

**COUNTY OF SANTA CLARA  
JUVENILE JUSTICE COMMISSION  
Approved Meeting Minutes-March 1,  
2016 Crime Lab, 1<sup>st</sup> Floor  
250 W. Hedding St.  
San Jose, CA 95110**

<b>Commissioners Present:</b>	Raul Colunga, Chair	Courtney Macavinta
	Penny Blake	Nora Manchester
	Raymond Blockie	Jean Pennypacker
	Victoria BurtonBurke	Carol Rhoads
	Kimberly Dong	Pamela Serrano
	Gustavo Gonzalez	Jeremiah Tanojo
	Ron Hansen, Secretary	Vincent Tarpey

**Commissioners Absent:** Bonnie Charvez

**Also Present:**

Honorable Pat Tondreau, Superior Court  
Honorable Katherine Lucero, Superior Court  
Honorable Margaret Johnson, Superior Court  
Honorable Frank Bondonno, Superior Court  
Octavio Jimenez, Superior Court  
Jenny Lam, County Counsel's Office  
Diana Perez, Probation Department  
Elsa Jennings, Probation Department  
Robert Young, Probation Department  
Jermaine Hardy, Probation Department  
Sherry Yoder, Probation Department  
Sean Rooney, Probation Department  
Steven Moscoso, Probation Department  
Alex Moscoso, Probation Department  
Ashanti Hayes, Probation Department  
Jan Uchiyama-Nowack, Probation Department  
Gladys Quinonez, Probation Department  
Tina Soria, Probation Department  
Eric Parson, Probation Department  
Daniel Cortez, Probation Department  
Chris Arriola, District Attorney's Office  
Keller Meeker, District Attorney's Office  
Alex Adams, District Attorney's Office  
Mary Robinson, District Attorney's Office  
Troy Benson, District Attorney's Office  
Nisreen Baroudi, Public Defender's Office  
Karen Steiber, Independent Defender's Office  
Kevin Rudich, Alternate Defender's Office  
Jana Rickerson, Department of Family & Children's Services (DFCS)  
Jennifer Hubbs, Department of Family & Children's Services (DFCS)  
Chia-Chen Lee, VMC  
Mario Lopez, Supervisor Cortese's Office  
Maya Marjanovic, Supervisor Chavez's Office  
Emmanuel Cardenas, FLY

Geda Jones Herbert, FLY  
Lauren Gavin, Behavioral Health, Juvenile Hall  
Sally Lawrence, BHDS/DADS  
Jennifer Kelleher Lloyd, LACY  
Yvette Irving, Santa Clara County Office of Education, (SCCOE)  
Ortensia Macias, Job Development Supervisor  
Cybele LoVuolo-Bhushan, ACLU-Mid Peninsula  
Ellie Dehghan, Bay Legal

**Guests Present:** Arcel Blume, Office of Cultural Comp

**Call to Order & Introductions:** Chair Colunga called the meeting to order at 12:17 p.m. All who were in attendance stated their names and organization.

**Agenda Approval:**

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

**Public Comments/Oral Petitions:** None.

**Approval of Minutes:**

Moved by Commissioner Manchester and seconded by Commissioner Hansen to approve the minutes of February 2, 2015, the minutes were approved unanimously.

**Presentation – “Overview of the Probation Terminated on Release (PTOR) Program”  
Kermit Wong, Dan Cortez & Alex Moscoso - Juvenile Probation Department**

Kermit Wong, Dan Cortez & Alex Moscoso distributed and presented a PowerPoint presentation on Probation Terminated on Release (PTOR) Re-Entry Program. The program refers to the process by which all youth 16-18 years of age, is released from Juvenile Hall without formal Probation supervision. In many cases these youth have received a cycle of services and programming ranging from Diversion, Electronic Monitoring Program (EMP), Group Home/Placement, James Ranch commitment, to Juvenile Hall commitment. The program was developed to assess the needs and strengths of the youth prior to release, to engage youth, family and community, improve re-entry and implement an aftercare component, to keep youth out of adult courts, jails and prisons and to overcome systemic barriers and establish pathways to success. The plan was developed through the collaboration of several agencies including Behavioral Health, VMC Clinic & COE.

Commissioner Gonzalez asked about housing & homelessness. Mr. Wong said if an individual declined the program, they were encouraged to at least set up a P.O. Box so they can receive mail and hopefully connect services to the individual.

Commissioner Gonzalez asked why I.D. cards are only valid for 6 months. Mr. Wong said it is to motivate the youth to apply for a permanent government identification.

Dana Bunnett asked if Probation is covering the cost of bus tokens and I.D.'s. Mr. Wong said yes.

Dana Bunnett asked if there are formal agreements with Catholic Charities and CUYO and if they are funded. Mr. Wong said that Catholic Charities and CUYO are already partners within Probation.

A question was asked as to how many youth did not participate in the program. The answer was 3 minors did not participate within the program but did receive some services such as bus passes.

Commissioner Macavinta asked that because this program will be in place, does it mean that more youth will be getting designated PTOR because there is a better service. Mr. Cortez said they do not want to commit kids just so they can go to this program adding that it starts with the kids on probation and they go through the court process and whatever that process deems is beneficial.

Commissioner Rhoads asked if these youth were successfully housed and how long do they get emergency housing. Mr. Cortez said only 2 cases were unsuccessful due to stubbornness of the youth and some housing can be up to 2 years.

## REPORTS

**Chair's Report:** Chair Colunga reported on the following:

- Thanked Mario Lopez, Supervisor Cortese's Office, for helping to get validated parking in the near future for families of kids who have court hearings or at Juvenile Hall. This item will be put on the budget for approval.
- The Law Enforcement Agency Report is complete and posted on the website.
- The Ranch Inspection will be sometime in March 2016.
- The RAIC Inspection will follow the Ranch Inspection.
- The Court Users Report will hopefully be completed in April with the Commission to review the final report at the May meeting.

**Juvenile Justice Court:** Judge Lucero reported on the following:

- Moving forward with the hiring an Eligibility Worker. Denise Bolen will be working with Jermaine Hardy and Judge Lucero and thanked all for their support of this much needed position.
- Jermaine Hardy, Octavio Jimenez and Judge Lucero are arranging to have regular college days within Juvenile Hall with Community colleges will have a presence at Juvenile Hall once to twice a month.
- Judge Lucero acknowledge Dan Cortez for his vision and implementation of the Re-Entry program.

Judge Johnson reported on the following:

- Judge Lucero expressed her appreciation for the Court User Project and the Court User Report along with the Implementation Committee for moving forward with such things as parking passes, phone calls/texts for court notifications to parents & CBO training.

Judge Bondonno had no report.

**Dependency Court:** Judge Tondreau reported on the following:

- Last month it was reported that it was decided not to hire court reporters and that Juvenile Justice was going to lose a court reporter. Both decisions have been re-thought and Juvenile Justice will not lose a court reporter.
- Thank you to the PTOR/Re-Entry Program Team for not only their concept but also for their ability to find resources.

**Probation Department Juvenile Program:** Jermaine Hardy reported on the following:

- Thank you to the MAAC Team for an outstanding job with the PTOR program.

Elsa Jennings reported on the following:

- The population report for February was distributed. Population at Juvenile Hall is 90, with 77 males and 14 females. The Ranch population is at 32, with 28 males and 4 females.
- Thank you to the entire MAAC Team for their hard work and passion that went in the PTOR presentation.
- Thank you to the Program Staff, especially Jan Giamma for the success of the Black History assembly which was complete with musicians, drummers and kid participation. Feedback from those in attendance said it was the most meaningful assembly they have ever attended.
- Thanks to all who donated books or had input for the library, which is coming together adding that the Mural Project will begin next month with 7-8 girls from G-1 assisting with the project. It is the hope to have a grand opening in the first week of April.

Sean Rooney reported on the following:

- The Juvenile Hall kitchen remodel is going well.
- The kitchen crew headed by Kevin Cooper is doing a great job making sure the meals are coming over in a timely fashion.

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

- Next meeting for the future site of the RAIC is March 2, 2016 for the East Valley Clinic Master Plan Project.
- The Harvey Rose audit recommendation to switch Children's Counselors to Social Workers I is at a mid-point.

- The SPARK Clinic will be moved next door where they will have x-ray and lab facilities. Ms. Hubbs is working to ensure safe movement of the kids between the two buildings.

**Behavioral Health - Mental Health Services:** Lauren Gavin reported on the following:

- The General Clinic has 18 staff total with 9 being Spanish speaking with one Vietnamese speaking with 9 of the staff assigned to the In-Custody youth. In January there were 91 mental health screenings and 95 in February.

**Behavioral Health - Alcohol and Drug Services:** No report.

**Law Enforcement:** None

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

- Mr. Arriola introduced the Juvenile Team of Mary Robinson, Troy Benson, Kelly Meeker, Alex Adams and Alexis Cosse.
- Truancy process will begin soon.
- There were 2 Direct Files in February.

**Public Defender's Office:** No report:

**Independent Defender's Office:** No report.

**Alternate Defender Office:** No report.

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

- Update on the Morgan Hill Concerned Parents Association law suit related to educational data of students: The State Department of Education has been ordered to release information related to all students. A fact-sheet will be prepared and disbursed to all.

**Medical Services:** Chia-Chen Lee reported on the following:

- SJSU School of Nursing rotation program has begun with 2 classes with 20 students.
- Project Manager for Healthlink will provide an update at the April meeting.

**Alternative Schools Department, COE:** No report.

**Victim Witness Assistance Center:** None.

**YWCA Support Services:** No report.

**Announcements/Correspondence:** None

**Old Business:** None.

**New Business:** None.

**Adjourn to Executive Session:** Chair Colunga adjourned the meeting to Executive Session at 1:26 p.m.

**Next Meeting:** April 5, 2016, DA Crime Lab Conference Room, 250 W Hedding St., San Jose, CA.

Respectfully submitted,

Barbara Crump