



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 30, 2023 | 5:15-7:15 pm

College of San Mateo College Heights Conf. Room and Zoom

MINUTES

Commissioners Present: Wesley Liu, Co-Vice Chair Administration; Ameya Nori, Co-Vice Chair Administration; Karin Huber-Levy, Vice Chair Membership; Paul Bocanegra (joined remotely); Whitney Genevro; Sathvik Nori; Johanna Rasmussen; Susan Swope; Melissa Wilson

Commissioners Absent: Monroe Labouisse, Chair; Allen Bustos; Appollonia “Dee” Uhila

Partners and Stakeholders Present:

Hon. Chinhayi Cadet-SMC Juvenile Court; Shelly Johnson, SMC Office of Education; Victor Hernandez (Spanish Interpreter); Francisco Dolores (Spanish Interpreter); Aurora Pena, SMC BHRS; Michael Lim, Behavioral Health Commission

Community Members: Becca Kieler, Dana Johnson, Ali Picos, Evan Rodriguez, Kris Shouse, Ariana Zavala, Mona Shah; Melissa Poling; Sophia Bollag; Padmaja Nuvuluru; Charon; Alejandro Vilchez; Rose Lavalley

I. Preliminary Business

- a. The meeting was called to order by Acting Chair Huber-Levy at 5:15 pm. A quorum was established at 5:16 pm.
- b. **M:** Swope// **S:** Liu to approve the minutes of April 2023 meeting. Approved unanimously.
- c. **M:** Swope// **S:** Wilson to approve the May meeting agenda. Approved unanimously (with subsidiary amendment below).
 - i. **Subsidiary Amendment to remove** “In order to identify themselves, we prefer that participants use a device with video and activate the camera vs. calling in only on audio. However, you may call in via phone only if you prefer. See instructions below.” from this agenda.

M: Rasmussen// S: S. Nori.

Ayes: Liu, A. Nori, Huber-Levy, S. Nori, Rasmussen, Wilson

Abstention: Swope

Noes: None

- d. Judge Chinhayi Cadet administered the swearing in of Whitney Genevro as a commissioner



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- e. Membership Update (Huber-Levy): Three vacancies on the Commission, with two pending applications. Currently working on more structured orientation program with assistance from the Board of State and Community Corrections.

II. Oral Communications (Public Comment)

- a. Charon Pfiefer (Community Member) stated that there were no vocational training programs funded by Probation. Instead, the principal and family had to financially support the child's participation.
- b. Nancy Goodban (In Our Care) stated that the San Mateo County Youth Commission recently passed two resolutions on Trying Youth as Adults and Improving Youth Justice and Safety, and expressed her appreciation for the Commission's work.
- c. Becca Kieler (In Our Care) expressed her thanks for the commissioner, and introduced *In Our Care*, a community group that supports the JJDPC resolution against trying youth as adults. Ms. Kieler stated that strip searches should be stopped immediately.

III. Updates from System Partners:

- a. Private Defender (Rayes): *All statistics are for the 4-week period preceding May 30th.*
 - i. 30 cases handled
 - 1. 2 were alleged 707 (b) offenses
 - 2. 28 misdemeanors or general felonies
 - b. 40 Miranda consultations through the Miranda hotline

IV. Presentation from Community Organization: Redwood City Together

- a. Key Insights:
 - i. There is a need for more youth programming reference May 20th incident in Redwood City
 - 1. RWC Together and PAL connected with youth who mentioned the need for a program that provides jobs, spaces, and belonging
 - 2. "Moving at the speed of trust": RWC Together has initiative to support respect-based, long-term mentorship, partnership, and connections to youth
 - ii. Challenges-



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1. Need more support staff, weekend programming, downtown staffing, and space.

iii. Future-

1. More city long-term investment into program, more culturally responsive programs, more engagement in afterschool programs

V. Update on Current Commission Projects

- a. Sexual Abuse Prevention (Rasmussen)
 - i. Weekly meetings, public records requests furnished
- b. Food and Lodging in Detention (Rasmussen)
 - i. Sheriff's Office provides food to probation Youth Services Center
 - ii. While food may meet nutritional requirements, certain youth are reluctant to eat, and dining times are early (at 4 or 5 pm).
- c. 2023 Inspections (Rasmussen)
 - i. April to June is planning and setting up initial inspection times
- d. Reimagine Juvenile Hall Committee
 - i. Committee to meet with Board of Supervisors to present its findings, time to be finalized.
 - ii. Committee to seek input of Commission including integration of education elements into the report.
- e. Understanding Transitioning of Detained Youth (Wilson)
 - i. No probation officer has responded to requests
 - ii. Continuing discussions around WIC 827 and the requirement for a court petition
 - iii. Reportedly youth, family, or stakeholders have not seen a complete written transition plan
- f. Educational Attainment in Detention (Wilson)
 - i. Concerns around the measures of academic progress tests administered were identified.
 - ii. No confidentiality issues with gathering further information

VI. New Business, Updates/Announcements:

- a. Website for Youth in Detention (Youth Commission Liaison Agarwal)



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- i.** No guidebook for exiting youth currently exists, similar to the “Parent Guidebook”
 - ii.** A website has been developed to provide a platform for guidance and services related to youth in detention, and youth exiting detention. More details will be presented in future meetings.
- b.** Youth Commission Resolutions on Youth Tried as Adults and Improving Youth Safety were unanimously approved. These resolutions called for the ceasing of the practice of trying youth as adults, and making the Youth Services Center better.

Adjourned at 7:22 PM

Next Meeting: Tuesday, April 25th 2023