

**COUNTY OF SANTA CLARA
JUVENILE JUSTICE COMMISSION
APPROVED Meeting Minutes - Sept 6, 2016
Crime Lab, 1st Floor
250 W. Hedding St.
San Jose, CA 95110**

Commissioners Present: Anusha Agarwal
Penny Blake
Raymond Blockie
Victoria BurtonBurke
Gustavo Gonzalez
Ron Hansen, Secretary
Courtney Macavinta
Nora Manchester
Carol Rhoads
Pamela Serrano
Vincent Tarpey

Commissioners Absent: Bonnie Charvez, Raul Colunga, Chair and Jean Pennypacker-Vice Chair

Also Present: Honorable Pat Tondreau, Superior Court
Honorable Margaret Johnson, Superior Court
Honorable Katherine Lucero, Superior Court
Alejandra Serrano, Intern, Superior Court
Carissa Keller, Superior Court
Jenny Lam, County Counsel's Office
Zelia Faria Costa, Probation Department
Robert Young, Probation Department
Elsa Jennings, Probation Department
Mariel Caballero, Probation Department
Kathy Martinez, Probation Department
Ashanti Hayes, Probation Department
Nick Brichard, Probation Department
Carl Tademaru, Probation Department
Ninveh Joseph, Probation Department
Larry Casio, Probation Department
Eric Parsons, Probation Department
Katia DeGroot, Juvenile Hall for Ombuds Office
Sean Rooney, Probation Department
Michael Clarke, Probation Department James Ranch
Chris Arriola, District Attorney's Office
Cindy Hendrickson, District Attorney's Office
Elisa Kuhl, District Attorney's Office
Nisreen Baroudi, Public Defender's Office
Kevin Rudich, Alternate Defender's Office
Ruth Maurice, OHR
Jennifer Hubbs, Department of Family & Children's Services (DFCS)
Chia-Chin Lee, Valley Medical Center
Jerry Klein, Valley Medical Center
Shelley Aggarwal, Valley Medical Center
Sakeenah El-Amin, FLY

Jules Villanuevi-Lussano, FLY
Carmen Andino-Talavera, FLY
Cassidy Higgins, FLYLauren Gavin, Behavioral Health, Juvenile Hall
Sally Lawrence, BHDS/DADS
Jennifer Kelleher Cloyd, LACY

Guests Present: Cathy Rodriguez

Call to Order & Introductions: Acting Chair Hansen called the meeting to order at 12:16 p.m. All who were in attendance stated their name and organization.

Oath of Office: Judge Tondreau conducted the swearing in of newly appointed Youth Commissioner Anush Agarwal.

Agenda Approval:

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

Public Comments/Oral Petitions: None.

Approval of Minutes:

Moved by Commissioner Tarpey and seconded by Commissioner Blake to approve the August 2, 2016, the minutes were approved unanimously.

Recognition: Commissioner Pam Serrano and Dr. Jerry Klein

Commissioner Blake presented a certificate of recognition to Commissioner Pam Serrano for her service of more than twelve years to the Juvenile Justice Commission, eight of those served on the Executive Committee. Commissioner Serrano oversaw the move of the meetings, 24 hour notice to visit group homes and attendance with regular meetings with the BOS.

Commissioner BurtonBurke presented a certificate of appreciation to Dr. Jerry Klein, who is retiring as Medical Director of Juvenile Institutions for Santa Clara County and also as a medical consultant for Valley Health Center for Child Protection. Dr. Klein is best known as the physician at Juvenile Hall.

Presentation: Court Appointed Friend and Advocate (CAFA) Mentor Program: A Collaboration of the Santa Clara County Probation Department and Fresh Lifelines for Youth (FLY)
Cassidy Higgins - Associate Director of Innovative Programs
Carmen Andino-Talavera - Mentor Lead Case Manager

Ms. Higgins and Ms. Andino-Talavera presented an overview of the CAFA program (modeled after Court Appointed Special Advocates (CASA) and started in 2013, explaining FLY's mission to reduce juvenile crime and incarceration through legal education, leadership training and one-to-one mentoring. Grounded in Evidence Based Practices, FLY trains mentors appointed by judges to build positive relationships with youth in the juvenile justice system. FLY is expanding the CAFA program in 2016 and

will be focusing on 25 African-American youth in Deferred Entry of Judgement (DEJ), as disproportionality persists for African-American youth.

Commissioner Rhoads asked if CAFA continues with the youth after they have completed their probation. Ms. Higgins said the youth commit to FLY for a year.

Commissioner Gonzalez asked how many African-Americans and Latina/Latino youth can be tapped for the program. Ms. Higgins said the numbers were low this year for African-American youth however they received 32 referrals and were able to match 25 youth with a mentor, adding that opening up to Latina/Latino youth is a great idea saying there are a larger number of youth in the Latino community. Mentoring only works when youth volunteer.

Acting Chair Hansen asked if one mentor serves more than one youth. Ms. Higgins said they only match one-to-one, adding that even after youth complete the program the mentor must get permission from the previous youth before mentoring another.

Commissioner Manchester asked what type of social activities are put together for the youth. Ms. Andino-Talavera said there are group activities such as white water rafting, horseback riding, hiking, zip lining, laser tag, haunted houses, Shark's game pizza parties, etc.

Commissioner Gonzalez asked for the prerequisites to being a mentor. Ms. Higgins said they must be at least 21 years of age and that FLY prefers they live, work or attend school within Santa Clara County as distance is a major make-or-break if mentoring is going to work. Mentors must have their own car and must pass a DOJ background check.

Commissioner Macavinta asked what FLY is most proud of that surpasses CASA. Ms. Higgins said both programs are important, but the approach is a little different with the mentoring program. This past year they are proud of how their partnering with UJIMA has ensured they are training culturally responsive mentors. FLY also has a great track record in having people complete the year.

Commissioner Tarpey asked about youth endorsing the program. Ms. Higgins said one youth who completed the program has now become a mentor herself.

Commissioner Serrano commented that Pattie Cortese has a program that pairs people with at-risk youth and thought that it would help FLY's program.

Commissioner Macavinta asked if youth education outcomes are being tracked compared to other programs. Ms. Higgins said the first match will be complete at the end of September and then tracking will start in areas such as education attendance, substance use, self-esteem, developmental assests, adding that in terms of comparison they do have a more traditional mentoring program as part of FLY and there are possibilities of looking at the different outcomes.

REPORTS

Chair's Report: Acting Chair Hansen reported on the following:

- The Court User Report is complete, approved, delivered to the court, and is on the JJC website.
- The Ranch Inspection Report is complete and should be approved in Executive Session.
- Law Enforcement Agency Inspections will begin today.

- With the retirement of Commissioner Serrano as of this meeting, and Commissioner Blockie due to retire in October, two openings on the Commission will need to be filled. Please direct any interested parties to the JJC website for information on how to apply.

Juvenile Justice Court: Judge Tondreau reported on the following:

- Beyond the Bench conference will be on Friday, September 9, 2016.
- Beyond the Bench will be held January 27, 2017.
- Family Justice Center is now open. Judge Tondreau said he would be happy to give a tour to anyone who is interested.

Judge Lucero reported on the following:

- Implicit Bias training is September 14, 2016 to be held at the DA's Office from 12:00-2:00 with a professor from SJSU as the guest speaker.
- Court Systems meeting will be November 9, 2016.
- Domestic Violence across Life Span is October 21, 2016.
- Judge Lucero toured the Women's Resource Center for Women in San Francisco which is used as a general re-entry program.
- Santa Clara County was selected to hold the Women and Girls in the Criminal Justice System Conference in 2017.

Judge Johnson reported on the following:

- The Court User Committee is looking at the second stage of the report and will be meeting on September 20, 2016 during lunchtime.
- The second CBO training will be on October 26, 2016 from 1:00 to 4:00 pm at the Family Justice Center.

Dependency Court: No report.

Probation Department Juvenile Program: Kathy Martinez reported on the following:

- The population report for August 2016 was distributed. Population at Juvenile Hall is 68, with 61 males and 7 females. The Ranch population is at 23, with 18 males and 5 females.
- The annual report will be presented at the October 4, 2016 meeting.

Nick Brichard reported on the following:

- Numbers continue to be sub-seventy (70) in Juvenile Hall. The last page of the report was not complete but will be forwarded to the Commission.
- Because Hot August Nights event did not happen, there will be a Hot Summer Nights event to be held on Saturday September 10, 2016 from 5:00 to 9:00.
- The remodeled cafeteria is slated for an October 2016 opening.
- Probation, FLY and 49ers will be partnering again on September 26, 2016 from 2:00 to 5:30 with about 5 players visiting with youth and speaking about their own experiences, in addition to conducting football drills with the kids.

Mike Young reported on the following:

- The Enterprise Program at the Ranch, work projects the kids are paid for, has asked for an increase in the stipend for kids who successfully complete the program, increasing from \$50 to \$100 a month. The average length of stay for these youth is about 7 ½ months and they potentially could walk away with \$750.
- In the process of refurbishing and updating the library.
- A more robust graduate/education program has begun. Youth who have graduated from high school are not eligible to participate in the COE program as graduates, but the COE has provided the Ranch with a teaching assistant for youth for on-line college courses. For youth who are not interested in attending college but are looking to find a job, there will be an on-line vocational certification to complement the work they do at the Ranch. It is hoped some of the Enterprise funds may be used for graduates once they exit the Ranch Program to help youth with formal college enrollment, vocational enrollment, interview clothing or job clothing.
- Construction is underway to replace the roof on two of the classrooms.
- San Diego County Probation visited JPD, as it is looking to reformulate its institutional programs.

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

- Beyond the Bench this Friday will have Sixto Cancel speaking about his experience and journey in the foster care system and how to work with youth as a plenary to make a difference in the world. He also has an on-line application for youth and has chosen Santa Clara County as the pilot county. He will have a break-out session regarding his program.
- Continuum of Care Reform continues to be an issue. It is partnering with Behavioral Health and Probation and meeting on a weekly basis to make sure things are moving along while waiting for the State to make decisions.
- California Self-Assessment, which is part of SIP Cycle, is still in process. Focus groups have been lined up.
- While repairing a leak in a pipe at the RAIC, a larger pipe was damaged, flooding the entire facility. Only two (2) youths were on site during evacuation of the building. Kids were relocated to an office space and then to a motel. A new temporary site, fully ADA compliant, was leased for 4 months with a 30-day extension. Commissioner Blake added that JJC as well as LACY visited the new temporary facility and the RAIC and were pleased with the facility. Commissioner Manchester complimented the staff and how they handled everything. Ms. Hubbs invited Commissioner to tour the new facility.

Behavioral Health - Mental Health Services: No report.

Behavioral Health - Alcohol and Drug Services: Sally Lawrence reported on the following:

- A handout of updated sites for the Youth System of Care was distributed.
- As of September 1, 2016, psychiatric service treatment component is being offered to youth.

Law Enforcement: None

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

- A booking fitness protocol has been established on how to handle and book minors found unfit for Juvenile Court and have to go to Adult Court, thanks to the help of Judge Lucero, Sheriff's Office, Probation, DA's Office and the Public Defender Office. When a youth has to go to Adult Court they can be either in-custody or out-of-custody. A judge can also let the minor stay in Juvenile Hall until they are 19 years old. If a minor, between the ages of 18-19, is found unfit and the court says the youth can stay in Juvenile Hall, the Sheriff's Office is allowed to bring the minor to the Police Receiving Center in Juvenile Hall rather than shackle them, walk them to the jail to book them and walk them back to Juvenile Hall.
- There was one Direct File in August for a carjacking with a gun, involving a minor who was 17 and 11 months and who did shoot someone.
- A gun buy-back event will be December 3, 2016, held at the new San Jose Police Department Substation.
- 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 Meridian/San Carlos site.

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

- Benjamin Stewart has replaced Nedda Alae and Jennifer Redding has replaced Melissa Wardlaw.
- There are just 66 kids at Juvenile Hall, thanks to the efforts of Probation. Of these, 21 are Direct Files.

Independent Defender's Office: No report.

Alternate Defender Office: Kevin Rudich reported on the following

- Correction to minutes of August 2, 2016, page 5 under Alternate Defender's Office, second bullet point states that 2 doctors retired. This should be corrected to one doctor. Dr. Klein retired and Dr. Arash became Medical Director of the Pediatric Unit at Oakland Children's Hospital.
- Thank you to Pam Serrano for her tireless efforts on the JJC in making attorney's job in the court room much easier. She has played an intrigal part in expanding the oversight of the commission and in making lives easier for the kids in the system.

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

- JJC will be honored, along with Mary Ridder at the LACY Honors event on November 4, 2016.
- Adobe will host the Hackfostercare on October 26/27, 2016 with 8-9 projects identified to benefit foster youth and probation youth, specifically looking at improving the Resource Family Approval Process, to ensure it can still increase the number of homes available, meet new high standards and to ensure it is family and child centered.

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

- New Medical Director at the Juvenile Hall is Dr. Shelley Aggarwal whose expertise is in eating disorders.
- Sixty-one (61) days before Healthlink goes live (Nov 7th).

- A demonstration for Probation on the distribution of medication will be held September 21, 2016.
- To protect permanent medical records for youth, the clinic at Juvenile Hall will be referred to as the "Guadalupe Clinic" and the James Ranch will be "Morgan Hill Clinic."
- SJSU nursing student will begin the second week of September.

Commissioner Rhoads asked if they are ensuring that every youth who leaves is active in Medical. Chia-Chen Lee said they are working as a team and there are two eligibility workers within Juvenile Hall go through each record and try to review every child's record.

Alternative Schools Department, COE: None

Victim Witness Assistance Center: Elisa Kuhl reported on the following:

- Closing in on the first year as a program of the DA's Office.

YWCA Support Services: None.

Announcements/Correspondence:

Judge Lucero introduced Carissa Keller as the new Court Analyst in the Juvenile Justice Division.

Jennifer Hubbs reminded the Commission that in October the department's response to the JJC Report on the RAIC will be ready.

Old Business: None.

New Business: None.

Adjourn to Executive Session: Acting Chair Hansen adjourned the meeting to Executive Session at 1:28 p.m.

Next Meeting: October 4, 2016, DA Crime Lab Conference Room, 250 W Hedding St., San Jose, CA.

Respectfully submitted,

Barbara Crump