# COUNTY OF SANTA CLARA JUVENILE JUSTICE COMMISSION APPROVED Meeting Minutes-July 5, 2016

Crime Lab, 1st Floor 250 W. Hedding St.

San Jose, CA 95110

**Commissioners Present:** Raul Colunga, Chair Ron Hansen, Secretary

Anusha Agarwal Courtney Macavinta
Raymond Blockie Nora Manchester
Victoria BurtonBurke Carol Rhoads
Bonnie Charvez Pamela Serrano
Gustavo Gonzalez Vincent Tarpey

**Commissioners Absent:** Penny Blake and Jean Pennypacker-Vice Chair

Also Present: Honorable Pat Tondreau, Superior Court

Honorable Margaret Johnson, Superior Court Honorable Frank Bondonno, Superior Court Honorable Maureen Folan, Superior Court Jenny Lam, County Counsel's Office Zelia Faria Costa, Probation Department Robert Young, Probation Department Jermaine Hardy, Probation Department Saman Ochoa, Probation Department Sean Rooney, Probation Department

Rosa Sepulveda-Salazar, Probation Department

Sao Bac, Probation Department

Sandra Figueroa-Ayala, Probation Department

Michael Clark, Probation Department Chris Arriola, District Attorney's Office Cindy Hendrickson, District Attorney's Office Nisreen Baroudi, Public Defender's Office Karen Steiber, Independent Defender's Office David Epps, Alternate Defender's Office Kevin Rudich, Alternate Defender's Office

Jennifer Hubbs, Department of Family & Children's Services (DFCS)

Dana Bunnett, Kids in Common

Arcel Blume, Office of Cultural Competency Chia-Chin Lee, Valley Medical Center

Katia DeGroot, Ombuds Karen Brajenovich, Ombuds Sally Lawrence, BHDS/DADS Jennifer Kelleher Cloyd, LACY

Guests Present: David Maradei, Commissioner, Monterey County JJC

Stephen Vagnini, Chair, Monterey County IJC

**Call to Order & Introductions:** Chair Colunga called the meeting to order at 12:17 p.m. All who were in attendance stated their names and organization.

#### Agenda Approval:

Moved by Commissioner Manchester and seconded by Commissioner Tarpey, the agenda was approved unanimously.

Public Comments/Oral Petitions: None.

# **Approval of Minutes:**

Corrections are as follows:

- Page 1 under Also Present; Under Reports as follows: [Page 3 under Juvenile Justice Court: Judge Tondreau's report, second bullet point, last line as well as last paragraph first line; Page 4 under Probation Department Juvenile Program: second paragraph, first line;] Page 5 under Reports, Legal Advocates for Children & Youth (LACY) Jennifer Kelleher Cloyd is listed incorrectly as Jennifer Kelleher Cloyd.
- 2. Page 1 under Commissioners Present, Commission Carol Rhoads is listed twice.

Moved by Commissioner Tarpey and seconded by Commissioner Rhoads to approve the minutes as amended of June 7, 2016, the minutes were approved unanimously.

#### **REPORTS**

Chair's Report: Chair Colunga reported on the following:

- The RAIC and Group Home reports are complete and will be reviewed in Executive Session and subsequently approved for publication.
- Any Status on the Strategic Planning session held in May will be reviewed in Executive Session.

**Juvenile Justice Court:** Judge Tondreau reported on the following:

• Judge Tondreau expressed the sadness felt in Dependency Court of the young man killed by SJPD, a non-minor dependent in Dependency Court, who was showing great success.

Judge Johnson reported on the following:

- Judge Johnson will be handling drug court for Judge Lucero, as she is on vacation.
- Court User Committee has accomplished the following:
  - 1. Parking validation for families is now up and running, thanks to the County Board of Supervisors.

- 2. ROBO calls for youth and parents, advising them of their next court appearance date, should be implemented by Fall of 2016.
- 3. Thanks to Sean Rooney for his help with the waiting room slips that assist the court in identifying families in court and their priorities.
- 4. CBO Basic Training will be October 26, 2016 for those who interface with the court system.
- Most of the solvable problems that came up in the JJC report have been corrected.
- County has authorized funds for the Dually Involved Youth Commission.

#### Judge Bondonno reported on the following:

• Thanks to help of Lauren Gavin, Behavioral Health and Dr. Yang, County Counsel's Office, on progress made in obtaining more psychological evaluators. Seven candidates have applied, with a goal of hiring 30 Evaluators by the end of August.

## **Dependency Court:** No report.

#### **Probation Department Juvenile Program:** Jermaine Hardy reported on the following:

- The population report for June 2016 was distributed. Population at Juvenile Hall is 81, with 72 males and 10 females. The Ranch population is at 26, with 23 males and 3 females.
- Fees are no longer being charged to parents of the youth for Juvenile Hall or Ranch stays.
- Mr. Hardy acknowledged his staff in attendance, present to see how things are discussed in public. He credited his staff for making the institution works so well.

Chair Colunga asked if the security/surveillance camera project made it into the 2016-17 budget. Mr. Hardy said it was not budgeted, as the County surveillance policy, being finalized by Supervisor Simitian's Office, is incomplete.

Chair Colunga asked about the status of the kitchen remodel at Juvenile Hall. Sean Rooney said that things are moving along well, the only issue being a need to keep the roof warranty with the original contractor of two years ago, as the remodel goes ahead. Electrical and plumbing passed inspection and sheetrock is ready to be installed once the roof issue is resolved. Equipment is being delivered on time and completion is expected by mid-September 2016.

# **Department of Children and Family Service/Children's Receiving Center (DFCS):** Jennifer Hubbs reported on the following:

- No kids stayed over at RAIC the past weekend.
- The SPARK Clinic is moving next door and will be working collaboratively with Valley Medical Center and the RAIC.
- A nurse practitioner with child abuse experience will be hired soon.
- Work continues on a patient flow process.
- Valley Health Homeless Project (VHHP) will be moving in where SPARK was located and it will be working to identify homeless parents as well as missing/runaway teens.
- Data is typically calculated by EXCEL spread sheets and by hand count. They are working with the DATA Team to assist in producing reports.

• Still working on 24-hour coverage by the Sheriff's Office at RAIC. When originally budgeted, the County decided to do an overall assessment of the need for a deputy at the RAIC and permanent deputy assignment to RAIC was pulled from the budget. A special request was made to the BOS for 3.5 deputies at the RAIC alone on a 24/7 basis which is currently being filled on an overtime basis. The item will be heard on the BOS calendar in August 2016.

Judge Tondreau asked if when RAIC moves, does SPARK follow. Ms. Hubbs said yes, SPARK will move with RAIC.

Behavioral Health - Mental Health Services: No report.

Behavioral Health - Alcohol and Drug Services: No report.

Law Enforcement: None

**District Attorney's Office, Juvenile Justice:** Chris Arriola reported on the following:

- There were no Direct Files in June.
- All 2015 Fitness cases are being studied to help the D.A.'s Office better the process and in
  anticipation of a ballot initiative, which, if it passes, will eliminate Direct Filing. Mr. Arriola
  added that a Fitness Hearing is the only way to transfer a minor to adult court.
- Out of 26 Reverse Remand cases, 6 kids were returned to Juvenile Court.
- Finished up with Truancy Program for this year which served about 3,000 families.
- Looking at increasing truancy and discipline studies, with respect to how they work with the Eastside, in particular Overfelt High School.
- National Night Out is Tuesday, August 2, 2016 with 52 communities participating so far in San Jose. The event is being organized by San Jose Police Department.
- Viva CalleSJ is set for September 18, 2016 from 10:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. Street closures will be from San Carlos and Lincoln and up to and around Japan Town. The DA's Office will man the Bascom/San Carlos site.

Public Defender's Office: Nisreen Baroudi reported on the following:

- PDO and ADO are participating in the Eagle Scout book-drive project. Any donations of books are welcomed.
- Working on a Fitness Protocol in anticipation of the ballot initiative passing to repeal Direct Filing.
- Julia Shone began her internship at the PDO and will work through the summer.

**Independent Defender's Office:** No report.

Alternate Defender Office: No report.

**Legal Advocates for Children & Youth (LACY):** Jennifer Kelleher Cloyd reported on the following:

- LACY is expanding services through its partnership with Valley Medical Center and will now have two attorneys, a Social Worker and a dedicated intake manager running medical/legal partnership clinics in the new downtown clinic as well as in Gilroy and also Bascom Pediatrics Department. Any patient of Valley Medical Center will be eligible for legal services through LACY on any civil/legal matter related to the child. Most of the work tends to be education, with many pediatricians referring families for education and housing.
- Through the Law Foundation, a program called The Mental Health Advocacy Project has an Attorney who will be able to assist the Valley Health Homeless Project, which can include parents as well as children.
- Walter S. Johnson grant for Identity Theft was awarded to LACY which is in partnership with Bay Legal. Any Probation youth with a hit on their credit report is eligible for services to clear their credit report. The program is for youth currently on probation, in Social Services or former probation up to age 25. Mr. Arriola added that LACY has been working on this for a long time saying this is a huge accomplishment.
- Supervising Attorney Crisanne Hazen is leaving LACY to work at Child Advocacy Clinic at Harvard. They are currently looking to fill her position which oversees all work except that of Juvenile Dependency, which is overseen by Andrew Cain.

Commissioner Gonzalez asked if the County is having issues with reporting to the credit agencies that would affect the youth's credit. Ms. Cloyd said there is a County mandate requiring Probation and Social Services to obtain credit reports for all youth over the age of 14 to see if there are hits on their credit reports that would most likely signal identity theft. Many youth become victims through family or caregivers who sometimes use a child's Social Security number for a variety of reasons.

**Medical Services:** Chai-Chin Lee reported on the following:

- The Medical Outreach Program implemented in the Court system is a success. The program
  began three weeks ago, with several kids being screened for medical needs. They were able to
  identify kids in need of glasses and with hearing issues, disabilities greatly affecting schooling.
- The medical component of Healthlink is on track and will go live on November 7, 2016. Behavioral Health decided last week to not go live this year, impacting some reporting issues.

Dana Bunnett asked if Behavioral Health is opting out of going live because of privacy concerns. Ms. Lawrence said that it is due to privacy concerns of their records and they are working on the details.

Alternative Schools Department, COE: None

Victim Witness Assistance Center: None.

YWCA Support Services: None.

## **Announcements/Correspondence:**

Obuds Office provided brochures to share with JJC.

Chair Colunga, with the resignation of Youth Commissioner Kimberly Dong said the JJC is seeking to fill her position. Any youth, age 14-21, not actively on probation, but who ideally has experience in being on probation or part of the dependency system is encouraged to apply. Please refer any youth to any

commissioner or to the JJC website, where an application can be downloaded and submitted to the presiding judge and then forwarded to JJC.

Old Business: None.

New Business: None.

Adjourn to Executive Session: Chair Colunga adjourned the meeting to Executive Session at 12:54 p.m.

Next Meeting: August 2, 2016, DA Crime Lab Conference Room, 250 W Hedding St., San Jose, CA.

Respectfully submitted,

Barbara Crump