



COUNTY OF SAN MATEO  
Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention Commission  
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**Minutes of the Juvenile Justice & Delinquency Prevention Commission**  
**April 24, 2018**  
**5:15-7:15pm**  
**455 County Center, 4<sup>th</sup> Floor, Room 405, Redwood City**

**MINUTES**

**Commissioners Present:** Chair Michele Gustafson; Co-Vice Chair Sonoo Thadaney; Co-Vice Chair Rebecca Flores; Susan Swope; Valerie Gibbs; Toni Barrack; Melissa Wilson; Al Serrato; Daniel Casillas; Nick Jasso; Doug Winter

**Commissioners Absent:** Mary Oleksy

**Staff Present:** Deputy Chief Probation Officer Rich Hori

**Additional Attendees:**

Clara MacAvoy – San Mateo County Youth Commission

Russell Brunson – City of Half Moon Bay  
Debora Telleria – Prospective Commissioner  
Coralina Molina – Probation

Richard Hori – Probation

Hon. Elizabeth K. Lee – Superior Court Juvenile Supervising Judge

Jan Ellard – Deputy County Counsel

Christine Ford – San Mateo County Deputy District Attorney & Prospective Commissioner

Bill Silverfarb – Supervisor David Canepa's Office

**I. Administrative Business:**

- a. Call to Order: Co-Chair Gustafson called meeting to order at 5:15 p.m.
- b. Roll Call and Establish Quorum: A quorum was established.
- c. Introductions
- d. Agenda Review: **Approved** as modified – *Items VI, X (e) canceled*
- e. Approval of Minutes: March 27, 2018: **Approved** as distributed.
- f. Youth Commission Announcements:

Commissioner Swope announced Youth Commission liaison Clara MacAvoy got the top student award at the Sequoia Awards this year, a \$25,000 scholarship.

Youth Commissioner Clara MacAvoy announced the following upcoming events:

- May 3: Marijuana Education Workshop for Parents @ San Mateo High School
- May 19: A Hike in Wunderlich Park

Recent Youth Commission-sponsored events included:

- Marijuana Education Campaign Town Hall on March 31
- Young Women's Mentorship Night on April 18

The Youth Commission is accepting nominations for its Immigrant Youth Scholarship program. Applications are due in early May.

Commissioner Swope announced April is Child Abuse Prevention Month. There will be a Children's Memorial Flag Raising in the County Center courtyard on April 27 at 9:30 a.m. with a moment of silence at 10 a.m.

## **II. Oral Communications:**

None

## **III. Inspections Committee**

Commissioner Barrack announced the following inspections have been scheduled:

- Camp Kemp – May 7
- Camp Glenwood – May 11
- Receiving Home – May 14
- YSC (Juvenile Hall) – June 8
- Canyon Oaks – May 24

Two police stations will be inspected: Redwood City Police Station and Burlingame Police Station.

Also, in addition to the Receiving Home, which is already scheduled for inspection, the Commission will inspect Your House South, a group home run by StarVista. Date TBD.

Commissioner Barrack directed the inspection teams to submit their draft reports to her and Commissioner Oleksy within a couple weeks of completing their inspections. The Commission will use the same inspection forms as last year with an eye on improving them for next year.

## **IV. Consideration of Prospective Commissioner Christine Ford**

M:/D. Casillas, S:/S. Swope: Recommend approval of Christine Ford's application to join the Juvenile Justice & Delinquency Prevention Commission. **Approved unanimously.**

## **V. Presentation on Probation Department's Placement Program (Coralina Molina)**

Probation Services Manager Coralina Molina gave a presentation on the Juvenile Services Division's Placement Program. As part of the presentation, Molina explained how a placement is initiated (General Placement Order) and the review points in a minor's placement (Interagency Placement Review Committee and Child Family Team meetings). IPRC meetings involve agencies and community partners (BHRS, minor's school, Edgewood, Probation, Child Welfare, Family Partner); CFTs are discussed further below.

Once a GPO is received, the placement order goes to the Placement Unit supervisor who, along with Child Welfare, will work to find a facility or other placement for the minor. For facilities, packets will be sent to the facilities, the agencies research facilities for certifications/complaints. The facility can interview the youth and accept or reject placement at the facility. Once placed, placement youth are seen at least once a month.

Not all facilities will accept Probation youth; few in San Mateo County. Probation does not place probation youth in foster homes. Molina reported there are currently 14 placed youth, including one placed out-of-state (in Pennsylvania) and six joint-cases involving social services and Probation where Probation is the lead agency. Out of state/out of county placement youth are seen at least once a month and out of state/out of county facilities must

still be vetted by Probation. Family therapy done remotely in such cases (phone, videoconferencing).

The Probation Department currently is working with HSA to facilitate Child and Family Team (CFT) meetings, which are required for youth entering into child welfare or probation foster care placement. CFT meetings are also required for those youth residing in a group home or Short-Term Residential Therapeutic Program (STRTP).

Chair Gustafson asked if parents are given an opportunity to weigh in on their child's placement after a judge issues a general placement order. Molina said parents can relay concerns to the department or to the court during placement review hearings. Parents can also relay concerns to their child's defense attorney and seek to advance a placement review hearing to express concerns about their child's case.

Co-Vice Chair Thadaney asked what criteria group homes use to reject youth after interviewing the youth. Molina said group homes don't always disclose that information. She added that typically youth are not rejected by the group homes with which Probation works.

Commissioner Jasso asked if Probation Officers prepare the youth for their interviews with group homes. Molina said the Department informs the youth about the process, but can't coach the youth on what to say.

Molina also said Probation currently manages eight cases involving delinquent youth who have aged out of the foster care system. California law (AB12) allows foster care services to be extended to age 21 if certain criteria are met, such as having a GPO upon turning 18. Participation in AB12 services is voluntary, so Probation handling the case management of AB12 cases can be tricky. Having Probation provide case management in a case worker role for AB12 youth tends to be viewed by the youth with suspicion due to the prior relationship between the PO and the youth. The Department is working with Children and Family Services to see if there could be better ways of serving this population. The Commission would like to continue to follow up with CFS and Probation about this and support efforts to provide appropriate AB12 case management to youth are currently managed by Probation.

#### **VI. Private Defender Program Update (Halpern)**

No report.

#### **VII. Court Remarks and Discussion (Judge Lee)**

No specific topics of discussion.

#### **VIII. Community Updates**

- a. Coastal updates, Russell Brunson (City of Half Moon Bay):  
San Mateo County Sheriff's Office has announced the appointment of Cpt. Saul Lopez as the new commanding officer for the Half Moon Bay/Coastside Patrol Bureau. Cpt. Lopez will continue the agency's work with local youth groups.
- b. Half Moon Bay is looking for young people to participate in its leadership awards. Applications due April 27.

Co-Vice Chair Rebecca Flores announced the 7<sup>th</sup> annual Oye Latinx Youth Conference will be held April 28 at Canada College.

Chair Gustafson said the [Community Collaboration for Children's Success](#) Steering Committee held its first meeting on April 18. The planning initiative was developed to identify and help the four neighborhoods in San Mateo County with the highest populations of youth clients in high-intensity programs such as Juvenile Probation, Child Welfare and Behavioral Health and Recovery Services programs. Gustafson represented the JJDCPC at the meeting. Commissioner Wilson and Co-Vice Chair Flores expressed interest in attending future meetings on behalf of the JJDCPC.

#### **IX. Probation (Hori)**

Juvenile Hall population currently is 66 minors in custody. Camp Kemp currently has 6 girls in custody and 8 girls in the GEP program.

In addition, there are 11 Camp Glenwood boys housed at the Juvenile Hall due to a water main break in La Honda. They are expected to return to Camp on April 27.

#### **X. Project for 2018**

The Commission discussed the following proposed projects for 2018:

- a. Parent Guidebook (Wilson, Swope, Gustafson)
- b. User Test of Juvenile Justice System (Olesky, Wilson, Gustafson)
- c. Prop 64 (Gustafson, Jasso, Casillas, Winter): Work with Private Defender Program to develop resources for people who've been convicted of marijuana-related crimes who are eligible for resentencing or to have those records destroyed.
- d. Vocational Training (Thadaney, Barrack): Bring awareness to youth of job opportunities, connect youth to job training programs, and connect youth to work or mentoring opportunities.
- e. Youth Court (Thadaney, Oleksy, Winter): Further research needed before moving forward.
- f. Group Homes (Swope, Gustafson)
- g. Community Resources Project (Flores, Thadaney, Casillas)

The Commission will proceed with project planning and take a vote on which projects to pursue at the May meeting.

#### **XI. Consideration of Support for AB 2448: Internet Access for Detained Juveniles & Foster Youth**

Commissioner Jasso spoke in support of AB2448 and the educational deficits that detained and foster youth may experience without sufficient access to the Internet. The Commission opted not to take a position on the bill at this time.

#### **XII. Liaison/Study Group Reports**

Court and Probation Liaison (Wilson, Gustafson):

- The number of fights is down in the juvenile hall (no fights so far in April)
- Per Chief John Keene's mandate, the Juvenile Hall has prioritized youth education, access and programming.

### **XIII. Project Updates**

- The Commission's request to expand youth phone call privileges in the Juvenile Hall remains on hold. The Commission will follow up with Deputy Chief Roy Brasil on the status.
- Juvenile Administrative Fees: On Feb. 27, the JJDPC voted to recommend that the Board of Supervisors adopt a resolution to 1) stop collecting juvenile fees incurred prior to Jan. 1, 2018 and 2) discharge of all previously assessed juvenile fees. On March 27, the Board of Supervisors accepted the JJDPC's recommendation. Per Supervisor David Canepa's request, Chair Gustafson has drafted a resolution for consideration. A subcommittee consisting of supervisors Canepa and Pine will review the draft resolution before presenting it to the Board for final consideration.

### **XIV. Commissioner Comments/Announcements**

Commissioner Casillas announced he attended the Conference on Reintegration of Formerly Incarcerated Populations on April 6 at Cal State LA.

Commissioner Casillas announced that College of San Mateo will host a screening and panel discussion of FITE Film, a documentary about the stories of formerly incarcerated students, on May 4.

Chair Gustafson reminded everyone that the County's Boards and Commissions Appreciation Event will be held on May 22.

**Meeting Adjourned 7:45 p.m.**