

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

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

Commissioners Absent: Darius Parakh

Also Present: Honorable Franklin Bondonno, Superior Court
Honorable L. Michael Clark, Superior Court
Honorable Maureen Folan, Superior Court
Honorable Rafael Sivilla-Jones, Superior Court
Honorable Shawna Schwarz, Superior Court
Kara Garasky, Superior Court
Vanessa Cornejo, BHSD
Veronica Robles, BHSD
Ashanti Hayes, Probation Department
Tyler Maslanka, Probation Department
Liwei Wei, Probation Department
Alex Villa, Probation Department
Marc Utsey, Probation Department
Victoria Contreras-Wolfe, Probation Department
Melissa Garcia, Probation Department
Gladys Tran, Probation Department
Elsa Jennings, Probation Department
Trina Gauthier, Probation Department
Kimberly D-zatko, Probation Department
Mariel Caballero, Probation Department
Vone Kegarice, Probation Department
Ignacio Carriles, Probation Department
David Epps, ADO
Lana Kreidie, IDO
Nisreen Baroudi, PDO

Agustin Arias, PDO
Jake Rhodes, PDO
Damon Silver, PDO
Barbara Wolfe, PDO
Stacey Capps, DAO
Paul Jhin, DAO
Dane Caldwell-Holden, SCCOE
Dr. Mary Ann Dewan, SCCOE
Dr. Jessica Bonduris, SCCOE
Eugene Santillan, SCCOE
Damion Wright, DFCS
Matt Cammann, Seneca Family of Agencies
Preeti Mishra, DAC
Delayna Rosas, FLY
Ruth Maurice, OMOS
Angel Garcia, OYCR
Lanphuong Le, Medical Services
Andrew Cain, Law Foundation of Silicon Valley
Javier Ortega, Supervisor Otto Lee's Office D3
Dana Bunnett, Kids in Common
Sergio Gonzalez
James Manning
Jessica Hall

Call to Order & Introductions: Chair BurtonBurke called the meeting to order at 12:15pm.

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

Swearing In: None.

Public Comments/Oral Petitions: None.

Approval of Minutes: February 7, 2023 Minutes approved by all Commissioners present.

- One correction: Lana Kreidie (IDO) was present.

REPORTS

Presentation by Paul Jhin: JUVENILE STATISTICS

- Only dealing with cases brought to the Office of the District Attorney in the last year, and all cases must go through Juvenile Probation first.
 - Looked at more prevalent crimes (707b offenses, weapon charges).
 - Looked at zip code where offending minor lives.
 - Looked at median income for those zip codes.
- Number of minors charged in 2022:
 - Robbery – 2nd Degree: 76
 - Question: Would it be fair to say that for a charge such as that, if you had the evidence to prove it, you would file it?
 - Paul responded: We take everything into account. Whether or not it's a provable case is a major factor in whether the minor is charged.

- Carjacking: 19
- Assault with a deadly weapon: 37
- Shooting: 11
- Number of times the charge was filed (any count on the petition) in 2022:
 - Robbery- 2nd Degree: 113
 - Carjacking: 19
 - Assault with a deadly weapon: 39
 - Shooting: 20
 - Attempted Murder: 6
 - Murder: 3
 - Judge Folan asked: The date you're going off of is the date the petition was filed, not when the incident occurred?
 - Paul: Correct.
- Weapon Offenses - Number of minors charged in 2022:
 - Brandishing weapons: 2
 - Dagger: 10
 - Brass knuckles: 6
 - Carrying a loaded gun: 28
 - Minor in possession of handgun: 38
- Weapon Offenses – Number of times the charge was filed in 2022:
 - Brandishing weapon: 2
 - Dagger: 10
 - Brass knuckles: 6
 - Carrying loaded gun: 29
 - Minor in possession of handgun: 43
- Number of minors charged per zip code in 2022:
 - Robbery: 95127 (12), 95116 (12), 95123 (6), 95136 (6)
 - Carjacking: 95112 (4), 95111 (3), 94087 (2), 94607 & others (2)
 - Assault with deadly weapon: 95122 (7), 95116 (5), 95020 (4), 95111 (4)
 - Minor in possession of gun: 95020 (3), 95116 (3), 95118 (3), 95127 (3), 95110 & others (2)
- Median household income in primary offender zip codes:
 - 95116 - \$76,339
 - 95123 - \$147,432
 - 95127 - \$110,844
 - 95122 - \$90,984
 - 95112 - \$83,224
 - Question: Where is 95116 and 95123?
 - Paul: 95116 is just east of downtown San Jose; 95123 encompasses part of south San Jose.
- Trends/Observations:
 - Charged robberies and carjacking have decreased slightly.
 - Charged assaults are increasing.
 - Charged gun possessions increasing slightly.
 - Vast range in median incomes for primary offender zip codes.
- Nisreen asked: Can I have a copy of the prior powerpoints? I don't recall a breakdown of zip code or income in those.
 - Paul: I'll ask Marissa for her previous powerpoints.
- Shali asked: Where exactly are these offenses happening? School campus vs in community?

- Paul: I don't have those specific statistics. Majority of 707b offenses are occurring in public (best guess).
- Damon asked: Is this report at the request of the JJC or your own initiative?
 - Paul: The JJC reached out.
 - Damon: Can you include info on race/ethnicity of the people who were charged?
 - Paul: Absolutely. If we come back next year, we can add that to the presentation.

**JJC took a poll regarding returning to in person meetings.

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

- Swore in new youth commissioner, Rayan Sengupta.
- Work on Juvenile Hall inspection report continues.
- New committees formed (Outcomes committee) and is focusing on searching for meaningful outcome data.
- Equity, Education, and Justice facilitated a discussion at the SCC School Board's Association meeting on the issue of expulsion.
- JJC started meeting with new administration in JPD.
- Commissioners participated in the Racial Equity Through Prevention and Racial Equity and Justice system meetings.
- JJC attended Dependency and Justice System advisory committees.
- Continuum of Care committee has met with DFCS and are reviewing population issues and other inspection aspects.
 - Preparing a report for publication.
- Continue to track data from JPD regarding the in custody populations, and data from DFCS regarding youth entering the Welcome Center.
- Started preliminary work regarding the inspection of the Secure Track facility.
 - Reminder to call it: SYTF (Secure Youth Treatment Facility).
- JJC rejoined South County youth task force.
- JJC met with BH regarding Advent reopening as an STRTP.

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

- Juvenile Justice Courthouse still requires face coverings.
- Added a number of new competency evaluators.
- Monthly increase in JPD case numbers, however the past two months have been holding steady.
- Sponsored 2 big events:
 - Feb 23rd: Color of Justice Program to promote diversity in the legal profession and in the juvenile justice system, and to provide students with a better understanding of potential pathways and opportunities to work within the legal system.
 - March 3rd: Many judges visited Linda Vista Elementary School to read Dr. Seuss books to students.
- What is the most quoted Dr. Seuss book found in published appellate court cases involving juvenile law in California?
 - Horton Hatches an Egg.

Dependency Court: Honorable Shawna Schwarz reported on the following:

- Numbers are currently down.
- Continue to meet with the Department about their filing practices.

- Hosted Color of Justice folks in Dependency Court.

Honorable Rafael Sivilla-Jones reported on the following:

- Participated in the Read Across America event.
- Filings have been down recently.

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

- Staffing change: Tony Flemmer now promoted to Juvenile.

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

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

- New Community Education Advocate position.
- Jean asked: What are the issues this part of your practice will be focusing on in the community?
 - Andrew: Not sure yet. We want to hear from the community about what the needs are.
- Shali asked: In a few months, when you know what these issues are, can you come back and report on it?
 - Andrew: Yes.

Dependency Advocacy Center (DAC): Preeti Mishra had nothing new to report.

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

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

- South County community school was awarded Caring School Award.
- Program at Blue Ridge earned a Hoffman Award for innovation.
- South County community school principal, Mark Camilleri, earned the Alternative Education Principal of the Year Award.
- North County schools in Sunol read at a school for developmentally disabled adults as part of Read Across America.
- Principal Camilleri read Green Eggs and Ham to a special education classroom in South County.

Dr. Mary Ann Dewan reported on the following:

- Efforts to address the inequitable funding of court schools:
 - Assembly Bill 906 introduced to recognize the necessary nature of court schools, and to make some changes to the local control funding formula recognizing court schools as necessary small schools.
- Shali asked: Would letters of support be useful? How can we help advocate for this bill?
 - Dr. Dewan: That would be very helpful. It would also be helpful if any of you have conversations with members of the delegation
- Nisreen asked: Do you have a template of a letter of support we can use?
 - Dr. Dewan: Yes, we can send one out.

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

- Following up in regards to the data conversation:
 - Altering data to fit what JJC requested.
- Scattered sites are due to be licensed soon.

- In the process of completing County self-assessment.
- Citizen Improvement Plan going to the board before the end of Q3.

Probation Department: Vone Kegarice reported on the following:

- DJJ case conferences are going well.
- DJJ closing in June of this year, hope to have all youth transferred back by May.
- Recently obtained over 120 names for potential candidates for DPO recruitment.
- New Secure Track support unit.

Elsa Jennings reported on the following for the Ranch:

- Current population: 13 on campus, 5 in Juvenile Hall.
- 4 youth on waitlist.
- Resource center hosted a film on voter suppression for Black History Month.
 - Youth who were eligible were given the opportunity to register to vote after the film.
- 90% of staff have been trained in UCCI cognitive based intervention counseling sessions.

Marisel Caballero reported on the following:

- Kimberly D'zatko new Research and Evaluation Director.

Trina Gauthier reported on the following for Juvenile Hall:

- Welcomed 4 new Group Counselors.
- Secure Track youth young female population started college classes.
 - Youth male population started cosmetology class.

Alex Villa reported on the following:

- Starting tattoo removal program available to youth at the Ranch and Juvenile Hall.
- Continue diversity and inclusion work.
- Department is currently mourning the loss of an active staff member.

Behavioral Health: Veronica Robles reported on the following:

- A number of Juvenile Justice BH team members completed the Neurosequential Model of Therapeutics (NMT).
 - Starting 3rd cohort of certification program.
 - Program lasts about 10-12 months.
 - 6 clinicians completed certification so far.
 - 10 clinicians in training now.

Medical Services: Lanphuong Le reported on the following:

- 2 youth positive for Covid in Juvenile Hall.
- Continue to implement Covid control measures.

Law Enforcement Agencies: No one present to report.

District Attorney's Office: Paul Jhin had nothing new to report.

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

- PDO had meeting with DAO to discuss the Ranch as a less restrictive placement for Secure Track youth.
- DJJ case conferences going well.

- Staffing change: Jeff Mendoza replacing Taylor Davis in juvenile services.
- PDO has a meeting coming up with DFCS and other stakeholders to discuss some of the changes in policies and practices.

Announcements/Correspondence:

Adjourn to Executive Session: Chair BurtonBurke adjourned to Executive Session at 1:15p.m. The next meeting will take place on April 4, 2022 via Zoom.

Respectfully submitted,

Kara Garasky