



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

June 29, 2021 | 5:15-7:15 pm
Remote Meeting

MINUTES

Commissioners Present: Toni Barrack, Co-Chair; Melissa Wilson, Vice Chair-Membership; Paul Bocanegra; Roczana Enriquez; Karen Huber-Levy; Victor Lecha III; Sathvik Nori; Johanna Rasmussen; Susan Swope; Austin Willis

Commissioners Absent: Co-Chair; Debora Telleria; Rebecca Flores, Vice Chair-Administration; Monroe Labouisse; Doug Winter

Additional Attendees:

Judge Susan Jakubowski – Juvenile Court
Ron Rayes – Private Defender Program
Jehan Clark – Probation
Melanie Stauffer – Probation
John Fong – HSA
Ameya Nori – Youth Commissioner
Malissa Netane-Jones – Peninsula Conflict Resolution Center
Tracy Rogers-Tryba – Peninsula Conflict Resolution Center

Aurora Pena – Behavioral Health & Recovery Services
Kate Hiester – Fresh Lifelines for Youth
Clara Jaeckel – Member of the Public
Alexis Eskenazi – Potential Youth Commissioner
Armaan Khare-Arora – Potential Youth Commissioner
Chris Woo – Project Change
Chelsea Bonini – Commission on Disabilities
M J Hart – Potential Commissioner
Michael Lim – Member of the Public

I. Administrative Business

- a. **Call to Order.** Co-Chair Barrack called the meeting to order at 5:18 PM
- b. **Roll Call and Establish Quorum**
- c. **Welcome and Introductions**
- d. **Agenda Review and Approval.** Agenda approved as distributed.
- e. **Approval of Minutes of May 25, 2021.** Minutes approved as distributed with one correction to replace “the” with “truant.”

II. Oral Communications: No public comment

III. Pacific Islander Youth Community (Malissa Netane-Jones, Managing Director of Initiatives and Services Peninsula Conflict Resolution Center)

- PCRC works with schools, correctional facilities, workplaces, and neighborhoods to build skills, transform conflict and bring vibrancy to the community.



COUNTY OF SAN MATEO
Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention Commission
222 Paul Scannell Drive • San Mateo, CA 94402

- In 2004, PCRC was asked to partner with local law enforcement to deal with increasing gang violence in the cities of San Mateo and San Bruno. Tongan Interfaith Collaborative was established to work with community to reduce gang violence.
- Created a San Mateo PAL U-19 Rugby Team to give young men a positive way to let out stress, gain collaborative skills, uplift community and reduce gang violence. Also worked to increase education outcomes for high school youth and help community learn trades.
- Goals shifted to prevent violence rather than simply conflict resolution.
- Worked with SMC Office of Diversity and Equity to create a Pacific Islander needs assessment. Three themes that emerged were financial security, health, and education. Saw marked decreases in violence among Pacific Islander youth and an increase in college enrollment as a result of work in these areas.
- However, the COVID Pandemic has led to an increase in crime and a decrease in high school completion rate along with an increase in mental health challenges. Pacific Islanders have had high death rates. Also saw an increase in parent-child conflict due to the pandemic.
- Working on cultural humility and encourage decision makers to learn more about the Pacific Islander community by building relationships of trust.

IV. Updates

- a. Court (Jakubowski)**
Courts continue to be open and more people are slowly starting to come in person. They are flexible and still fine with people showing up on Zoom in most circumstances. Participating in discussions about a secure facility in San Mateo County post DJJ.
- b. Private Defender Program (Rayes)**
Starting July 1, a new law will be in place for sex registration for youth who committed sexual crimes. Now given a chance to get off life registration.
- c. District Attorney's Office (Cho)**
No update.
- d. Behavioral Health & Recovery Services (Pena)**
Continuing with hybrid schedule with both in person and video conferencing services.
- e. County Office of Education (Littrell)**
No update.
- f. Probation (Clark, Stauffer)**
 - All of probation staff is back in the office and more families are coming in.
 - 180 clients on supervised probation, 77 youth worked with assessment center and investigation unit, 17 youth on EMP, one youth on placement,



COUNTY OF SAN MATEO
Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention Commission
222 Paul Scannell Drive • San Mateo, CA 94402

nine extended foster care youth, five youth at DJJ, four youth on informal contract with investigative unit. 21 DPOs.

- On supervision, 63% of youth are Hispanic/Latino, 13% are Caucasian, all other races are 7% or below.
- Five youth at Camp Kemp, 15 at YSC (one female). Some service providers are returning to the facilities.

g. Child and Family Services (Fong)

- Onboarding 11 new social workers. Saw a spike of calls to hotline and visits that were required by social workers.
- 182 youth in foster care placement; seven in STRTP (four in county, three out of county).
- Serving in-person and out in the field at full capacity. Conduct child abuse and child safety visits in-person.

V. 2021 Project Plan Updates

a. Truancy Project (Enriquez, Lecha, Swope)

Review Plan & Vote to Approve

- Main change is getting rid of idea of truancy and framing it in a positive way to increase attendance and graduation. Revised mission is to increase attendance in schools.
- Project is ambitious with a timeline until November 2022.
- Commissioner Swope moved to approve project. Passed unanimously.

b. Diversion Programs in San Mateo County (Swope, Telleria, Willis, Winter)

- In process of doing interviews with police departments. Talked to Sheriff's office to determine who oversees diversionary programs.
- Letting PDs know about Peer Court and Parent Handbooks.

c. Communicate with Elected Officials (Bocanegra, Enriquez, Labouisse)

- Met with Laura Lohan (mayor of San Carlos) and Lissette Espinoza-Garcia (RWC council). Both were very supportive of commission work.
- Made contacts with Lisa Gauthier from EPA and Michael Smith of RWC; working to set up meetings with Pat Murry, a trustee on South San Francisco Unified School District.

d. Alternatives to Incarceration (Bocanegra, Labouisse)

- Met with Carole Groom and Warren Slocum (SMC supervisors) to discuss alternatives to incarcerating youth in institutional settings.

e. Analyze After School Programs (Barrack, Huber-Levy)

- Conducted 15 interviews to learn more about afterschool programs. Waiting to hear back from County Office of Education on promised access to district reports on afterschool and summer plans.



COUNTY OF SAN MATEO
Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention Commission
222 Paul Scannell Drive • San Mateo, CA 94402

- f. **Create Dashboard to Monitor Data** (Barrack, Lecha, Telleria, Willis)
 - Decided to break project into two pieces. Phase 1 is monthly data from probation and BSCC. Charts will be ready to review next month.
- g. **Outreach to Underserved Youth/Families** (Rasmussen, Telleria)
 - Working to inform underserved communities about the JJDPC. Trying to become part of curriculum for many different parent advisory services.
- h. **Peer Court** (Lecha, Willis, Wilson)
 - Working with County Office of Education for student support staff.
 - Also working with supervisor Canepa's office and creating a student advisory team.
- i. **Lessons Learned During COVID-19** (Nori, Rasmussen, Wilson)
 - Project is wrapping up, will present report at next month's meeting. Presentation will be a discussion style, so please read report ahead of time.

VI. Commissioner Report Outs

- a. **Youth Commission** (Nori & Willis)
 - The YC is working on choosing new members for next year.
- b. **Membership** (Wilson)
 - Interviewed three candidates for the open position; will revisit recruitment in the near future.
- c. **Legislation** (Bocanegra, Huber-Levy)
 - AB 1127 which prohibits prior juvenile convictions from being used in sentencing has been put in inactive file by state assembly.
 - Other bills, including The Promise Act, are proceeding.
- d. **Marketing** (Rasmussen)
 - Will use Instagram to spread the word about JJDPC on social media.
 - Will have access to the county YouTube to share videos of meetings.
 - Working on mockups for JJDPC logo.
- e. **Police Liaison** (Rasmussen)
 - Working to recruit law enforcement representatives from North, Central, and Southern County. Identified a representative from South San Francisco PD.

Meeting adjourned at 6:59 PM

**Next Meeting: Tuesday, July 27, 2021, 5:15 – 7:15 p.m.
Location: Online via Zoom**