



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

April 26, 2022 | 5:15-7:15 pm

Remote Meeting

MINUTES

Commissioners Present: Monroe Labouisse, Chair; Karin Huber-Levy, Vice Chair Administration; Rocsana Enriquez, Vice Chair Membership; Paul Bocanegra; Rebecca Flores; Armaan Khare-Arora; Sasha Newton; Sathvik Nori; Johanna Rasmussen; Susan Swope; Melissa Wilson, Austin Willis

Commissioners Absent: None

Additional Attendees:

Judge Chinhayi Cadet – Juvenile Court
Jehan Clark – Probation
Sasha Newton – Prospective Commissioner
Ameya Nori – Youth Commission Liaison
Kate Hiester – Fresh Lifelines for Youth
Jennifer Martinez – Juvenile & Family Specialist, Redwood City PD
Wesley Liu – Commission Volunteer
Wendy Gwyn – The Art of Yoga Project
Zach Kirk – Silicon Valley De-Bug
Stewart Hyland – St Vincent de Paul, EPA
Clara Jaeckel – Community Member, Redwood City

Aurora Pena – Behavioral Health & Recovery Services
Regina Moreno - Behavioral Health & Recovery Services
Jeneé Littrell – SMC Office of Education
Beverly Gerard – SMC Board of Education
Ligia Andrade Zúñiga– SMUHSD Board of Trustees, Liaison- SMC Commission on Disabilities
Chelsea Bonini – Liaison- SMC Commission on Disabilities
Chris Woo – Project Change, Skyline College
Michelle Iracheta – Redwood City Pulse
Michael Jones – VP Redwood City, Boys & Girls Clubs of the Peninsula
Julian Garcia – Community Member, East Palo Alto

I. Administrative Business

- a. **Call to Order:** Chair Labouisse called the meeting to order at 5:15 p.m.
- b. **Roll Call and Establish Quorum:** A quorum was established at 5:17 p.m.
- c. **Action to Adopt Resolution:** Meeting Location Change - Brown Act Compliance (AB361).

MOTION: Swope/SECOND: Huber-Levy

AYES (VOICE VOTE): All present

NOES: none

ABSTAIN: none

MOTION PASSED.

- d. **Action for Approval of March 2022 Minutes:** Chair Labouisse invited a motion to adopt the March minutes with one correction noted.

MOTION: Swope/SECOND: Rasmussen

AYES (VOICE VOTE): All present

NOES: none

ABSTAIN: none

MOTION PASSED.

- e. **Commissioner Activity (Labouisse).** Chair Labouisse noted that Steve Duddy has resigned from the Commission. Sasha Newton was sworn in as a new Commissioner.



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f. **Action to Set Agenda for April 26, 2022:**

MOTION: Swope/SECOND: Huber-Levy
AYES (ROLL CALL VOTE): All present
NOES: none
ABSTAIN: none
MOTION PASSED.

II. Oral Communications: No written or oral public comments were provided for items not on the agenda.

IV. System Updates and Trends:

a. **Juvenile Court** (Judge Cadet)

Judge Cadet confirmed that there are no significant updates, and that the court is continuing with a hybrid approach. Judge Cadet encouraged Commissioners to attend court. Please contact the court clerk the day before court to attend, and note that one may also attend by Zoom (for confidentiality reasons, Zoom links change each morning/afternoon session).

b. **Private Defender's Office** (Rayes)

AB2629: It is currently peak legislative season, and Mr Rayes just returned from Sacramento where he is co-leading a working group on bill AB2629 to amend WIC s. 782 (court's discretion to dismiss petitions). AB2629 seeks to put in place a presumption that any charge must be dismissed at the time the court's jurisdiction terminates unless there is finding that dismissal would endanger public safety (i.e. clear and convincing evidence that physical injury or serious danger to others would result). The bill passed Public Safety Committee today (33 organizations signed on in support for bill; no opposition). AB2629 builds on existing record sealing laws to create more rehabilitation options for youth.

Mr Rayes also confirmed that AB503 (Limit on Juvenile Probation Supervision to 6 months - "End Endless Probation") is still pending.

c. **Probation (Stauffer)** – currently there are 16 juvenile probation officers:

Status of Youth on Probation:

- Intake Unit (Assessment for Diversion/Investigations): 148 – with 49 new referrals this month:
 - 16 assessed for diversion (letter of reprimand, victim impact awareness referrals; assessment with BHRS clinician for eligibility for 3/6 mo contracts; Petty Theft Program)
 - 14 referred to Traffic Court
 - 4 referred out of County
 - 19 referred to DA's office (mandatory or ASCEND – prior probation, terminated and new offence)
- Supervised Probation: 115
 - Placement: 0
 - With Gang Conditions: 10 (intensive probation)
 - Non-Minor Dependent Status: 5 (previously in placement, now receiving extended foster care with funding and services)



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- Informal Diversion Contracts: 8
 - 90 day contracts: 3
 - 6 month contracts: 5
- Electronic Monitoring (EMP): 30 (on probation or pending hearing in intake/assessment)
- DJJ: 2 (anticipate they will be up for parole board hearings this year or next year); note that already have had 3 youth return from DJJ and in supervised probation
- 58% Hispanic/Latino; 15% Black/African American; 10% White; 7% Other; 5% Hawaiian/PI; 3% Asian; 1% Unknown

Youth Services Center/Camp Kemp (Clark): All in person services have resumed after pausing due to COVID; beginning next week, all Court appearances are to resume in person.

YSC: 16 (male youth)

Commissioner Rasmussen noted that youth at YSC have received their new pillows and are sleeping well.

Camp Kemp: 1 (female youth – Sonoma County); 2 girls attending Girls Empowerment Program (GEP) daily.

Total SMC youth in formal juvenile justice system: 290 (last month: 287)

d. **HSA, Children and Family Services** (Fong – including written report)

A written update on relevant metrics was provided by Mr. Fong to this meeting (attached to agenda packet).

- Calls to the hotlines and front-end investigations have risen and, as of first of the year, are officially back to pre-COVID levels. Case-loads had dropped significantly over past two years, and anticipate these will again rise over next 18 – 24 months.
- Continue to be out in the field in person, and continuing to offer some supportive services in a hybrid model.
- Commissioner Bocanegra inquired about support for youth placed out of county to return home to San Mateo County once they ‘age-out’ of system or become non-minor dependents. Mr Fong explained that there currently are support services provided through the independent living programs of the HSA and other community organizations. It is a priority not only for CFS but also San Mateo County to keep youth in our community; investments have been made to support transitional housing developments (one is in process of breaking ground currently) to provide temporary housing (24-30 units).

e. **County Office of Education** (Littrell)

No report provided this month.

Note: No significant updates or changes to report from the DA’s Office or BHRS, so no verbal updates were provided at the meeting this month.



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V. Commission Updates & Actions:

a. Membership (Enriquez):

A warm welcome to our new Commissioner Newton! Currently there are three open positions for Commissioners; 11 potential candidates have indicated interest in joining the Commission, however no applications have been submitted. Outreach to communities to increase diversity on Commission is continuing. Commissioner Newton commented that it may be helpful to extend the invitation to potential candidates to begin volunteering with the Commission on specific project work prior to applying.

b. Marketing and Social Media (Rasmussen):

The JJDC website is still under reconstruction – there are still some historical items missing, so Commissioner Rasmussen has set up a Google doc and asks Commissioners to please note any documents that are still missing on this document. Social media accounts continue to grow in followers; continuing with the final two Commissioners in the spotlight series, and then plan to begin campaign to welcome and introduce new Commissioners.

c. Legislative Update (Huber-Levy):

The important work being done by Mr Rayes in support of bill AB2629 to introduce a presumption to dismiss juvenile petitions and support youth moving on with their lives was noted.

Commissioner Huber-Levy has prepared an overview of the legislative history of youth transfers to adult court in CA for Commissioners, to be attached to these minutes. This overview will provide important context, detailing the ‘pendulum’ swing of CA law which dismantled much of the juvenile justice system in 2000, the developments since 2016 to rebuild a system to better serve youth, following through to the current bill before legislature, AB2361.

d. Inspections (Rasmussen):

The signup sheet for inspections has been sent to Commissioners; there is a new file in Commission Google drive with the signup sheet, and relevant forms and guidelines.

The goal is to create balanced inspection teams, taking into account Commissioners’ current workloads, and to start setting up inspection schedules next month.

e. Court Liaison (Rasmussen)

Commissioners Rasmussen and Labouisse have met with Judges Cadet and Etezadi to discuss current matters: Commissioner Rasmussen has taken on role of Court Liaison.

- Commissioner Wilson noted her concern regarding the 18 year age limit imposed on Commissioners participating in inspections, as this effectively bars youth Commissioners from this role. This limitation arose out of the Judges’ concern that for confidentiality of youth at YSC, they not interact with peers. Chair Labouisse suggested that this matter be further discussed outside of the meeting, and brought back to the next meeting with clarifications.
- Judges encourage Commissioners to commit to attending at least one court session per year. Please contact Commissioner Rasmussen for support in setting up court attendance.



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V. Final Report on Diversion Programs (Swope, Willis)

ACTION: Motion for the Commission to accept and approve the JJJPC Report on Diversion and School Resource Officers in San Mateo County and its recommendations, with noted changes:

- Reorder content to move conclusions and recommendations to top of report and to place primary emphasis on diversion programs.
- Revisions to reflect Commissioners' specific comments on content.

MOTION: Swope

AYES (ROLL CALL VOTE): All present, excepting those abstaining.

NOES: none

ABSTAIN: Enriquez, Bocanegra

MOTION PASSED.

VI. Report from Committee on Commission Projects for 2022

a. Proposed/Draft Projects

Commissioners Bocanegra, Enriquez, Huber-Levy, Labouisse, Rasmussen, Swope met to review current and suggested new projects for the Commission in the context of alignment with Aspirations and the feedback received through the survey input provided by Commissioners earlier. Chair Labouisse reviewed the list of current and suggested new projects, including:

Gang Intervention and Prevention Project (Rasmussen)

Chair Labouisse moved to approve this project as an ad hoc subcommittee of the Commission.

MOTION: Labouisse/**SECOND:** Rasmussen

AYES (ROLL CALL VOTE): All present

NOES: none

ABSTAIN: none

MOTION PASSED.

b. Proposal for Commission Retreat

Chair Labouisse moved that the subcommittee working on Mission, Vision & Projects, work on organizing an in-person Commission retreat, as provided for in the Commission's Operating policies and to be open to the public, for the particular purpose of discussing how to work most effectively together, and to ensure that the recommendations made by the Commission are acted on and come to fruition.

MOTION: Labouisse/**SECOND:** Swope

AYES (ROLL CALL VOTE): All present

NOES: none

ABSTAIN: none

MOTION PASSED.

Chair Labouisse provided opportunity for any members of public who wish to speak or make comments on agenda items to do so – none at this time.



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Ongoing Committees– Actions and Updates:

a. PeerPoint Diversion Program (Wilson, Willis, Huber-Levy, Newton):

Currently focused on raising funds and establishing an operating structure to support this project moving forward; team is submitting an application for a large grant on April 29.

b. After School Programs Advocacy (Huber-Levy):

The project team is focused on understanding how school districts in our County plan to effectively use the Expanded Learning Opportunities Program funding by districts in the County.

Chair Labouisse invited Commissioners to extend meeting by 15 minutes to 7:30pm in order to continue with final agenda items.

c. JJCC & SB823 (DJJ Realignment) Subcommittee (Labouisse):

Any work to be done to make changes to YSC, to make it a more therapeutic and supportive environment is very dependent on funding. The proposed current CA budget includes \$100M to support improvements to juvenile halls across all counties and potentially other funding to support realignment. New OYCR created by SB83 has just appointed a director and are still hiring staff – this office will be providing guidance and new rules and regulations to juvenile halls regarding how to serve youth formerly at DJJ. Currently in ‘wait and see’ mode until understand what funding will be made available and get guidance from OYCR.

Reimagining Juvenile Hall committee is now meeting monthly; last week committee attended group tour of YSC to review facilities to be reimagined.

Other Announcements:

- Commissioner Rasmussen reported that she and Commissioner Bocanegra attended the Board of Supervisors meeting on February 8, 2022 to comment against the proposal of SMC Probation offering a contract to Santa Cruz County to provide places at Camp Kemp for youth from their county. The proposal was not put to a vote and reserved for further discussion at a later time.
- Commissioner Bocanegra reported that, last month, the San Mateo County Coalition for Immigration Rights, a grassroots organization, met with Chief Keene to request that he rescind the policy of deportation for adults and youth released from custody; Chief Keene noted that the policy has not been implemented during his tenure but declined to rescind it. Chair Labouisse suggested that this matter be followed and brought back to the Commission for further discussion.

Meeting adjourned at 7:30 pm.

Next Meeting: Tuesday, May 31, 2022

San Mateo County Human Services Agency, Children and Family Services
 Monthly Report for Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention Commission
 As of February 1, 2022

1a. In and Out of County Placements

County Type	Count	Percent
In County	84	60.4
Out of County	55	39.6
Grand Total	139	100

1b. Placements by Bay Area Counties

County Type	Count	Percent
Bay Area Counties*	115	82.7
Other Counties	24	17.3
Grand Total	139	100

* Bay Area Counties include Alameda, Contra Costa, Marin, Napa, San Francisco, San Mateo, Santa Clara, Solano and Sonoma

2a. Minors Placements

County Type	Minors	Percent
In County	59	72.0
Out of County	23	28.0
Grand Total	82	100

2b. Minors by Bay Area Counties

County Type	Minors	Percent
Bay Area Counties*	67	81.7
Other Counties	15	18.3
Grand Total	82	100

3a. Nonminors Placements

County Type	Nonminors	Percent
In County	25	43.9
Out of County	32	56.1
Grand Total	57	100

3b. Nonminors by Bay Area Counties

County Type	Nonminors	Percent
Bay Area Counties*	48	84.2
Other Counties	9	15.8
Grand Total	57	100

4. Placements by Race and Ethnicity (Minors, Nonminor Dependents)

Race/Ethnicity	Minors	Percent	Nonminors	Percent	SUM	Percent
Asian/Pacific Islander	8	9.8	9	15.8	17	12.2
Black	11	13.4	9	15.8	20	14.4
Latino	38	46.3	31	54.4	69	49.6
White	25	30.5	8	14.0	33	23.7
Grand Total	82	100	57	100	139	100

5. Relative/Non-Relative Extended Family Member (NREFM) Placements*

Caregiver Type	Count	Percent
Nonrelative	59	69.4
Relative NREFM	26	30.6
Grand Total	85	100

* Excludes Youth in Supervised Independent Living Program and Children in Guardian Homes

6. Youth in Short-Term Residential Therapeutic Program (STRTP) by Race and Ethnicity

Race/Ethnicity	Count	Percent
Black	2	28.6
Latino	2	28.6
White	3	42.9
Grand Total	7	100

7. Youth in 241.1 Status by Race and Ethnicity

Race/Ethnicity	Count	Percent
Asian/Pacific Islander	1	7.7
Black	3	23.1
Latino	7	53.8
White	2	15.4
Grand Total	13	100