffing rail has been used.

M: Swope/S: Barrows to approve the San Carlos Patrol Bureau report. **APPROVED unanimously.**

g. Canyon Oaks (Inspected by Barrows and Boitano)

The Inspection Team was very impressed with the program at this facility, which is a Level 14 group home tailored to youth with severe mental health issues. Staff meet with youth before admission to determine their individual needs. The only area of concern is that they don't conduct regular emergency drills.

M: Barrows/S: Klebanov to approve the inspection report for Canyon Oaks. **APPROVED unanimously.**

h. The Receiving Home (Inspected by Barrows and Gonzalez)

The home is a 30-day shelter for dependent youth. Staff is very positive and there is a low turnover rate. There were four areas of concern:

1. Kids that refused placement used to be taken off the program. Staff says that this no longer happens (*but it is still mentioned in some areas of the paperwork.*)
2. The Receiving Home shares the facility with Excel; the kitchen area is shared. Excel is a level 12 group home. The Receiving Home is a level 9. Excel uses one bedroom hallway and the Receiving Home the other. Previously both hallways were occupied by Receiving Home residents. One hall was for boys, the other for girls. With both boys and girls in the same hallway, staff sit in the hallway the entire night to monitor the kids.
3. The Home is considering submitting a RFP that would turn management responsibilities over to a non-profit.
4. The Home has been criticized in the past for being too restrictive, not allowing kids to go on normal outings without prior approval from a social worker.

The inspection team recommends that a letter be written to Pravin Patel, the Human Services Agency Manager and Dr. Loc Nguyen, expressing concern about outsourcing management of the Receiving Home. The letter will invite them to attend the January Commission meeting.

M: Miller/S: Klebanov that a letter be written to Pravin Patel and Dr. Nguyen expressing concern about outsourcing management of the Receiving Home. Bonnie Miller volunteered to write the letter.

M: Barrows/S: Carson, to approve the inspection report for the Receiving Home. **APPROVED unanimously.**

i. Our Common Ground's inspection report will be reviewed and voted on at the October 29 JJDPC Meeting.

VI. Judge Etezadi administered the oath of office to new JJDPC Commissioner, Sandra Gomez.

VII. Standing Committee Reports

- a. **Education** (Boitano) – The County Office of Education is planning three more Respect 24/7 symposia this year. The first planning meeting for the next symposium will be on September 27th. This meeting will determine the topics of the 3 symposiums that will be held this year.

- b. **Hall Liaison Committee** -- (Ross) – Bonnie and Rebecca have completed this year’s inspection. Rebecca will meet with management and staff at the Hall to allow them to address any concerns they may have with the report before it is finalized. Follow up emails and meetings will continue as needed to help resolve any outstanding issues.
- c. **Legislative Committee** – (Klebanov) –Marianna would like to wait until the October 29 JJDPC Meeting to further discuss the focus of the Legislative Committee.
- d. **Nominating Committee** – (Klebanov, temporary Chair) – The Nominating Committee, based on the Commission’s change to the By-laws to allow for the Chair and Vice Chair to serve two consecutive terms, nominated Susan Swope as Chair and Rebecca Ross as Vice Chair for a second term.

As there were no further nominations, both were elected unanimously.

- e. **Regional JJDPC Meeting** – (Swope) – Commissioner Swope has contacted seven of the eight JJDPC Chairs across the Bay Area to gauge interest in the possibility of a regional meeting. She suggested that the JJDPC Chairs Committee take the lead in planning the meeting (The Commission agreed).
- f. **Juvenile Competency** – (Swope) – Santa Clara County is currently in the process of evaluating the competency program they licensed from UVA. A report on the findings titled ‘Better than Before,’ will be available soon. Deputy Chief Villanis is meeting with Santa Clara on October 17th to discuss the program’s use in San Mateo County.

Commissioner Swope also spoke with Maggie Roberts of Disability Rights California, who pointed out a number of problems, including involuntary treatment and unqualified psychologists assessing children. San Diego has a court protocol that she (Swope) has requested. Chief Keene will also follow up on this. Commissioner Swope also discovered a report from 2008 published by the Stanford Law and Policy review that she will distribute to Judge Etezadi and Christine Villanis for review.

- g. **Youth Mixer** – (Chahal) – The Youth Commission held a mixer on August 19th at which Commissioner Chahal described the purpose and activities of the JJDPC. He introduced Youth Commissioner, Michael Stark, who is interested in joining the JJDPC as one of its youth commissioners.

VIII. Announcements

Mieke Barrows is looking for a Commissioner to attend the *Community Schools Advisory Committee Meetings* in her place during the fall season. These meetings address the issues children face transitioning from a school district to a court community school. Meetings are held from 8:30 – 10:30 a.m. at the San Mateo Office of Education on Thursdays every other month (during the school year). Moneisa Carson volunteered to represent the Commission on the Advisory Committee.

- IX. Adjournment:** The meeting was adjourned at 6:50 p.m.

Next JJDPC Meeting:
Tuesday, October 29, 2013, 5:15 - 7:15 p.m. - Location: 555 County Centers, Room 402, Redwood City, CA