

COUNTY OF SANTA CLARA
JUVENILE JUSTICE COMMISSION
Meeting Minutes – May 3, 2022
Via Zoom

Commissioners Present: Victoria BurtonBurke, Chair
Stephen Betts, Vice Chair
Carol Rhoads, Secretary
Darius Parakh
Diana Traub
Heather Angove
Jean Pennypacker
Lissa Thiele
Nora Manchester
Penny Blake
Ron Hansen
Vaishali “Shali” Sirkay

Commissioners Absent: Lionel Allan
Lisa Macias

Also Present: Honorable Franklin Bondonno, Superior Court
Honorable Fredrick Chung, Superior Court
Honorable Maureen Folan, Superior Court
Anjelica Hayden, Superior Court
Kara Garasky, Superior Court
Morena Cruz, Behavioral Health
Graciela Gonzalez, Behavioral Health
Vanessa Cornejo, Behavioral Health
Veronica Robles, Behavioral Health
Peter Antons, Behavioral Health
Kristin Keller, Probation Department
Alex Villa, Probation Department
Jill Ugalde, Probation Department
Nick Birchard, Probation Department
Elisa Carias, Probation Department
Larysha Green, Probation Department
Dolores Morales, Probation Department
Victoria Contreras-Wolfe, Probation Department
Carl Tademaru, Probation Department
Ashanti Hayes, Probation Department
Paul Jhin, District Attorney’s Office
Nisreen Baroudi, Public Defender’s Office
Damon Silver, Public Defender’s Office
David Epps, Alternate Defenders Office
Glen Casados, IDO
Jessica Bonduris, SCCOE
Mark Camilleri, SCCOE
Eugene Santillan, SCCOE
Ruth Maurice, OMOS
Damon Wright, DFCS

Marie Mauboussin, DFCS
Vone Kegarice, JPD
Manny Cardenas, FLY
Dana Bunnett, Kids in Common
Dr. Shelley Aggarwal, Juvenile Facilities Medical Clinics
Lanphuong Le, Valley Medical Center
Lt. Rob Lang, San Jose Police Department
Andrew Cain, Law Foundation of Silicon Valley
Ravi Rajendra, Office of the County Counsel
Allie Hughes, Office of Supervisor Otto Lee
Kiana Simmons, Bill Wilson Center
Ryan Sengupta, Citizen
Patrick Tondreau, Citizen

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

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

Public Comments/Oral Petitions: None.

Approval of Minutes: April 5, 2022 Minutes approved by all Commissioners present.

- One correction in the minutes from Medical Services: “Seasonal flu vaccination has been discontinued as of yesterday (4/4/22) as the flu season is over.”

REPORTS

Presentation by BHSD: Adolescent Substance Use Treatment Services (SUTS): Peter Antons and Vanessa Cornejo reported on the following:

- Children Youth and Family System of Care, showing where substance abuse treatment intersects with the Behavioral Health Services Department.
- What is Recovery? A process of change through which individuals improve their health and wellness, live self-directed lives and strive to reach their full potential. The treatment itself is a recovery process. Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration (SAMHSA’s) working definition includes a many guiding principles: a person driven approach, to use the goals of each person to find the best pathway to recovery.
 - Language matters, Behavioral Health wants to be mindful of the language that is used during the recovery process.
 - Examples: positive: Struggling with substance use, negative: drug abuser.
- 6 Dimensions of the American Society of Addiction Medicine (ASAM) Criteria that are not only required but would help the client get into treatment.
 1. Acute intoxication and or withdrawal potential
 2. Biomedical conditions and complications
 3. Emotional, behavioral or cognitive conditions and complications
 4. Readiness to change
 5. Relapse, continued use, or continued problem potential
 6. Recovery environment
 - The ASAM assessment is required by the state to be able to qualify youth for services. The Levels of Care assessment from the ASAM assessment tells Behavioral Health the best services to provide to the youth requiring treatment.

- Prevention/early intervention – 1-2 hours a week. Treatment can include attendance at alcove integrated youth mental health center and receiving short term therapy for anxiety and substance use psychoeducation.
 - Level 1: Outpatient – Up to 6 hours a week. Treatment can include individual and family substance use treatment services at their school site.
 - Level 2: Intensive outpatient partial hospitalization – 6-19 hours a week. Treatment can include Individual, group and family treatment, parenting resources, case management for prosocial activities and can be linked to a psychiatric medication evaluation
 - Level 3: Residential/Inpatient – residential care can be authorized for 30 days. Treatment can include short term residential treatment and motivational interviewing for substance use and behavioral needs.
 - Level 4: Intensive Inpatient. Treatment can include Post inpatient SUTS outpatient therapy, parent education and case management and mental health therapy and psychiatry.
- Commissioner Betts asked, it used to be that all youth that applied for services were eligible for Drug Medi-Cal and therefore there were no charges, is that still the case? Peter answered youth with Medi-Cal or no insurance can be served but is not certain about the Drug Medi-Cal waiver. He will get back to the JJC with that answer. Commissioner Betts also asked is family and individual therapy also covered by Medi-Cal? Peter answered yes.
 - Judge Bondonno noted that he has had a hard time getting youth into the program on the insurance basis and asked how are the programs changing given the fentanyl problems that we are now facing? Peter answered that the programs are responding with a lot more outreach in the community with prevention services. Valley Medical has also had their induction program for about a year with 30 youth going through the program with positive results. MAT programs also train youth and caregivers on use of NARCAN and widely distribute fentanyl test strips. Judge Bondonno notes that an issue he struggles with is sending a youth to Valley Medical to get them into the residential treatment program quickly. He hopes some attention can be paid to that.
 - Nisreen noted that the laws have changed to allow youth to be on probation up to age 25; are treatment programs looking into having a separate program for the young adult population rather than having youth attend with the adult population? Peter answered that he will get back to the JJC with that answer.
 - Commissioner BurtonBurke asked if the camp facility is still taking adults? Peter answered yes, they are taking adults and have a youth program.
 - Commissioner Sirkay asked if parents are receiving any information or resources to avoid having to send youth back to a situation that is not supportive. Peter answered that the programs work to engage the parents and give psychoeducation on the risk of the recovery environment. Staff will be going through a training called Multidimensional Family Therapy to help engage families and provide more contingency management, incentives to aid the youth in treatment.
 - Nisreen asked to follow up the question on 30 days, can the Court order an additional 30 days if the Court feels it is needed? Peter answered that in the past youth have been ordered into title 4 replacement through probation, a youth was in placement out of county on a probation placement and that youth has been successful and has been clean for 6 months.

Swearing In: Judge Franklin Bondonno administered the oath of office to Commissioner Jean Pennypacker as Juvenile Justice Commissioner in the County of Santa Clara, for a term ending in 2026.

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

- At the April executive session, the JJC adopted the Juvenile Hall Report which is now on our website. Report to be summarized in next month's meeting by Commissioner Pennypacker.
- The JJC attended a number of subcommittee meetings and trainings including those put on by the Child Abuse Prevention Council.
- The Commission was also involved in active recruitment and interviews of potential members.

Presiding Judge: Judge Folan reported on the following:

- The Judges will visit the Ranch facility on May 20th.
- The Judges also continue to participate in a plethora of meetings trying to improve all systems.

Dependency Court: Judge Chung has nothing new to report.

Independent Defense Office: Glen Casados had nothing new to report.

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

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

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

Alternative Schools Department: Mark Camilleri and Eugene Santillan reported on the following:

- This year was a Western Association of Schools and Colleges (WASC) visit year and yesterday word was received that the Alternative Education for Santa Clara County office of Education is going to be accredited for a full 6-year term.
- Summer School will take place this year with culinary arts, art therapy, and music taking place at both school sites.
 - Counselors and staff at the community schools are assessing each student's transcripts to determine what types of classes will benefit each student.
- Osborne School has a construction program that works with the graduate students.
 - Students are able to participate in community college and the certification process and pre-apprenticeship process.
- Graduation is on track, taking place at County Office of Education (1290 Ritter Park Dr.) this year on June 14th from 6:00 – 8:00 PM.
- Commissioner Burton Burke asked if there was any kind of a graduation ceremony for the youth in the Hall or the Ranch when they completed their high school education? Mark answered there is an onsite graduation at the Blue Ridge facility and during the Alternative Education graduation at the end of the year.

Department of Children and Family Service/Children's Receiving Center (DFCS): Damion Wright reported on the following:

- DFCS has been working with the JJC to make sure that their data is being communicated appropriately so that information can be shared for upcoming reports.
- Commissioner Burton Burke asked if there are any Continuum of Care Committees taking place at this time? Damion answered, there are committees taking place and will pass along the weekly meeting invitations.

Probation Department – Juvenile: Nick Birchard, Alex Villa, Jill Ugalde, Ashanti Hayes and Dolores Morales reported on the following:

- Starting today, Division Manager Vone Kegarice is going to be the interim Deputy Chief Probation Officer.

- DPO 1 is in the middle of final hiring interviews.
- Duly Involved Youth Cross Systems Training will take place online on May 10th & 11th, two sessions for the same training. Alex to follow up with registration details.
- Bay Area Tutoring advised the Court and all of our partners that they have received additional funding from the Board of Supervisors for fiscal year 2023.
- On April 26th the Grand Jury visited James Ranch and received a tour of the facility and a speech from a youth participating in the Youth Advisory Council.
- On May 20th James Ranch will be hosting a Trades and Car Show. With COE and the Probation department James Ranch will host a large-scale outdoor event with 20-30 cars, motorcycles, RC cars, a DJ and a taco truck. 6-8 trades' vendors will also be at the event so the youth can view the trades and opportunities available to them.
- Juvenile Hall has expanded their visiting house to 2 hours a week per unit beginning this month.
- The Civil Grand Jury will visit the Hall on May 4th.
- CBOs are back in the institution, and the youth are enjoying the in-person interactions.
- Juvenile Services have partnered with Martha's Kitchen to provide 40 meals to give out to youth, victims, and families waiting in the court waiting room.
- Probation department notes that there has been an up-tick of admits into Juvenile Hall over the last month, increasing the monthly average as high as 70 youth admitted per month.

Behavioral Health: Veronica Robles has nothing new to report.

Medical Services: Lanphuong Le reported on the following:

- On May 2nd, one youth has been admitted to Juvenile Hall and has tested positive for Covid-19. The youth has been admitted into the infirmary for observation and will quarantine for 10 days.

Law Enforcement Agencies: Rob Lang has nothing new to report.

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

Public Defender's Office: Nisreen Baroudi and Damon Silver have nothing new to report.

Alternate Defender's Office: David Epps had nothing new to report.

Announcements/Correspondence:

- Dana Bunnett announced that The Children's Summit was held on March 18th and data books are being given out. If you would like to receive a SCC Children's Data Book or attend one of our Data Workshops in May and June, please contact me at dbunnett@kidsincommon.org. For information on workshops contact Dana Bunnett or go to www.kidsincommon.org.
- Marie Mauboussin announced that DFCS is hosting a training information can be found here <https://www.boysdoc.com>. The training will be on June 2nd 3-5 PM on Zoom. Individuals not employed by the County contact Rianna Garcia at (408) 755-7063 or Rianna.Garcia01@ssa.sccgov.org for further information.

Adjourn to Executive Session: Chair BurtonBurke adjourned to Executive Session at 1:15 p.m. The next meeting will take place on Zoom on June 7, 2022.

Respectfully submitted,

Anjelica Hayden