



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

August 29, 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; Karin Huber-Levy, Vice Chair Membership; Paul Bocanegra; Johanna Rasmussen; Susan Swope; Melissa Wilson; Sathvik Nori; Whitney Genevro

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 February 28, 2023, in the College Heights Room at the College of San Mateo. A quorum was established at 5:17 pm.

M://Swope, S://Liu, to approve the minutes of the June meeting. Approved unanimously.

M://Swope, S://Liu, to approve the minutes of the July meeting. Approved unanimously as corrected.

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

Judge Etezadi administered the oath of office to Zahara Agarwal and Ruth Singh, and the oath of confidentiality to all commissioners present.

II. Oral Communications (Public Comment): None

III. Updates from System Partners:

a. Private Defender (Raves)

In the last four weeks, the Private Defender's office was assigned 47 cases. Of the 47, 4 were alleged 707(b) offenses, and 11 were petitions to seal records. They had 44 calls on the Miranda Hotline. The Private Defender Program reported on their collaboration with Stanford Youth Education Law Project, which includes screening of youth in the juvenile justice system. The initial focus is on youth who are currently incarcerated and whether they have or need an IEP.

b. Probation (Aram, Clark)

Currently, there are 21 youth in custody: 20 males and 1 female. Eighteen are Hispanic, 1 Pacific Islander, 1 African American and 1 mixed race. There are 2 girls at Camp Kemp. The contract with Sonoma County was not renewed.

IV. Presentation by In Our Care (Becca Kieler, Beth von Emster)



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Becca Kieler began by stating the group was formed “to honor the humanity of youth in our legal system.” They are in our care. They have about 50 members. Their main objectives today are 1. To amplify the JJDPC Resolution Opposing Trying Youth as Adults, change.org’s petition to the SMC DA, and build community support for youth subject to transfer. 2. To support JJDPC’s facility inspections to get any recommendations implemented. They have toured YSC and Camp Kemp.

In the future, they want to enhance YSC programming. They understand that NGOs aren’t interested in serving small groups. They want to find organizations that will provide needed services. They also support the project to reimagine youth detention and alternate uses for the current facilities.

Their email address is inourcare.smc@gmail.com. The link to their petition to DA Steve Wagstaffe to cease trying youth as adults is at bit.ly/ioc-smc-blastlist.

V. Current Commission Projects – Update

- a. **2023 Inspections** (Rasmussen and Inspection Leads)
 - i. Commissioner Rasmussen reported that the inspections of the YSC and Camp Kemp and are underway. They need a second visit, which is proving difficult to schedule.
 - ii. Camp Kemp Inspection (Rasmussen and Bocanegra) – Same as YSC, scheduling day 2, hopefully in time for October meeting.
 - iii. Education Inspection (Wilson et al) The Education inspections are scheduled for Monday. Sara Notch is their CoE contact.
 - iv. Canyon Oaks Inspection (Labouisse, Huber-Levy, and Swope) Commissioner Labouisse reported that the visit was conducted on August 23rd. The report should be ready for review at the September meeting.
- b. **Transition Project** (Wilson) Commission Wilson reported that she is looking at case files and will talk with BHRS tomorrow. She’s had feedback from two CASAs. She will be making a presentation at CASA.
- c. **Website for Transitioning Youth** (Agarwal)

Commissioner Agarwal shared the link to the new website for youth transitioning out of juvenile hall. Received feedback to add more information, will update next meeting.

VI. New Business, Updates and Announcements

- a. **Tattoo Removal Services for Youth** (Rasmussen) Jennifer Martinez runs a tattoo removal program for RCPD at their PAL building in Redwood City. It is free. Probation has approved Company New Skin to provide tattoo removal for youth in YSC.



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- b. CoE Resolutions on Court & Community Schools (Rasmussen) On June 30th SMCoe's Board decided not to close Gateway. Chelsea Bonini will provide copies of the Board's resolutions regarding Gateway and the court and community schools.
- c. JJCC quarterly meeting (Huber-Levy) At its last meeting the JJCC reviewed their funding streams. SB81 bond funds were used to build YSC and prescribe how it can be used. AB505 moved Juvenile Justice jurisdiction from BSCC to the Office of Youth and Community Restoration (OCYR). JJCC is writing its next five-year Local Community Action Plan (LCAP).
- d. 2023 Retreat/Offsite (Labouisse) The offsite will be on September 23, 2023, at the Congregational Church of San Mateo. Let Commissioner Labouisse know if you have agenda items.

Meeting adjourned at 6:59 p.m.

Next Meeting: Tuesday, September 26, 2023