



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
September 26, 2023 | 5:15-7:15 pm
College of San Mateo College Heights Conf. Room and Zoom
MINUTES

Commissioners Present: Monroe Labouisse, Chair; Wesley Liu, Co-Vice Chair Administration; Ameya Nori, Co-Vice Chair Administration (arrived at 5:45); Karin Huber-Levy (joined remotely), Vice Chair Membership; Zahara Agarwal; Paul Bocanegra; Whitney Genevro; Sathvik Nori (joined remotely); Johanna Rasmussen; Susan Swope; Melissa Wilson.

Commissioners Absent: Ruth Singh

I. Preliminary Business

The regular monthly meeting of the Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention Commissions was called to order by Chair Labouisse at 5:15pm September 26, 2023, in the College Heights Room at the College of San Mateo. A quorum was present.

M://Swope, S://Rasmussen, to defer approval of the August 2023 minutes to the September 2023 meeting. Approved unanimously.

M://Swope, S://Liu to approve the agenda. Approved unanimously.

Commissioner Rasmussen led the recognition and presentation of the Making a Difference Award to Chadie Galera, Institutions Services Manager with Probation.

II. Oral Communications (Public Comment): None.

III. Updates from System Partners:

a. Juvenile Court (Judge Etezadi)

Judge Etezadi had no updates. Commissioner Wilson thanked Judge Etezadi for her reasoning in making her decision to retain a juvenile in the juvenile system.

b. Private Defender (Raves)

In the last four weeks, the Private Defender's office had 18 cases assigned, 4 of which were 707(b) allegations. There were 5 sealings, and 45 calls on the Miranda hotline.

c. Probation (Clark and Aram)

YSC Population: 18 youth (15 Hispanic, 1 Native Hawaiian, 1 African American, 1 Mixed Race), 16 males, 2 females.

Kemp Population: 1 female (White).



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There are 396 youth on probation, 239 on diversion, and 157 on supervision, 3 Commercial Sexual Exploitation of Children (CSEC) girls, 9 gang-affiliated, and DJJ Re-entry youth, 18 youth on intensive supervision, 25 youth under contract. 3 youth receiving AB 12 services, 8 youth on FPP, and 1 youth in Secure Track. There are no youth in placement (as of this meeting).

IV. Membership Updates

- a. Commissioner Rebecca Flores recently resigned from the Commission following the birth of her child. This leaves 3 vacancies on the Commission.
- b. M: The Membership Committee moves to recommend the appointment of Tiffany Uhila-Hautau to the Commission. Approved unanimously. Tiffany is a community advocate in East Palo Alto with experience in health education and is committed to cultural relevancy and building a positive family culture.
- c. M: The Membership Committee moves to recommend the appointment of Steve Grieb to the Commission. Approved unanimously. Steve previously served as counsel to the Kansas Supreme Court and recently moved to San Mateo County. Steve currently volunteers through Project Read at the San Mateo Library.
- d. M: The Membership Committee moves to recommend the appointment of Ruchi Mangtani to the Commission. Approved unanimously. Ruchi is passionate about prison reform and brings to the Commission her experience researching Norwegian prisons, and incarceration.

V. Inspections

- a. Inspection Updates (Rasmussen, Wilson)
 - i. YSC and Camp Kemp Inspection: Commissioner Rasmussen reported that the inspections are winding down. The Juvenile Hall and Camp Kemp inspections should be ready for presentation at the next meeting. Commissioner Bocanegra stated that the team still needed to interview youth.
 - ii. Educational Inspection: Commissioner Wilson stated that the Education Inspection team recently met with Sarah Notch (SMCOE). Drafting of the report is underway. No interviews



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of youth were conducted as part of the educational inspection. Commissioner Wilson will follow up with SMCOE on interviewing youth.

- iii. Canyon Oaks Inspection (Labouisse, Huber-Levy, and Swope) Commissioner Labouisse reported that the visit was conducted on August 23rd. Canyon Oaks currently has 8 youth, none of whom were placed by the Court so the team was not able to interview youth. There were new laptops, fresh paint, and a new basketball court, a positive improvement to the recreational facilities. The full Canyon Oaks Inspection Report is attached to the September agenda packet. Commissioner Rasmussen inquired about fire safety at Canyon Oaks. Commissioner Wilson expressed a desire and need to interview any youth in the facilities.

Public Comment: Becca Kieler inquired if permission from parents might bypass privacy concerns regarding interviewing youth.

Labouisse will follow-up on reviewing fire prevention and evacuation plans. Approval of the inspection was postponed to the October meeting.

VI. New Business

- a. **Nominations for 2024 JJDPC Officers** (Labouisse):

Chair Labouisse will form a Nominating Committee to recruit candidates for Chair, Vice Chair of Administration, and Vice Chair of Membership. Chair Labouisse stated that he will not run for Chair for 2024.

- b. **Transition Project** (Wilson) Commission Wilson reported that the team was able to look at 35 case files. The case files do not have clear transition plans; however, Probation is in the process of revising the transition plan forms. Commissioner Liu clarified that further research and communication with Probation needs to happen to finalize the project's findings. Commissioner Wilson stated that the team will follow up to view case files again in 6 months.
- c. **Educational Progress Project** (Wilson) The team has "crunched" the 6-year MAP testing data for 1,600 datapoints for 75 youth who have taken 1 or more MAP tests. The data is spotty and when the data conditions are improved, the field is narrowed to 13 students. The MAP tests also provide glimpses into the span of a student's system involvement. The team will seek further clarity on the testing protocol. The school will present to the Commission regarding testing data collected in January.
- d. Chair Labouisse stated that the October meeting will be held on Monday, October 30 instead of Tuesday, October 31.
- e. Chair Labouisse stated that the 2023 Retreat summary will be included in the October meeting agenda.
- f. Public Comment: Becca Kieler inquired about the decompression room. Jehan Clark (Probation) stated that there will be an opening ceremony in early November.

Meeting adjourned at 6:59 p.m.



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