

**PROBATION DEPARTMENT  
COUNTY OF SAN MATEO**



Juvenile Justice Coordinating Council (JJCC) Meeting

November 19, 2015

2:00 p.m. – 4:00 p.m.

222 Paul Scannell Drive, San Mateo CA – Chief’s Conference Room

**Members**

**John T Keene**  
Chief Probation Officer

**David Pine**  
Board of Supervisors

**John L. Maltbie**  
County Manager

**Clifford Cretan**  
Superior Court

**Steve Wagstaffe**  
District Attorney

**Stephen Kaplan**  
Behavioral Health  
and Recovery Services

**Loc Nguyen**  
Human Services Agency

**Rick Halpern**  
Private Defender

**Susan Manheimer**  
Chief, San Mateo Police  
Department

**Trisha Sanchez**  
Sheriff’s Office

**Nancy Magee**  
County Office of  
Education

**Richard Boitano**  
Jefferson Union  
High School District

**Jane Smithson**  
At-large community  
representative

**Michelle Gustafson**  
Juvenile Justice and  
Delinquency Prevention  
Commission

**MINUTES**

**Members Present**

Rick Boitano  
Michelle Gustafson  
Rick Halpern  
John Keene  
Nancy Magee  
John Maltbie  
Susan Manheimer  
Loc Nguyen  
Trisha Sanchez

**Members Absent**

Clifford Cretan  
Stephen Kaplan  
David Pine  
Jane Smithson  
Steve Wagstaffe

**Additional Attendees**

Alexi Arvanitidis, StarVista  
Clarise Blanchard, StarVista  
Christina Branom, Applied Survey Research  
Roy Brasil, Probation  
Casey Caylor, Boys & Girls Clubs of the Peninsula  
Holly Child, Applied Survey Research  
Reyna Farrales, County Manager’s Office  
Nicole Haley, Fresh Lifelines for Youth  
Darlene Hansen, Probation  
Ruth Laya, Probation  
Hong Liu, Probation  
Katrina Logan, CLSEPA  
Vielka McCarthy, Probation  
Michelle Mendez, Probation  
Melanie Stauffer, Probation  
Jen van Stelle, Applied Survey Research  
Randy Torrijos, Board of Supervisors, District 1  
Jose Villegas, Probation

**I. Call to Order**

The meeting was called to order at 2:07 p.m.

**II. Public Comment**

There were no public comments.

**III. Roll Call (Introductions – New Members)**

Ms. Michelle Gustafson, of the Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention Commission, introduced herself as the new JJCC Board Member replacing Susan Swope.

**IV. Unfinished Business**

**A.** Approval of Minutes from the August 20, 2015 meeting;

**M:** Nguyen/**S:** Halpern. The minutes were approved as distributed with two abstentions.

**V. New Business**

**A. Budget Update (Hong Liu)**

Hong Liu reported that Probation’s budget is stable within the ‘fixed’ state allocation for JJCPA and JPCF.

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However each funding source received a little more than its fixed allocation. As a result, we have been advised by the state to treat this as ‘one-time only’ funds for one-time only needs. Some of this money has already been allocated for use for the 2016 Local Action Plan project.

**B. 2014-15 Annual Evaluation Report** (Christina Branom/Jen van Stelle, Applied Survey Research)

ASR provided a PowerPoint presentation of the evaluation results for the past fiscal year of programs funded by JJCPA and JCPF, as well as next steps for the next evaluation. The areas that were covered in the report:

- **Current Year Evaluation Findings**
- **Profile of Clients**
- **Client Survey Data**
  - Developmental Assets
  - Alcohol and Drug Use
- **Focus Group/Interview Findings JJCPA Findings**
- **Upcoming Evaluation Activities**

The youth who were involved in JJCPA and JPCF programs were asked to complete Development Asset Profile (DAP) surveys that would provide data that was closely related to the key desired outcome data from the previous local action plan such as:

- Improving the developmental assets of youth
- Decreasing substance use
- Improving family functioning
- Decreasing justice involvement

There was also a survey that measured the juvenile’s alcohol and substance use and whether that juvenile is at risk for a clinical diagnosis of a substance use disorder. Additionally, some qualitative work was done this year in the area of family functioning. Parents were asked about their experience with the services their youth received and if there were any positive changes in the youths or their families.

**Questions and Comments**

- Are there any measurements for education and school participation or expulsions and at what point in the 12-week program timeline is this data tracked? (T. Sanchez)
  - A. Arvanitidis of Star Vista commented that this data is captured in their intake survey. (C. Branom stated that she could look this information up in greater detail.)
- What’s considered to be a probation violation in one county might not be enforced in another county. Does the state have any mechanisms in place to address this? (M. Gustafson)

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- Chief Keene commented that this is very often the case across different counties though we try to maintain consistency with how violations are applied within San Mateo County.
- Are we also tracking the reasons behind each probation violation that a juvenile receives and the consequences of those violations? (R. Boitano)
  - This information is not being tracked at this time but could be looked into as a possibility for future reports.
- Is there a way to track how restitution payments are successfully completed in cases where there is more than one defendant? (R. Laya)
  - ASR will look into getting that information.
- How many youths are still drug-involved after exiting a program and is the completion of the program considered successful if the juvenile is still drug-involved? (S. Manheimer)
  - A. Arvanitidis commented that a juvenile cannot complete the program successfully unless they are six-weeks drug-free. However, upon program completion, some juveniles remain on probation and might resume drug/alcohol use; they are longer mandated by court orders to attend the program.

**Conclusive Program Findings**

- Reaching the most over-represented groups in the Juvenile Justice system
- Helping “at-risk” youth increase their developmental assets
  - “At-risk” youth improved significantly on nearly all DAP items
  - Remaining challenge: Only 34% improved at least one asset level on their overall DAP score
- Helping youth and their families achieve improved functioning
  - Parents report improved communication as a result of services
  - Remaining challenge: Parents felt somewhat uninformed and disempowered and wished services had started sooner
- Helping the highest level users reduce their substance use
  - 58% of those potentially at the clinical diagnosis level reduced their use
  - Remaining challenge: At-risk youth still met the clinical cut-off for substance use at time two
- Helping to keep youth out of Juvenile Hall
  - Average daily population has declined in recent years
  - Remaining challenge: Arrests for new law violations, incarceration, and probation violations increased

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**Upcoming Evaluation Activities**

- Pre-JAIS screener and CANS will replace existing tools over the next year
- All programs will transition on Jan. 1<sup>st</sup>
- Assessments will be staff completed
- Three main areas will be examined to determine what needs to be refined
- New measures will be developed

**Additional data sources that should be considered for future evaluations**

- School graduates – How many juveniles who received services graduate successfully?
- Tracking the success rate of students who have received services

**New 2016 JJCC Meeting Schedule:**

- February 25, 2016
- May 19, 2016
- August 25, 2016
- November 17, 2016

**Adjournment**

The meeting was adjourned at 3:42 p.m.