



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

May 25, 2021 | 5:15-7:15 pm
Remote Meeting

MINUTES

Commissioners Present: Toni Barrack, Co-Chair; Debora Telleria, Co-Chair; Rebecca Flores, Vice Chair-Administration; Melissa Wilson, Vice Chair-Membership; Paul Bocanegra; Monroe Labouisse; Sathvik Nori; Johanna Rasmussen; Susan Swope; Austin Willis, Doug Winter

Commissioners Absent: Sonoo Thadaney (leave of absence)

Additional Attendees:

Judge Susan Edezadi – Juvenile Court
Ron Rayes – Private Defender Program
Jehan Clark – Probation
Kate Hiester – Fresh Lifelines for Youth
Victor Lecha III – Potential Commissioner
M J Hart – Potential Commissioner
Melanie Stauffer – Probation
Mary Lynn Fitton – Art of Yoga
John Fong – HSA
Ameya Nori – Youth Commissioner
Karen Huber-Levy – Potential Commissioner

Aurora Pena – Behavioral Health & Recovery Services
Lulu David – Potential Youth Commissioner
Chris Woo – Project Change
Ligia Andrade Zúñiga – SMUHSD Board of Trustees
Joseph Huber – Community Member
Armaan Khare-Arora – Potential Youth Commissioner
Lee Ann – Community Member
Alexis Eskenazi – Potential Youth Commissioner
Sharon Godinez – CASA
Mike Jones – Boys & Girls Club
Rocsana Enriquez – Potential Commissioner
Jeneé Littrell – County Office of Education

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. **Commissioners Sworn in:** Enriquez, Huber-Levy and Lecha
- g. **Commissioner Resignation:** Sonoo Thadaney



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II. Oral Communication: *None*

III. Updates

- a. Juvenile Court (Judge Edezadi)
 - Most youth are appearing in court remotely but there have been more lawyers in the courtroom recently.
 - Checking in with justice partners about how to move forward with families coming to court to make the process more flexible.
 - CASA volunteers are constantly training and coming into court to observe; commissioners are welcome to join as well.
- b. Private Defender Program (Reyes)
 - Conversations continue around the new laws SB92 and closure of DJJ.
 - Currently working on Assembly Bill 624, the right of appeal when there is a transfer order from Juvenile to Adult Court and AB 1127, prohibiting use of juvenile strikes in adult court.
- c. District Attorney Office (Cho)
 - No Updates
- d. Behavioral Health & Recovery Services (Pena)
 - Continue to have a hybrid schedule. Some staff are on site and see youth in person. Community clients are also welcome to have in person meetings. Telephone is still preferred by families.
- e. Probation (Melanie, Clark)
 - Continue to see youth in the field and in the office.
 - There are 189 youth on court ordered informal and formal probation, 85 youth processed through assessment center, 6 youth on informal contracts, 17 youth on EMP, 1 youth in placement, 9 minor dependents, and 5 youth in DJJ.
 - There are 12 youth in the hall, 11 males, 1 female. Six girls are in Camp Kemp and 4 in GEP.
 - Working closely with correctional health for the reopening plan in June.
- f. County Office of Education (Littrell)
 - Will restructure the referral process at Gateway and will bring in partners that have experience training with trauma informed practices and supporting students as they transition to home districts.



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- Schools returning to in-person have many students who need mental and emotional support. There are still not enough services to meet the needs of the schools.

g. HSA, Children and Family Services (Fong)

- Continue to be in full operation as a child welfare agency. Still offer clients a virtual option for meetings.
- During the pandemic there was a huge decrease in calls to the child abuse hotline, due to the absence of mandated reporters.
- Overall caseloads have declined to 307 children and youth. They still monitor 21 to 24-year-olds for supportive transitional services. 18 youth are graduating to independent care.

IV. Inspections (Flores)

- All commissioners have signed up for inspections and the inspection leads will be sent resources necessary to complete the inspections.
- Inspection training will be provided to commissioners who sign up.
- Inspections should start after June 15.

V. Social Media Update (Rasmussen)

- Will meet with the County on Thursday and should have the accounts ready by next meeting.

VI. STRTP Update (Swope)

- In 2014 the STRTP was introduced to promote normal childhood experiences without any feedback from JJC or JJDP. AB403 was passed into law in 2015 requiring all group homes to close or transform into short term residential treatment programs.
- All group homes in San Mateo County have now closed except Canyon Oaks which only has a 12-person capacity. Currently there are not enough foster homes available for pre-teens and teens.

VII. 2021 Project Plan Updates

a. Peer Court (Lecha, Wilson, Willis)

- Met with staff from the Office of Education. There is broad support developing for a peer court. Sequoia district is very interested.

b. Communicate with Elected Officials (Labouisse)

- Continue to have meetings with elected officials around the county.



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- Sent in our resolution, meetings are going well, and we hope to have enough support from Supervisors. Will hear more in July.
- c. Diversion Programs in San Mateo County (Swope)
 - The next meeting is on May 28th. Debora will join the team..
- d. Truancy Project (Swope)
 - There will be a meeting on May 14th. Schools will collaborate with Everyday Labs who will send truant students nudges and reminders to attend school.
- e. Analyzing After School Project (Barrack)
 - Completed the catalog/list of providers and now focusing on the role of school districts in after school care.
- f. Dashboard Project (Barrack)
 - Currently looking for BHRS data and diversion statistics from Police Departments.
- g. Outreach to Underserved Youth and Families (Rasmussen)
 - Focused on what to do once COVID ends. Once restrictions are lifted by the governor, we may need to go back to in person meetings.
 - The commission will try to host meetings in underserved areas.
- h. Lessons learned about COVID-19 (Rasmussen)
 - The project is nearing completion and team should have a draft for the next meeting. Will interview youth in early June.

VIII. Community Ambassador and Coordinator Reports

- Youth Commission update – Year is wrapping up soon, the last show case meeting is this Thursday and the JJDPC are invited to attend.
- Membership – We will be conducting interviews in the next month to fill the position created by Sonoo’s resignation.
- Legislation – Paul and Karin will provide updates on legislation that is relevant to the commission. Will also be looking into bills we want to support. Currently there are three assembly bills and 12 senate bills.
- Community Ambassadors – Johanna sent a copy of our strategic plan to all law enforcement partners and is inviting them to our meetings

Meeting adjourned 7:15 p.m.

Next Meeting: Tuesday, June 29, 2021