

**COUNTY OF SANTA CLARA
JUVENILE JUSTICE COMMISSION
Meeting Minutes – December 6, 2022
Via Zoom**

Commissioners Present: Victoria BurtonBurke, Chair
Stephen Betts, Vice Chair
Dev Ghoshal, Secretary
Diana Traub
Jean Pennypacker
Lissa Thiele
Nora Manchester
Penny Blake
Darius Parakh
Heather Angove
Vaishali “Shali” Sirkay
Marcie Bellicitti

Commissioners Absent: Lionel “Lon” Allan
Neha Parthasarathi
Lester Ezrati

Also Present: Honorable Franklin Bondonno, Superior Court
Honorable L. Michael Clark, Superior Court
Honorable Maureen Folan, Superior Court
Honorable Shawna Schwarz, Superior Court
Honorable Rafael Sivilla-Jones, Superior Court
Kara Garasky, Superior Court
Morena Cruz, Probation Department
Elisa Carias, Probation Department
Ashanti Hayes, Probation Department
Tyler Maslanka, Probation Department
Nick Birchard, Probation Department
Liwei Wei, Probation Department
Alex Villa, Probation Department
Dolores Morales, Probation Department
Kermit Wong, Probation Department
Glen Casados, IDO
Lana Kreidie, IDO
David Epps, ADO
Nisreen Baroudi, PDO
Damon Silver, PDO
Barbara Wolfe, PDO
Paul Jhin, DAO
Ravi Rajendra, County Counsel
Jessica Bonduris, SCCOE
Dane Caldwell-Holden, SCCOE
Marie Mauboussin, DFCS

Delayna Rosas, FLY
Ruth Maurice, OMOS
Miguel Garcia, OYCR
Arcel Blume, OCFP
Lanphuong Le, Valley Medical Center
Dr. Shelley Aggarwal, Juvenile Facilities Medical Clinics
Matt Cammann, Seneca Family of Agencies
Andrew Cain, Law Foundation of Silicon Valley
Debbie Pell, BWC
Dana Bunnett, Kids in Common
Lydia Harris, Citizen
Patrick Tondreau, Citizen
James Manning
Melissa Garcia

Call to Order & Introductions: Chair BurtonBurke called the meeting to order at 12:17pm.

Agenda Approval: The agenda was approved by all Commissioners present.

Swearing In: None.

Public Comments/Oral Petitions: None.

Approval of Minutes: November 1, 2022 Minutes approved by all Commissioners present.

REPORTS

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

- New JJC members were given tours of Juvenile Hall and the Ranch.
- The Commission met with other JJC's to discuss Secure Track and the Continuum of Care reform.
- JJC agrees keeping youth in Juvenile Hall for long periods of time is not ideal-- looking at Secure Track step down.
- Inspection of Juvenile Hall has begun.
- Law Enforcement agency inspection report is almost finished.
- JJC member gave Ted Talk recently that focused on the need for mainstream classroom teachers to play a role in successful reentry of justice involved youth.

Vice Chair Stephen Betts reported on the following:

- Ranch inspection report:
 - JJC impressed by the relationship between staff and youth.
 - Applaud relationship with other community partners.
 - The program has all the elements to be successful.
 - Challenge identified by JCC: missing data to show the success of the program.
 - JJC wants the program to focus on data collection in the future to show long-term effectiveness of the program.

Presiding Judge: Honorable L. Michael Clark reported on the following:

- Face coverings still required at Juvenile Justice Courthouse.
- Juvenile Justice case load numbers continue to increase since Covid.
- Shortage of courtroom reporters, but increase in clerks and bailiffs.
- Juvenile Justice adding 4 calendar sessions per week starting Jan 7, 2023.
- Judge Bondonno/Judge Franco rotation delayed by 2 weeks (Jan 30th).
Farewell potluck for Judge Bondonno Monday, Jan 9 in Dept 81.

Dependency Court: Honorable Shawna Schwarz reported on the following:

- Masks are not required in Dependency Court.
- Currently doing a coat giveaway, and will soon have a toy giveaway.

Alternate Defender's Office: David Epps reported on the following:

- Staffing changes effective Jan 2023: Tony Flemmer moving to Juvenile court.
 - Lori Stuart transitioning out of Juvenile court.

Independent Defense Office: Lana Kreidie reported on the following:

- Two panel attorneys available to work on DJJ return youth cases.
- Working with PDO and ADO respecting new transfer law.
- Anticipate some people will be coming back to Juvenile court from Adult court for transfer hearings.
- Will be attending CPDA training in Jan.

Legal Advocates for Children & Youth (LACY): Andrew Cain reported on the following:

- Two new attorneys started in Education Rights practice (Lo Negron & Kianna Evans).
- Moira Cullen, previously retired, agreed to return part-time to assist with surges in expulsions.
- LACY honors event: Nisreen Baroudi was honored at the event.

Dependency Advocacy Center (DAC): No one present to report.

The Office of Mediation and Ombuds Services: Ruth Maurice had nothing new to report.

Alternative Schools Department: Jessica Bonduris reported on the following:

- Recently signed CPAP agreement with SJCC and Evergreen Community College to assist dually-enrolled students.
- PAC (Parent Advisory Council) has lots of engagement from different areas this year.

Dane Caldwell-Holden reported on the following:

- Osborne seeing an increase in ELA scores and plateau in Math scores.
- Blue Ridge seeing an increase in Math scores and plateau in ELA scores.

- Purchased new tool on iPad (Lexia) for students to use for English or Math assistance.
- Blue Ridge held in-person student conferences
- Alternative Ed department has 2 trees at Christmas in the Park.

Department of Children and Family Service (DFCS): Mariel Mauboussin reported on the following:

- January is human trafficking month.
 - On Jan 24, from 1-4pm, will be showing Boys documentary and having a speaker (Russell J Wilson).
- New CSEC training on Dec 13, from 1-5pm.

Probation Department: Nick Birchard reported on the following:

- Thank you to Nisreen and other volunteers who help bring joy to youth during the holidays!
- Hoping to open step-down at the Ranch in January.
- Victoria asked: Now that there are more youth coming in to Secure Track, is the plan to open a third unit, or bring them in in cohorts?
 - Nick responded: We don't want to open a third unit due to staffing challenges.
- Uptake in Covid/Flu in the community-- asking staff to be diligent in wearing masks when entering Juvenile Justice institutions.

Alex Villa reported on the following for services:

- JPD is engaged in the budget process.
- Many new staff (DPOs) starting soon.
- Supervising PO staffing changes in the beginning of 2023.
- Narcan vending machine coming to the lobby of the Juvenile Justice Center Courthouse.
- Sat 12/10, from 9am-2pm, no questions asked gun buyback program at the Morgan Hill Sports Center.

Ashanti Hayes reported on the following for institutions:

- Two pods were exposed to Covid and returned to Juvenile Hall.
- Discussing Bill of Rights for Youth in preparation of new legislation starting Jan 1.
- Effective Dec 12, thirteen new staff starting.
- Preparing for Christmas decorating contest.
- Judge Bondonno asked: In the past, all staff had to be Covid tested before entering the building. Has that changed?
 - Ashanti responded: No, staff are still being tested.
- Judge Folan asked: Will there be a wish list from the youth in Juvenile Hall for presents?
 - Ashanti: Yes, it has been sent out.

Dolores Morales reported on the following for Secure Track:

- Created an Amazon wish list for youth in Juvenile Hall, so they know when a gift is purchased.
 - Goal is at least one gift per unit.
- Will be getting gift bags of edible goodies for youth.
- Currently have 19 youth in program (2 young ladies).
- Opened second unit.
- Scheduling CPR/First Aid Training soon.
- Hosting OYCR this afternoon for tour.

- Chair BurtonBurke asked: What is CBI training?
 - Dolores responded: Cognitive Behavioral Intervention training that occurs with UCCI group.

Behavioral Health: Veronica Robles reported on the following via written report:

- At Juvenile Hall, the Psychosocial OT's have started a Creative Expressions Group for the Secure Youth Treatment Program.
- Two new staff joining the team this month (Rehabilitation Counselor and a Clinician).
- The Substance Youth Prevention team is working on building a foundation, changing the punitive culture on campuses, and developing a restorative practices (RP) initiative as part of the Alternatives to Suspension work.
 - Training scheduled for January 18 & 19th and 11 school districts will participate.
- Winter Celebration at the Downtown Youth Wellness Center on Dec 16, from 4-6pm.
 - Karaoke, DIY hot chocolate, holiday sweater contest, Loteria, movies.
- New Year's Eve celebration at the Downtown Youth Wellness Center on Dec 31, from 1-4pm.
 - Resolution jars, karaoke, pizza, sparkling cider.
- New Year's Eve event at the Allcove center in Palo Alto on Dec 30.

Medical Services: Dr. Shelley Aggarwal reported on the following:

- Working in collaboration with the director of Addiction Medicine and Therapy Services to bring in a Narcan vending machine to the Juvenile facilities Court lobby.
 - Hope to go live in the next 1-2 weeks.
- Hired a Medical Social Worker for the Juvenile Medical Clinic.
- Peer Health Education Intervention program module completed at the Ranch.

Lanphuong Le reported on the following:

- One case of Covid in Juvenile Hall-- 3 units with Covid exposure.
- Updated new system for medical providers to communicate between the Ranch and Juvenile Hall.
- Onboarding two new staff members.

Law Enforcement Agencies: No one present to report.

District Attorney's Office: Paul Jhin reported on the following:

- DAO will have some staffing changes in the Juvenile Justice office with the new year.

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

- Staffing changes:
 - Effective Dec 19: Emanuella Omori moving to ADO.
 - Effective Jan 3: Lupita Lopez joining juvenile PDO team.
- Entire team is attending a conference in Monterey on Jan 20 & 21.
- Participating in juvenile pizza delivery on Christmas Eve.
- Worked with Probation on new law effective Jan 1—RE: Probation must notify PDO within 2 hours of any youth coming into custody.
- New law: AB740 requires school districts to notify defense counsel of any disciplinary proceedings (suspension, expulsion, transfer) for any youth with an open petition.

- PDO concerned about few girls in Juvenile Hall-- advocating that they be moved to the Ranch.
- Working on transitioning DJJ youth.
- Commissioner Pennypacker asked: You mentioned you will be working with DAO on new laws? When is that?
 - Nisreen responded: Jan 11, from 12-2pm, open to all.

Announcements/Correspondence:

Danna Bunnett (Kids in Common) announced:

- At the Dec 13 Board of Supervisors meeting, Supervisor Ellenberg put forward transmittal asking for information about education system for youth in the justice system.
- There will be a report for that meeting, as well as a proclamation and resolution.
- Two youth from the Youth Advisory Council will be present to accept the proclamation.

Debbie Pell (Bill Wilson Center) announced:

- New replacement for Sparky Harlan (CEO) will be Josh Ceelo.
 - Josh will start at the end of Feb—Sparky's last day is March 10.

Adjourn to Executive Session: Chair BurtonBurke adjourned to Executive Session at 1:06p.m. The next meeting will take place on January 3, 2022 via Zoom.

Respectfully submitted,

Kara Garasky