



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

October 26, 2021 | 5:15-7:15 pm
Remote Meeting

MINUTES

Commissioners Present: Debora Telleria, Co-Chair; Antoinette Barrack, Co-Chair; Melissa Wilson, Co-Vice Chair Membership; Monroe Labouisse; Sathvik Nori; Susan Swope; Paul Bocanegra; Johanna Rasmussen; Austin Willis, Karin Huber-Levy, Rocsana Enriquez

Commissioners Absent: Rebecca Flores, Co-Vice Chair of Administration.

Additional Attendees:

Judge Jakubowski – Juvenile Court
Ron Rayes – Private Defender Program
Kate Hiester – Fresh Lifelines for Youth
Maurice Goodman–SMCCD Trustee
Chris Woo - Project Change
Zach Kirk –Silicon Valley Debug
Wendy Guinn-Art of Yoga Project
Armaan Arora – Incoming Commissioner
Steve Duddy – Incoming Commissioner
Sasha Newton-Volunteer
Jennifer Martinez– Juvenile & Family
Services Specialist–Redwood City Police
Department

Jehan Clark –Institutions Superintendent–Probation
John Fong – Director of Children & Family Services
Ligia Andrade Zúñiga - SMUHSD Board of Trustees
Ameya Nori –Youth Commission Liaison
Chelsea Bonini –Commission on Disabilities
Marcelene Luna– Chair Redwood City Centennial
Neighborhood
Clara Jackal– Redwood City Police Advisory
Committee & Community member
Alex Parikh-Briggs –Youth Commission Liaison

I. Administrative Business

- a. **Call to Order:** Co-Chair Telleria 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:** Commissioner Swope made a motion to amend the agenda to include a Youth Court Project Update. Meeting Agenda was approved as amended.
- e. **Approval of Minutes:** Minutes were approved as distributed.



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f. **Motion to Adopt Resolution AB361** – Resolution Approved 11-0 by roll call vote.

g. **Vote to Recommend the Appointment of Steve Duddy to the JJDP.**

Approved by roll call vote 10-0-1. Commissioner Enriquez Abstained.

II. **Oral Communication:** There were no written or oral public comments received.

III. **Updates:**

a. **Juvenile Court** – The Honorable Judge Jakubowski reported:

- COVID-19 protocols remain in effect. Judge Jakubowski announced her reassignment to adult court in Redwood City. The Commission expressed its gratitude to Judge Jakubowski for her service and extended best wishes to her in her new assignment. Judge Cadet has been assigned to Juvenile Division. Her assignment will begin effective January 1, 2022.

b. **Private Defender Program** –Ron Reyes reported:

- The Governor signed dozens of new juvenile justice reform bills into law in September and October. The PDP is busy providing training on these laws to attorneys on the panel. Training will take two to three months to complete.

c. **District Attorney's Office**

- No report. Sharon Cho not present.

d. **Probation Department**–Jehan Clark Institutions Superintendent Clark reported:

There are currently:

- 141 youth on probation (general and intensive specialty cases).
- 78 youth in the Assessment Center/Investigation's Unit.
- 14 youth are on the Electronic Monitoring Program.
- One youth is on Informal six-month Contract or Diversion Program.
- Zero youth are in Placement.
- 11 youth receiving AB12 services.
- 18 Juvenile Deputy Probation Officers. four are assigned to AC/IU. Caseload ratios will be included in future monthly updates.
- 57% of youth on probation are Hispanic/Latino.



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e. **Probation Department-** Jehan Clark, Institutions Superintendent reported:

- In-person programming and visiting has resumed at the YSC and Camp Kemp facilities. COVID-19 protocols remain in place. Dual system youth who are placed out of county who are charged with new violations are tried in the county where new violation occurs. Disposition of the matter, however, is transferred back to the county of residence for imposition of sentence.
- DJJ youth: One 20-year-old male was released from the DJJ in last 72 hours. Probation will play a role in providing this youth re-entry services. Probation will include progress status reports in future updates.

There are currently:

- 15 male youth at the YSC.
- Zero female youth at the YSC.
- One female youth detained at Camp Kemp from Sonoma County.
- Four youth in DJJ.
- One male ESL Youth at the YSC.
- Seven youth in Project Change: four male youth at the YSC and three female youth from the Girls Empowerment and Camp Kemp programs.

f. **County Office of Education**

- No report. Jeneé Littrell, Superintendent Educational Services was not present.

g. **HSA –Children & Family Services** Director John Fong reported:

- **Calls into the Child Abuse Hotline:** Call volume increased to pre-pandemic levels for the first time in September and October. This is a good indicator that the return to in-person activities has increased opportunities for mandated reporters and community members to interact with and identify potential child abuse in San Mateo County.
- **Extension of non-minor dependency for youth ages 21-22.**

COVID-19 pandemic relief included the voluntary extension of non-minor dependency beyond the age of 21. This relief is due to expire on December 31, 2021 and will impact 33 youth. Non-minor dependency social workers are focused on maintaining contact and developing transitional plans for these clients to enter Aftercare and Housing Plus programs. In San Mateo County, service provisions are embedded into the system until the age of 25. In most cases, youths have the option to “opt-out” of services after the age of 18.

- **Welfare & Institutions Code 241.1: Dual Status Youth Protocols**



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Dual Status youth have both dependency (W&I Code 300) and delinquency petitions (WIC 602). Protocols seek to identify, assess, and determine, which agency is best to lead services for each youth. These recommendations are then presented to the Court for its review and final determination.

- **Absent Parent Law Provisions:** The law requires searches for all absent parents be made regardless of what country they reside in or their immigration status.
- **Relative Care Giving:** The agency is focused on increasing the number of youths placed with relatives.
- **Foster Care Placements:**
 - There were 179 youth in placement as September 26, 2021.
 - There are currently six youth placed in STRTP's.
 - There are currently 14 Dual Status (WIC 241.1) youth.
 - 32% of youth are currently placed with relatives.
 - 42% of youth are currently placed out of county.
 - 14% outside of the contiguous Bay Area counties (Central Valley).
 - There are zero youth currently placed out of state.
- **Race & Ethnicity Demographic youth in out of home placement:**
 - 12% – Asian/Pacific Islander
 - 14% – Black
 - 50% – Hispanic
 - 22.5% – White
 - 6% – Unknown
- **Race & Ethnicity Demographics: Youth in Short-Term Residential Therapeutic Program (STRTP).**
 - 33.33% – Black
 - 16.7 % – Latino
 - 50% – White
- **Race & Ethnicity Demographics of Dual Status youth.**
 - 7.1% –Asian/Pacific Islander



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- 21.33% –Black
- 57.1% –Latino
- 14.3% –White

j) Behavioral Health & Recovery Services: Aurora Pena, MFT.

- No report. Aurora Pena was not present.

k) Board of Education: Youth Commission Liaison Commissioner Willis reported:

- ESRA Funding was just approved for Gateway for the continued support of in-person learning and recovering lost instructional time. Remaining funds will be allocated for equipment.

IV. BSCC Inspection & Court Holding Facilities: Co-Chair Telleria reported:

- Initial Survey of Court Holding Facilities in San Mateo County has been distributed.
- Biennial Inspection. On April 13, 2021 the Board of State and Community Corrections (BSCC) inspected the Youth Services Center (YSC) and the Margaret J. Kemp (CK) Girls' Camp. The 65-page report is included in meeting agenda packet.

V. Board of Supervisors Resolution to form a committee to modify conditions at the YSC. Commissioners Bocanegra & Labouisse reported:

- On October 5, 2021, the Board of Supervisors approved an amended resolution forming a nine-member committee to look at modifying the YSC to create a more therapeutic and restorative environment for youth.
- The nine-member committee will consist of:
 - Juvenile Court Judge,
 - Representative from the Private Defender's Office,
 - Representative from the District Attorney's Office,
 - Representative from BHRS,
 - Representative from HSA Children & Family Services,
 - County Manager,
 - Chief Probation Officer, and
 - two members of the public, selected by the Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention Commission.
- Commissioners Bocanegra & Labouisse were appointed by a roll call vote of 11-0, to fill the two positions reserved for members of the public.



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VI. 2022 Officer Nominations Commissioner Wilson reported:

- a) The following Commissioners were nominated to serve as:
 - Chair: Commissioners Bocanegra, Labouisse, and Rasmussen
 - Vice Chair, Administration: Commissioners Huber-Levy
 - Vice Chair, Membership: Commission Enriquez
- b) Commissioner Rasmussen withdrew her nomination in support of Commissioner Bocanegra's nomination and asked to be nominated for Vice Chair, Administration.
- c) Nominees were given a few moments to speak on behalf of their nomination.
- d) The Commission will vote to select 2022 Officers at the November 30, 2021 meeting.

Public Comment:

- Marcelene Luna–Centennial Neighborhood Chair, spoke in the support of Commissioners Bocanegra, Enriquez, and Rasmussen. She noted the majority of the system impacted youth in San Mateo are youths of color and stressed the need to have individuals with similar lived experience and backgrounds lead the Commission.
- Clara Jackal–Redwood City for Racial Equity spoke in support of selecting Commissioners Bocanegra, Enriquez, and Rasmussen for the three positions of Chair and Vice Chairs. Stating they each have valuable lived experience in the juvenile justice system.
- Ligia Andrade Zúñiga - SMUHSD Board of Trustees spoke in support of Commissioners Bocanegra, Enriquez, and Rasmussen. She spoke to the caliber of their individual work, lived experience, and stressed the importance of choosing people for leadership roles who look like the community members they serve.

VII. Social Media Ad Hoc Committee Co-Chair Barrack

- JJDPK Social Media Guidelines were presented and approved 11-0, by roll call vote.

VIII. 2021 Project Updates

- a) **Project to Increase School Attendance:** Commissioners Swope



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- A survey went out to Student Services Directors in the County. Commissioner Swope hopes the County Office of Education will encourage survey participation.
- b) **Diversion Program Project:** Commissioners Swope, Willis and Telleria
 - The team is still waiting to hear back from East Palo Alto & Menlo Park Police Departments. They hope to present a draft report at the November 30, 2021 meeting.
- c) **Peer Court Project:** Commissioners Wilson and Willis
 - The Team is currently working to decide upon an official name for the project.
 - Additional program funding continues to be researched.
- d) **Communicate with Elected Officials:** Commissioners Bocanegra and Labouisse
 - An impromptu meeting was held with Council member Lisa Gauthier.
- e) **After School Advocacy Project:** Commissioners Barrack and Huber-Levy
 - The project is now entering Phase Two.
 - Commissioner Telleria has joined the project team.
- f) **Outreach to Underserved Youth:** Commissioner Rasmussen
 - Commissioner Rasmussen reported on an online safety program she is helping to coordinate for middle school aged children at North Star Elementary school in Redwood City.
 - Implementing a countywide annual online safety program for middle school students may be a project the Commission may wish to pursue in 2022.

IX. Commissioner Report Outs

- a) **Law Enforcement Liaison:** Commissioner Rasmussen
 - Redwood City Police Department has hired Jennifer Martinez to fill the Juvenile & Family Services Specialist position.
- b) **Youth Commission Liaison:** Ameya Nori
 - The Youth Commission will be voting to support the Peer Court project at their upcoming meeting on October 28, 2021.
- c) **Membership:** Commissioner Wilson
 - There is currently one open position on the Commission.



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- Incoming Commissioner's Duddy and Arora are expected to be sworn in at the January 31, 2022 meeting.

d) **Legislation:** Commissioners Bocanegra and Huber-Levy

- Dozens of Juvenile Justice reform bills were signed into law this fall. The complete list of new laws is included in the agenda packet.
- Going forward the Commission may wish to organize outreach efforts on pending bills and legislation.

e) **Marketing & Social Media:** Commissioner Rasmussen

- Social Media stats will start to be reported at the November 30, 2021 meeting.

f) **JJDPC Social Media Working Group:** Commissioner Rasmussen

- The Commission will vote to create a Social Media Working Group (SMWG) at the November 30, 2021 meeting. The purpose of the SMWG is to build a library of social media content, develop a brand and design a logo, brainstorm ideas for future social media and marketing campaigns. The SMWG will be led by the JJDPC's social media manager and will consist of Commissioners and approved volunteers.

X. Announcements:

- Commissioner Willis is now serving as the new Board of Education Liaison for the San Mateo County Youth Commission.

Meeting adjourned 7:15 p.m.

Next Meeting: Tuesday, November 30, 2021