



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

July 26, 2022 | 5:15-7:15 pm
Remote Meeting

MINUTES

Commissioners Present: Monroe Labouisse, Chair; Karin Huber-Levy, Vice Chair Administration; Paul Bocanegra; Rebecca Flores (joined 5:28pm); Wesley Liu; Sasha Newton; Sathvik Nori; Johanna Rasmussen; Susan Swope.

Commissioners Absent: Roczana Enriquez, Ameya Nori, Melissa Wilson.

Additional Attendees:

Judge Chinhayi Cadet – Juvenile Court
Chief John Keene – SMC Probation
Melanie Stauffer – SMC Probation
Jehan Clark – SMC Probation
Jennifer Martinez – Juvenile & Family
Specialist, Redwood City PD
Allen Bustos – Prospective Commissioner
Appolonia Uhila – Prospective Commissioner
Wendy Gwyn – The Art of Yoga Project
Zach Kirk – Silicon Valley De-Bug
Colin Ford – FLY
Kate Hiester – FLY
Debbie Schechter – Facilitator

Aurora Pena – Behavioral Health & Recovery Services
Sharon Cho, District Attorney’s Office
Jeneé Littrell – SMC Office of Education
Kris Shouse – SMC Office of Education
Beverly Gerard – SMCOE, Board of Trustees
Shelly Johnson – SMC Court & Community Schools
John Fong – HSA, Children & Family Services
Ligia Andrade Zúñiga– SMUHSD Board of Trustees,
Liaison- SMC Commission on Disabilities
Chelsea Bonini – Liaison- SMC Commission on
Disabilities
Clara Jaeckel – Community Member
Rebecca Kieler – Community Member

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 5:18 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 June 2022 Minutes:** Chair Labouisse invited a motion to adopt the June 2022 minutes as circulated with the agenda.

MOTION: Swope /SECOND: Huber-Levy

AYES (VOICE VOTE): All present

NOES: none

ABSTAIN: none

MOTION PASSED.



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e. **Action to Set Agenda for July 26, 2022:**

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

f. **Update on Membership:**

Chair Labouisse noted that Commissioners Aurora and Willis have moved out of San Mateo County in order to attend college and have now resigned from the Commission, effective this meeting. Two new candidates for Commissioners were interviewed by the Membership Committee and presented to this meeting for approval as new Commissioners: Appolonia “Mama Dee” Uhila, and Allen Bustos. Mama Dee’s candidacy for Commissioner is subject to approval by SMC BOS to waive the 12 year limitation on serving on the Commission (Mama Dee served as a Commissioner on the JJDC for 12 years, over 10 years ago).

• **Vote to Approve Allen Bustos’ candidacy for Commissioner:**

ROLL CALL VOTE:
Ayes: All present
NOES: none
ABSTAIN: none
APPROVED.

• **Vote to Approve Appolonia (Mama Dee) Uhila’s candidacy for Commissioner:**

ROLL CALL VOTE:
Ayes: All present
NOES: none
ABSTAIN: none
APPROVED.

II. Oral Communications (Public Comment): none made at this time.

III. Update from Sacramento (Chief John Keene). Chief Keene provided an overview of the current process of decentralization of the juvenile justice system in California (SB 823), and his work as both chief of probation and as current President of the Association of Probation Chiefs in California, liaising with BSCC and OYCR.

IV. System Updates and Trends:

a. **Juvenile Court (Cadet).** Court is continuing as normal, except that mask mandate has been reinstated in all courthouses in SMC. Commissioners were thanked for their service and encouraged to attend court as it is important for youth to see this support in the courtroom.

b. **Legislative Update (Huber-Levy, Liu).** Commissioner Liu provided a summary of the status of current bills relating to juvenile justice in California; a copy of the summary was provided to Commissioners prior to the meeting and is appended to these minutes.



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c. BSCC Regulations Review (Colin Ford, Policy Advisor - FLY). Mr. Ford provided an overview of the regulation revision process currently being conducted by the BSCC (Board of State and Community Corrections - the regulatory agency overseeing probation departments and locked facilities in CA, adult and juvenile). These Title 15 & 24 regulations provide minimum standards for all aspects of locked facilities, and it is important that they be updated regularly to ensure youth have access to appropriate services and to protect their rights. The BSCC provided grants to three different CBOs (in southern, central, and northern CA (FLY)) to allow community input at accessible listening sessions, and through surveys. The final report will be presented to BSCC on September 1, 2022, and will include specific recommendations. A copy of the report will be provided to the JJDCP and Mr Ford will return at a future meeting to update the Commission.

d. Probation (Stauffer) – currently there are 16 deputy probation officers in juvenile division:

Status of Youth on Probation:

- Intake Unit (Assessment for Diversion/Investigations): 189– with 29 new referrals in June:
 - 7 youth assessed for diversion or contract (letter of reprimand, victim impact awareness program; assessment with BHRS clinician for eligibility for 3/6 mo. contract; petty theft program)
 - 16 youth referred to DA’s office (mandatory send to DA – prior probation violation, terminated diversion, and new offense)
- Supervised Probation: 122 (formal & informal)
 - Placement: 0
 - With Gang Conditions: 10 (intensive probation)
 - Non-Minor Dependent Status: 5 (AB12 services - previously in placement, now receiving extended foster care with funding and services)
- Informal Diversion Contracts: 5
 - 90 day contracts: 2; 6 month contracts: 3
- Electronic Monitoring (EMP): 18 (pre-disposition youth and youth on probation)
- DJJ: 1 – note: already have had 4 youth return from DJJ to supervised probation in SMC
- 60% Hispanic/Latino; 11% Black/African American; 12% White; 7% Other; 6% Hawaiian/PI; 3% Asian; 1% Unknown

Status of Youth at Institutions, Youth Services Center/Camp Kemp (Clark): 19 youth in custody:

- **YSC:** 15 (male youth)
- **Camp Kemp:** 4 (female youth: 1 from Sonoma County, 3 from SMC); 2 girls attending Girls Empowerment Program (GEP) daily.
- 63% Hispanic/Latino; 11% Black/African American; 4% White; 11% Other; 11% Hawaiian/PI.

Total youth in SMC juvenile justice system: 321(57 female/264 male youth) (last month: 308)



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c. HSA, Children and Family Services (Fong)

Mr Fong provided a written update on relevant metrics to the meeting (attached to agenda packet).

V. Commission Updates & Actions:

a. PeerPoint Youth Diversion Project (Huber-Levy, Newton)

Commissioner Newton provided an update on funding raised in support of launching PeerPoint, and on the status of transitioning the funding and fiscal sponsorship for PeerPoint to be operated by FLY in SMC.

b. California Association of Youth Courts (Liu):

Commissioner Liu attended several sessions of the recent National Council on Juvenile and Family Court Judges (NCJFCJ) conference as an exhibitor representing CAYC and shared some insights on viewing substance abuse as chronic illness, and the availability diverse solutions available for early stage intervention with adverse child experiences.

c. Diversion Programs (Swope):

Commissioner Swope will be reaching out to elected and appointed officials to promote awareness of and access to the Diversion Programs report completed recently.

d. Gang Intervention and Prevention Project (Labouisse):

Have conducted meetings with community organizations and doing outreach to learn more. Will be meeting with “Live in Peace”, an EPA organization, to learn more about their work. The project is still in the research phase, gathering data and setting up interviews with people who have knowledge of gang activity in the county.

e. Arts Grant for YSC (Bocanegra):

Commissioner Bocanegra is staying in touch with Ms Rodricks of the County Office of Arts & Culture regarding applying for a Jump StArt grant from the CA Arts Council to fund arts programs for YSC.

f. Marketing & Social Media (Labouisse for Rasmussen):

Social media presence on Twitter and Instagram continues to grow; JJDPC meetings are uploaded to YouTube and available to public to watch. Please follow JJDPC on Twitter and Instagram.

V. New Commission Projects

a. Update on Commission Retreat/Offsite (Labouisse): Date is set for Saturday, August 20th for an in person meeting for Commissioners; the County will be providing a facilitator, Debbie Schechter, who is very experienced in providing team building and facilitation through PCRC and for County departments and commissions. Location tba, but will be somewhere in Redwood City or Central San Mateo.

b. CPPCA Conference (Huber-Levy): California Probation, Parole & Correctional Association is holding its 89th annual training conference being held in Newport Beach, CA on September 6-9. A morning of training is being offered to JJDPC Commissioners on Thursday, September 8th. As there would be a registration fee and costs associated with travel to this training, Chair Labouisse agreed to include this in the topic of budget requests for the BOS.

Meeting adjourned at 7:15 pm.

Next Meeting: Tuesday, August 30, 2022