

**COUNTY OF SANTA CLARA
JUVENILE JUSTICE COMMISSION
Approved Meeting Minutes-July 1, 2014
Crime Lab, 1st Floor
250 W. Hedding St.
San Jose, CA 95110**

Commissioners Present: Penny Blake, Chair
Raul Colunga, Vice Chair
Raymond Blockie
Dana Bunnett
Victoria BurtonBurke
Bonnie Charvez
Kimberly Dong
Ronald Hansen
Tracy Lauth
Jean Pennypacker
Anita Sunseri
Pamela Serrano
Vincent Tarpey

Commissioners Absent: Stephen Betts & Nora Manchester

Also Present: Honorable Patrick Tondreau, Superior Court, Dept. 77
Honorable Mike Clark, Superior Court, Dept. 67
Honorable Margaret Johnson, Superior Court, Dept.79a
Kevin Rudich, Alternate Defender's Office
Robert DeJesus, Deputy Chief Probation Officer, Probation Dept.
Rita Loncarich, Probation Department
Christy Smith, Probation Department
Daniel Cortez, Probation Department
Terrance Ugalde, Probation Department
Anne Elwart, Probation Department
Elsa Jennings, Probation Department
Minveh Joseph, Probation Department
Jose Franco, Public Defender's Office
Sue Nelson, Department of Alcohol & Drug Services (DADS)
Dan Lloyd, Department of Alcohol & Drug Services (DADS)
Stacy Smith, Department of Alcohol & Drug Services (DADS)
Jennifer Kelleher, LACY
Susan Amadia, Independent Defender's Office
Susan Swain, County Counsel
Yvette Irving, Santa Clara County Office of Education (SCCOE)
Chia-Chen Lee, VMC
Jaime Lopez, Department of Family & Children's Services (DFCS)/Receiving Center
Jennifer Hubbs, Department of Family & Children's Services (DFCS)/Receiving Center

Guests Present: Alice Smith, ACLU
Hananeel Jeremiah Tanojo, Youth Observer
Michael Cruz
Maria Marinovich, Intern for Judge Johnson

Call to Order & Introductions: Chair Blake called the meeting to order at 12:20 p.m. All who were in attendance stated their names and organization.

Agenda Approval:

Moved by Commissioner Colunga and seconded by Commissioner Charvez, the agenda was approved unanimously.

Public Comments/Oral Petitions: None

Recognition of Kevin Rudich

Commissioner Serrano thanked and acknowledged Mr. Rudich for his 24 years of service to the Public Defender's Office and for his dedication to the youth of our county. Mr. Rudich started various programs benefitting the youth and their families including pizza delivery to youth that are in custody. Mr. Rudich also participated in the writing of the CETA protocols, JTC protocols and the Competence protocols as well as the Victim/Offender mediation program and the formulation of the Probation policy on LGBT. Judge Tondreau acknowledge Mr. Rudich as an advocate for our youth and for his help with the Dually Involved Youth Project and the Equity Project and for all his accomplishments. Chair Blake presented Mr. Rudich with a certificate of Appreciation.

Approval of Minutes: The following change was made to the June 3, 2014 meeting draft minutes:

1. On page 8 under Alternative Schools Department, COE, last paragraph, first line states "*...Juvenile Hall youth are working*" should read "Juvenile Hall is working."

Moved by Commissioner Tarpey and seconded by Commissioner Bunnett to approve the minutes as amended which passed unanimously.

REPORTS

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

- The Law Enforcement Evaluation Report and RAIC Report have been published and are available on the website.
- Work has resumed on the Court Users project.
- JJC will develop their goals and objectives for next year at its next meeting.
- JJC is in the process of the Ranch Inspection and will begin with the Group Home inspection shortly after.
- Hoping to fill the opening for a youth commissioner by next meeting.

Juvenile Justice Court: Judge Tondreau reported on the following:

- Judge Tondreau welcomed & congratulated Ms. BurtonBurke and Mr. Hansen for their appointments to JJC.
- Judge Tondreau informed Commissioner Dong that she has been re-appointed to JJC and will swear her in at the next meeting.
- Santa Clara County Superior Court is 7,000,000.00 in the hole because the Governor did not give them everything they need just to stay where we are and on-going contracts. It was anticipated that services would have to be cut as the court has 27% vacancy rate and is quickly getting to 30%, meaning a third of employees are gone. One area identified as a program that they thought they would have to eliminate was the Juvenile Traffic Court, but after a series of meetings discussing a wind down the program, County Executive Jeff Smith agreed to go to the BOS on August 8, 2014 and recommend they provide funding because of the desire of the Board to support diversion programs, it is hopeful the program will continue.

- The 2013 Annual Report for the Juvenile Justice System has been remodeled and will be distributed soon. The report is a description of what happens in the system supported by data. Judge Tondreau encouraged all commissioners to read the report.
- Next training will be August 6, 2014 at 3:30 p.m. at the Probation Department with LACY providing training on education issues as it applies to our probation youth; AB167, partial credits, suspensions and expulsions.
- Foster Vision Data Base now has an MOU signed with 5 school districts merging their data with the county's data; school districts include Franklin McKinley, Eastside Union, Santa Clara, Morgan Hill and Campbell. County will provide the data base.

Judge Johnson reported on the following:

Judge Johnson introduced Intern Maria Marinovich, who shared her thoughts on court users and people's perception of the courts and noted the following:

- There is collaboration which has not been seen in adult court.
- This system is set up to rehabilitate.
- The Public Defender & District Attorney work well together.
- Youth are sent to programs that suit them, and the system seems to be working.
- People involved care about the youth.
- Sometimes those that come to court do not have the level of education to understand court proceedings. Judges take the time to make sure they understand.
- Children seem to be seeking structure and the court is trying hard to provide that structure such as FLY. Children that come through the FLY program seem to have a higher success rate.
- With regard to children that run from the Ranch or other facilities, it would be a good idea to ask why they run. Knowing why could possibly help save resources.

Dependency Court: Judge Clark had nothing to report.

Probation Department Juvenile Program: Ms. Rita Loncarich reported on the following:

- The population report was distributed and Ms. Loncarich noted the population at Juvenile Hall is 119 with 107 boys and 12 girls. The Ranch population is at 46 with 45 males and 1 female.
- Population trend on last page of report shows an average of 128 for June for 2014, 152 for 2013 and 165 for 2012.
- Month of June held its largest Community Based Organization Resource Fair which was a huge success.
- Juvenile Hall met with COE and Dr. Haick discussing the educational services to those youth who get in trouble while in Juvenile Hall.

Mr. Robert DeJesus reported on the following:

- Laura Garnette is doing fine after her surgery.
- Mr. DeJesus acknowledged & thanked Mr. Kevin Rudich for his work in the system adding that Mr. Rudich is one of the best child advocates as he cares about the kids and his clients.

Mental Health: None

Department of Children & Family Service/Children's Receiving Center: Ms. Jennifer Hubbs reported on the following:

- Population is at one (1).
- The Stake Holders RAIC process continues with the next meeting set for July 23, 2014 from 2:00-4:00 p.m. in the auditorium at DFCS.
- The re-design process continues with the core advisory team and they would like to include youth and foster parents and will reach out to relative care providers for their input.
- Looking at recommendations offered in the JJC & Grand Jury reports.

Department of Alcohol & Drug Services (DADS): Mr. Sue Nelson reported on the following:

- A vigorous outreach to the Vietnamese community continues with parent workshops being done on two (2) Vietnamese radio stations.
- Received an award from Agent Alliance Woman's Organization for the Vietnamese outreach program.
- Work continues with the marijuana issues.

Mr. Dan Lloyd reported on the following:

- Staff is still being provided at the summer school sites.
- Working with the Department of Social Services networking around providing outreach to families with a new parent support group for Spanish speaking families.
- Juvenile Hall and Mental Health met and talked about sharing clinical records.
- During the month of July the department is focusing on a new model, led by County Executive Jeff Smith, called Seven Samurai and will be doing some outreach meetings with all sites, focusing on customer service and productivity relative to service providers.

Law Enforcement Agencies: None

District Attorney's Office, Juvenile Justice: None

Independent Defender's Office: No report.

Alternate Defender Office: No report.

Public Defender's Office: Mr. Jose Franco reported on the following:

- Nick Collins will be leaving on July 11, 2014 and will be replaced by Jung Le who comes with a lot of juvenile experience.
- Party in the Park will be hosted in Gilroy on July 11, 2014 at 5:00 p.m. as a result of the work done South County Youth Task Force.

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

- Probation has increased LACY's contract for the upcoming year, which will open up eligibility to assist youth more directly with advocacy for delinquent youth.

- LACY received Measure A funding, which will provide an attorney and social worker who will be providing legal representation for youth who have been sexually exploited.

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

- The annual report for 2013 is complete and has been out.
- Dental floss pilot program began in Juvenile Hall with G-1 and B-3 units and was successful so now it will be offered to rest of youth.

Alternative Schools Department, COE: Yvette Irving reported on the following:

- In an effort to better serve the opportunity youth initiative that is county wide, the Department of Alternative Education is opening two (2) drop-out re-engagement centers and will open in South County and central San Jose which is targeted to support students who did not complete their high school diploma between the ages of 16 and 24.
- Jon R. Gundry is the new superintendent previously from the Pasadena Unified School District. He will begin in mid-August.

Victim Witness Assistance Center: No report.

YWCA Rape Crisis Center: None

Announcements/Correspondence: None

Old Business: None.

New Business: None.

Adjourn to Executive Session: Chair Blake adjourned the meeting to Executive Session at 1:06 p.m.

Next Meeting: August 5, 2014 at 12:15 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Barbara Crump