

**COUNTY OF SANTA CLARA
JUVENILE JUSTICE COMMISSION
Meeting Minutes – November 1, 2022
Via Zoom**

Commissioners Present: Victoria BurtonBurke, Chair
Stephen Betts, Vice Chair
Lionel “Lon” Allan
Diana Traub
Jean Pennypacker
Lissa Thiele
Nora Manchester
Penny Blake
Dev Ghoshal
Neha Parthasarathi
Darius Parakh
Heather Angove

Commissioners Absent: Vaishali “Shali” Sirkay

Also Present: Honorable Franklin Bondonno, Superior Court
Honorable L. Michael Clark, Superior Court
Honorable Maureen Folan, Superior Court
Honorable Shawna Schwarz, Superior Court
Honorable Rafael Sivilla-Jones, Superior Court
Kara Garasky, Superior Court
Marcie Bellicitti, JJC
Lester Ezrati, JJC
Vanessa Cornejo, Behavioral Health
Veronica Robles, Behavioral Health
Mayra Vargas, Behavioral Health
Grace Gonzales, Behavioral Health
Marc Utsey, Probation Department
Kristin Keller, Probation Department
Jill Ugalde, Probation Department
Elisa Carias, Probation Department
Ashanti Hayes, Probation Department
Tyler Maslanka, Probation Department
Victoria Contreras-Wolfe, Probation Department
Nick Birchard, Probation Department
Mariel Caballero, Probation Department
Jennifer Anguiano, Probation Department
Adria Reiner, Probation Department
Liwei Wei, Probation Department
Alex Villa, Probation Department
Glen Casados, IDOLana Kreidie, IDO
Nisreen Baroudi, PDO
Damon Silver, PDO

Barbara Wolfe, PDO
Paul Jhin, DAO
Preeti Mishra, Dependency Advocacy Center
Delayna Rosas, FLY
Vianni Garcia, FLY
Allyn Kula, OMOS
Debra Lewis, OYCR
Angel Garcia, OYCR
Sarah Duffy, OCFP
Lanphuong Le, Valley Medical Center
Dr. Shelley Aggarwal, Juvenile Facilities Medical Clinics
Matt Cammann, Seneca Family of Agencies
Andrew Cain, Law Foundation of Silicon Valley
Lydia Harris, Citizen
James Manning
Lara Garnette

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: Honorable L. Michael Clark administered the oath of office to Lester Ezrati and Marcie Bellicitti as Juvenile Justice Commissioner in the County of Santa Clara.

Public Comments/Oral Petitions: None.

Approval of Minutes: October 4, 2022 Minutes approved by all Commissioners present.

REPORTS

Presentation by Marc Utsey, Jennifer Anguiano, Adria Reiner: JAMES RANCH AFTERCARE AND REENTRY

- James Ranch Program overview:
 - Level 1: Orientation (~4 weeks), Level 2: Change (~8 weeks), Level 3: Growth (~8 weeks), Level 4: Transition (~4 weeks), Aftercare.
- Child and Family Team Meetings (CFT)/Multi-disciplinary Team Meeting (MDT):
 - Intake CFT (held within first 30 days), 90-day MDT (held 90 days prior to youth's exit), 60-day CFT (held 60 days prior to youth's exit), 30-day CFT (held 30 days prior to youth's exit), emergency MDT (only if youth is struggling).
- Reentry services (from least intensive to most intensive).
 - Pro-CSR: 6+ months, 6hrs/month, 13-25 years old, case management and linkage to community based services.
 - Pro-RISE: 6+ months, 8hrs/month, up to 25 years old, case management for justice involved youth relating to mental health and outreach activities.
 - PIVOT: 9-12 months, mentoring 28-120hrs/month, pro-social 6-20hrs/month, up to 25 years old, support services geared towards high risk/violent offenders.
 - Wraparound: 6+ months, 20hrs/month, up to 18 years old, intensive case management, youth and family advocacy, BH and medication support services, resource linkage.

- Aftercare counselor/Re-entry probation officer: provide mentorship and field supervision, substance use testing, referrals to Community Based Organizations.
- Collaborative approach: 10-14 weeks of intensive aftercare supervision, regular CFTs, Probation supervision will continue 6+ months from youth's release from the Ranch.
- Judge Bondonno asked: How has it changed since you've adopted the Cincinnati University approach?
 - Mark responded: The curriculum is being piloted right now and is going live in one week, so we have not seen any changes yet.
 - Jennifer responded: On the re-entry side, we will be meeting with Mandy Blake from UCCI so re-entry staff can be educated on the UCCI program.
- Nisreen asked: When does the transition switch from the assigned PO to the re-entry PO?
 - Jennifer responded: The assigned PO and the re-entry PO will both attend the initial CFT with the youth in order to ensure a warm hand-off.
- Lester asked: Are any of the youth there also in the foster care system?
 - Jennifer responded: Some youth are from the DIY unit, and the program works hard to prevent them from returning to the Child Welfare System.
- Dev asked: How difficult is it to keep track of the trajectory of the youth after they leave?
 - Marc responded: We try to identify certain thresholds/data points to track for aftercare.
 - Jennifer responded: Re-entry also works with research and development to keep a spreadsheet that tracks the different stages.

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

- Interviewed and selected two new commissioners to join the JJC.
 - Law enforcement agencies were inspected, information was confirmed, and the JJC hopes to improve the LEA Inspection Report at the December executive meeting.
 - Annual inspection of James Ranch facility is complete and the report will be available with the invitation to the December public meeting.
- Continuum of Care Committee is continuing its work including visiting two of the scattered sites used by DFCS to house youth.

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

- Judge Bondonno will be leaving juvenile justice in January 2023.
- Juvenile Justice will be joined by Judge Jose Franco.
- Face coverings still required in juvenile justice courtrooms.
- Continue to experience a shortage of courtroom clerks and reporters.
- Juvenile Justice is doing its best to only set detention or emergency hearings for the last week of December.

Judge Bondonno reported on the following:

- He has enjoyed his time in juvenile justice, is proud of the Ranch, and is grateful for the JJC.
- Key issues he would like the JJC to focus on:
 - Step-Down model, and making sure there is more drug treatment available.

Dependency Court: Honorable Shawna Schwarz reported on the following:

- Dependency court will have no judicial changes in 2023.
- There is no mask mandate in Juvenile Dependency Court.

- Dependency Court will be dark the week of Thanksgiving, the week of Christmas, and the first week of January.

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

- Well wishes to Judge Bondonno and ADO is sad to see him leave.

Independent Defense Office: Glenn Casados reported on the following:

- Introduced Lana Kreidie– new assistant IDO director.

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

- LACY echos the Judge Bondonno sentiments.
- Patti Massey retired last month from the Law Foundation.

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

- Looking to expand clinical social worker staff.

The Office of Mediation and Ombuds Services: Allyn Kula had nothing new to report.

Alternative Schools Department: No one present to report.

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

- DFCS thanks Judge Bondonno for his service.
- Had JJC participate in two site visits at scattered sites.
- Welcoming center numbers:
 - 242 youth served
 - 45 youth admitted more than once

Probation Department: Nick Birchard reported on the following:

- Probation thanks Judge Bondonno for his service.

Jill Ugalde reported on the following for JPD:

- JPD has been working collaboratively with SJPD to obtain electronic records.
- In October, JPD did a meet and greet with CBOs that was hosted at Juvenile Hall.
 - Over 50 providers and over 200 POs attended the event.
- JPD held a virtual town hall meeting last month. JPD is planning to hold virtual town hall meetings in the spring and fall of each year.
- The educational services unit participated in Shop with a Cop book distribution.
 - Over 400 books were distributed to students.

Ashanti Hayes reported on the following for Juvenile Hall:

- Team attended legislation debrief.
- Hosted Halloween costume contest.
- In November there will be more youth joining a second cohort for Secure Track.

Marc Utsey reported on the following for the Ranch:

- The Ranch held a book club.
- Thanks to FLY and COE, 49ers players came to the Ranch to speak with youth.
 - Redesigned the gym to do activities with the players.

Behavioral Health: Veronica Robles reported on the following:

- Regarding Advent, we are still waiting for news on when they will reopen doors for youth.
- Continuing to recruit staff; currently onboarding a rehabilitation counselor and therapist.
- Chair BurtonBurke asked: Are any of the BH staff at the Ranch able to provide aftercare services for youth?
 - Veronica responded: BH is supporting youth transitioning out of Juvenile Hall, but not the Ranch.

Medical Services: Lanphuong Le reported on the following:

- Currently have one positive Covid case.
- Continuing Covid vaccine clinic.
- Offering flu and Covid vaccines to all youth entering Juvenile Hall and the Ranch.
- Dr. Aggarwal attended Peer Health Education Program with the Youth Advisory Counsel.
- Interviewing for medical social worker position.

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 is sad to see Judge Bondonno leave, and gives kudos for all his work.

Announcements/Correspondence: None.

Adjourn to Executive Session: Chair BurtonBurke adjourned to Executive Session at 1:10 p.m. The next meeting will take place on December 6, 2022 via Zoom.

Respectfully submitted,

Kara Garasky