

**COUNTY OF SANTA CLARA
JUVENILE JUSTICE COMMISSION
Meeting Minutes – February 7, 2023
Via Zoom**

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

Commissioners Absent:

Also Present: Honorable Franklin Bondonno, Superior Court
Honorable L. Michael Clark, Superior Court
Honorable Maureen Folan, Superior Court
Honorable Jose Franco, Superior Court
Kara Garasky, Superior Court
Mayra Vargas, BHSD
Vanessa Cornejo, BHSD
Grace Gonzalez, BHSD
Veronica Robles, BHSD
Rachel Talamantez, BHSD
Ashanti Hayes, Probation Department
Tyler Maslanka, Probation Department
Nick Birchard, Probation Department
Liwei Wei, Probation Department
Alex Villa, Probation Department
Marc Utsey, Probation Department
Laura Garnette, Probation Department (retired)
Victoria Contreras-Wolfe, Probation Department
Melissa Garcia, Probation Department
Kristin Keller, Probation Department
Elisa Carias, Probation Department
Gladys Tran, Probation Department
Elsa Jennings, Probation Department
Trina Gauthier, Probation Department
David Epps, ADO

Lana Kreidie, IDO
Glen Casados, IDO
Nisreen Baroudi, PDO
Stacey Capps, DAO
Paul Jhin, DAO
Dane Caldwell-Holden, SCCOE
Eugene Santillan, SCCOE
Mark Camilleri, SCCOE
Wendy Kinnear-Rausch, DFCS
Damion Wright, DFCS
Rocio Abundis, DFCS
Sgt Jason Balbiani, SJP
Preeti Mishra, DAC
Delayna Rosas, FLY
Vianni Garcia, FLY
Ruth Maurice, OMOS
Ines Zapiola, OMOS
Dr. Shelley Aggarwal, Juvenile Facilities Medical Clinics
Lanphuong Le, Medical Services
Andrew Cain, Law Foundation of Silicon Valley
Javier Ortega, Supervisor Otto Lee's Office D3
Dana Bunnnett, Kids in Common
Atishay Lalgudi, FYHS
Patrick Tondreau, Citizen
Ray Blockie, Citizen
Sergio Gonzalez
Paul Bocanegra
Diana Urias

Call to Order & Introductions: Chair BurtonBurke called the meeting to order at 12:16pm

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

Swearing In: Judge L. Michael Clark administered the oath of office to Commissioner Darius Parakh and Commissioner Lissa Thiele as Juvenile Justice Commissioners in the County of Santa Clara, for a term ending in 2027.

Public Comments/Oral Petitions: None.

Approval of Minutes: January 3, 2023 Minutes approved by all Commissioners present.

*The Juvenile Justice Commission presented a Certificate of Appreciation to Laura Garnette.

REPORTS

Presentation by Wendy Kinnear-Rausch and Rocio Abundis: DFCS PLANS ON IMPLEMENTATION OF FAMILY FIRST PREVENTION SERVICES ACT (FFPSA)

- FFPSA was created federally to mandate the shift that CWS moves away from child removals, and towards services that support family preservation.
- FFPSA Part 1: Community/Prevention

- The objective of FFPSA is to enhance support services to families to help children and youth remain at home.
 - Title IV-E reimbursement for evidence-based, trauma-informed prevention services.
- FFPSA Part 2: Limiting Congregate Care
 - Support for relative caregivers.
 - Limits on congregate care placements.
 - Improvements to services for older and transitional-aged youth.
- There will be shifts in funding at the state and federal level to expand preservation services.
- Mission: To prevent child abuse or neglect, juvenile justice involvement, and promote healthy growth and strengthen families.
- Values: community-driven, racially equitable, collaborative leadership, culturally rooted, trauma-informed & healing centered, family engagement & partnership.
- Vision: All children are safe, healthy, and nurtured, and thrive in education, career, and life.
- SCC Comprehensive Prevention Plan (CPP): 3 year plan that identifies targeted population and recommendations (submit draft by July 2023, implementation hopefully 2024).
- Children's Integrated Systems of Care (AB2083): Requires that each county develop & implement an MOU setting forth the roles and responsibilities of agencies for system partners.
- What do we hope to accomplish?
 - Expand availability of most needed services.
 - Develop a pathway for families to access more services in the community without direct system involvement.
 - Develop new opportunities for systems to de-silo services and collaborate in family-centered ways.
 - Improve experience of families that engage in safety net and support services.
- Three different tiers:
 - Primary: Activities directed at the general population to strengthen communities and improve child well-being by focusing on the social determinants of health.
 - Secondary: Activities offered to populations that have one or more risk factors associated with compromised well-being or child maltreatment. Programs seek to build protective factors and mitigate risk factors.
 - Tertiary: Activities focused on families where child maltreatment has occurred, seeking to mitigate trauma, reduce negative consequences, and prevent recurrence.
- Options of Pathways:
 - Title IV-E Pathway
 - Traditional voluntary and court ordered FM cases, post FR.
 - Referrals come from child abuse hotline.
 - Offers Title IV-E for services for children and family members.
 - Oversight and case management by CW Agency.
 - Services may include non-IV-E eligible services.
 - Community Pathway
 - Referrals can come from community, family, or hotline calls that don't meet criteria for investigation.
 - Services are voluntary and engagement strategies are used to develop rapport.
 - Reduction in stigma associated with CWS involvement & reduction in disproportionality of families of color in CWS.
- Priority population for SCC:
 - High risk families (pregnant/parenting foster youth, families struggling with domestic violence, families struggling with substance abuse, homeless families/youth).
- Federally funded prevention services: mental health, substance abuse, in-home parent skill-based services.

- What's next?
 - Jan-Feb: Hold community conversations to inform program design.
 - March: Synthesize learnings from conversations and update program-EBP selection plan as well as Community Pathway Design Plan.
 - April-May: Conduct Readiness Assessment.
 - June: Draft CPP and circulate for stakeholder review.
- Chair BurtonBurke asked: Are the assessments expected to be done by non-DFCS and assigned to CBOs?
 - Wendy responded: Community Pathway should be done by CBOs; should not be done by the Department.
- Judge Bondonno asked: Are there any plans to focus on children in schools before the third grade level?
 - Wendy responded: We have started discussions about partnerships with schools and this is being considered.
- Judge Folan asked: A lot of justice involved youth have issues with truancy & behavior at school. This can be flagged early on. Highly recommend school liaison.
 - Wendy responded: Connections have been made with Early Education as well as schooling services.
- Commissioner Ghoshal asked: As this plan is being created, is there also an element that will be able to track the impact?
 - Rocio responded: There is an evaluation committee that is beginning.
- Nisreen Baroudi asked: PDO would like a seat at the table for these discussions.
 - Rocio responded: Anyone who wishes to participate in these discussions are welcome to.
- Commissioner Pennypacker asked: How are you going to track families who have touched this program if you're not creating CWS records for them?
 - Wendy: There will be tracking for them (secondary and tertiary levels are already linked). The community pathway will be tracked, and DFCS will work with community organizations to track them.

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

- In January, the JJC returned to regular county meetings.
- Two workgroups returning: Race Equity Through Prevention, and Race Equity and Justice Meetings.
- The work on annual inspection of Juvenile Hall is continuing.
- JJC had several contracts over the months with OYCR.
- Commissioners attending training presented by the Court justice partners, as well as internal JJC trainings.

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

- Welcome Judge Jose Franco in Department 81 at Juvenile Courthouse.
- Face coverings still required in Juvenile Courthouse.
- Continue to use hybrid approach for court hearings.
- JPD caseload numbers continue to rise.
- Experiencing a shortage of competency evaluators.
- Effective Jan 1, EMP is required to be reassessed every 30 days.
- DJJ transfer process beginning next month.

Dependency Court: No one present to report.

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

- Tony Flemmer now assigned to Juvenile Justice.

Independent Defense Office: Lana Kreidie has nothing new to report.

Legal Advocates for Children & Youth (LACY): Andrew Cain has nothing new to report.

Dependency Advocacy Center (DAC): Preeti Mishra reported on the following:

- Added a new lawyer to First Call for Families prevention program.

The Office of Mediation and Ombuds Services: Nothing to report.

Alternative Schools Department: Dane Caldwell-Holden reported on the following:

- Board approved spending plan for new Arts & Music Instructional grant.

Mark Camilleri reported on the following:

- Completed Ren STAR testing for both sites.
- Looking at data and collaborating with educational staff.
- Shout out to Blue Ridge staff for being a Hoffman award finalist.

Eugene Santillan reported on the following:

- Shared success story of a Secure Track youth who drastically improved her reading level.
- Identified the need for additional interventions in Math and English.
 - Piloted Lexia at community schools and gearing up to implement at other schools.
 - Lexia identifies individual learning needs and produces customized lessons for students.

Department of Children and Family Service (DFCS): Damion Wright reported on the following:

- Community report coming up (will go through data from 2022).
- System Improvement Plan due in May.
- Community Outreach meeting coming up (no date yet).
Working with the state to build out Crisis Continuum.

Probation Department: Nick Birchard reported on the following:

- Several staffing changes coming up.

Ashanti Hayes reported on the following for institutions:

- 11 staff members attending Juvenile Correctional Officer CORE.
- JJC Inspection last week.
- Offering horticulture for SYTF female population.
- Shout out to Juvenile Hall staff for providing excellent service to youth.

Marc Utsey reported on the following for the Ranch:

- The Ranch is still doing culturally relevant programming (celebrated Lunar New Year last month).
- Another UCCI CI curriculum training this week.

- Grand Jury tour in March.
- BSCC pre-inspection in April.

Victoria Contreras-Wolfe reported on the following for services:

- Many staffing changes coming up.
- Reentry services unit participated in conferences to discuss DJJ transfers.
- Presented to SJPD academy on juvenile booking procedures.
- Screening unit training all JPD Officers to provide backup coverage for screening desk.
- Safety bags for use in the field were distributed to DPOs last week

Behavioral Health: Mayra Vargas reported on the following for custody treatment services:

- 4 clinicians certified in NMT (Neuro Sequential Model of Therapeutics)
- New training cohort beginning in March.

Grace Gonzalez reported on the following for the Secure Youth Treatment Facility:

- BH counselors have begun facilitating victim awareness groups with Secure Track youth.
- BH team has created a group in one of the units to focus on a different topic each week for 5 weeks.

Vanessa Cornejo reported on the following:

- The Camp and Advent reopened in early Jan and are both officially SUTS residential contractors.
- Restorative Practices Initiative: Completed 2 day training in Jan.

Medical Services: Lanphuong Le has nothing new to report.

Law Enforcement Agencies: No one present to report.

District Attorney's Office: Stacey Capps reported on the following:

- 4 new attorneys on the Juvenile Justice team.
- Appearing on DJJ youth conferences.

Public Defender's Office: Nisreen Baroudi had nothing new to report.

Announcements/Correspondence:

Adjourn to Executive Session: Chair BurtonBurke adjourned to Executive Session at 1:31p.m. The next meeting will take place on March 7, 2022 via Zoom.

Respectfully submitted,

Kara Garasky