

**COUNTY OF SANTA CLARA
JUVENILE JUSTICE COMMISSION
APPROVED Meeting Minutes-November 4, 2014
Crime Lab, 1st Floor
250 W. Hedding St.
San Jose, CA 95110**

Commissioners Present: Penny Blake, Chair
Raul Colunga, Vice Chair
Stephen Betts, Secretary
Raymond Blockie
Dana Bunnett
Victoria BurtonBurke
Bonnie Charvez
Kimberly Dong
Ronald Hansen
Tracy Lauth
Nora Manchester
Jean Pennypacker
Vincent Tarpey

Commissioners Absent: Pamela Serrano & Hananeel Jeremiah Tanojo

Also Present: Honorable Margaret Johnson, Superior Court, Dept.79a
Marc Buller, District Attorney's Office
Kris Leisten, Probation Department
Diane Perez, Probation Department
Alicia Garcia, Probation Department
Ana Soria, Probation Department
Terry Ugalde, Probation Department
Mike Simms, Probation Department
Jose Lepe, Probation Department
Natalie Holbert, Probation Department
David Epps, Alternate Defender's Office
Jose Franco, Public Defender's Office
JJ Kapp, Public Defender's Office
Karen Steiber, Independent Defender's Office
Dan Lloyd, Department of Alcohol & Drug Services (DADS)
Jennifer Kelleher, LACY
Neysa Fligor, County Counsel
Yvette Irving, Santa Clara County Office of Education (SCCOE)
Nicky Ramos-Beban, Santa Clara County Office of Education (SCCOE)
Jesse Ramos, Santa Clara County Office of Education (SCCOE)
Chia-Chen Lee, VMC
Jonathan Madigan, California Youth Connection

Guests Present: Hema Sareen Mohan, Board of Supervisor's, District 5

Call to Order & Introductions: Chair Blake called the meeting to order at 12:22 p.m. All who were in attendance stated their names and organization.

Agenda Approval:

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

Public Comments/Oral Petitions: Chair Blake explained that the county does not have janitorial services and asked of each attendee to police their area before leaving the building.

Presentation: Mike Simms, Probation Department spoke on the EDGE & PEAK Programs.

Mr. Simms & Yvette Irving presented an update on the EDGE & PEAK Programs. Mr. Simms said the EDGE Program began in June of 2011 and the PEAK Program began in June of 2012. It was discovered that even though there were life-skills programs at Juvenile Hall, it was not the best use of space for Juvenile Hall and, that if these kids were safe enough to be returned to the community then there was no point in keeping them in Juvenile Hall. The EDGE Program was developed jointly with COE adding that the PEAK program is an alternative to incarceration and without these programs, the kids would be in Juvenile Hall or the Ranch. The in-between stage is located on the Sunol Site with youth attending M-F from 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. for an average of nine (9) months. The programs are evidence-based, focusing on pro-social skills, critical reasoning & thinking skills, independent living skills, self-control & self-management skills that these kids need to survive. The programs also looked to enhance these kid's academic skills. The campus has mental health, drug & Alcohol counseling and the FLY program. The profile of a typical youth is: gang affiliated, substance abuse, multiple program failures, misdemeanor & felony assaults, felony property crimes, continued violation of probation and are academically behind or disengaged from the educational system. These kids are on the higher end of risk and need.

199 kids have gone thru the programs with 83% being Hispanic, 10% African-American and a small amount of Vietnamese, Filipino and Caucasian youth. Males make up 92% and range in age from 14-17.

Ms. Irving added that the school setting is not only an extended day but also an extended year, with two (2) core teachers teaching social studies, science, math and English language arts. By COE working together with Probation, they are able to expand the amount of resources put into the school with field trips in standard based instruction every 6-8 weeks, adding that these youth are able to participate in Artist-in-Residence programs. These kids have the opportunity to participate in any activities provided by community partners adding that the focused resources have created some of the higher outcomes at the four community schools adding that with the EDGE & PEAK Programs they have seen more accelerated growth with our youth.

Mr. Simms said it is important to have a case plan like MDT with all parties involved making it a group effort. An individual plan is essential and engaging the family is key to success. Safety is always a primary concern and it has been effective with having a neutral site without any incidences. These sites are accessible from Light rail and in addition, counselors have been providing transportation by meeting the youth halfway to make sure they get to the program.

Commissioner Hansen asked how many kids per day attend and how is the success of these programs being measured. Mr. Simms said the capacity is 48 with the special day class limited to 8 per class and the other 2 classes are up to 20 students adding they are currently up to 32 students. Mr. Simms said the success is measure by the large growth in academics which is being re-defined through our logic model and data components. Chair Blake asked when the logic model would be complete. Mr. Simms said that the logic model is complete and should be available the first of the year.

Approval of Minutes:

Moved by Commissioner Betts and seconded by Commissioner Blockie to approve the minutes of October 7, 2014 which passed unanimously.

REPORTS

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

- Thank you to the commission for all their hard work on the Group Home & Ranch reports.
- In the process of writing a position paper on the use of OC spray at Juvenile Hall.
- A report was received from the State about youth being held in adult facilities indicating that these facilities have to be inspected and these inspections will begin in the near future.
- Four commissioners were judges for the Halloween decorating contest at Juvenile Hall and enjoyed the process adding that these kids did a fantastic job.

Juvenile Justice Court: Judge Johnson reported on the following:

- Judge Tondreau & Judge Lucero are unable to attend the JJC as they are attending the Juvenile Law Institute while Judge Valencia being on vacation.
- Judge Tondreau ask Judge Johnson to thank the Juvenile Justice Commission for the fine Group Home and Ranch reports and appreciates the work that went into those reports.
- The next training is Wednesday, November 5, 2014 from 1:30-4:30 p.m. in the 4th floor training room with Steve Baron and Nancy Marshall speaking on domestic violence and the impact it has on kids and how that might lead them into the Juvenile Justice System. They have received 32 RSVP's adding that the capacity is about 40.
- The CITA staff and JTC staff spent a lot of time planning the training for the new Dual Status Court which is Judge Lucero's program obtained through a grant. More meetings to follow as there is a lot of work to be done.
- A task force has been put together on Parentage Program training and is set for November 17, 2014 to be held in Judge Tondreau's chambers.
- The assignments for next year are now official with Judges Johnson, Lucero and Tondreau staying. Judge Valencia will be leaving and going to Drug Court.

Dependency Court: None

Probation Department Juvenile Program: Alicia Garcia reported on the following:

- The population report for October was distributed. The population at Juvenile Hall is 117 with 108 boys and 9 girls. The Ranch population is at 37, with 35 males and 2 females.
- Thanked all who participated in the Halloween decorating contest adding that it was a huge success adding that the kids had a blast.
- Every year the Olympics are held but, due to the field not be safe the program was bypassed. Instead they opted for the Max Games took place on Saturday. B-8 focused on getting pledges for domestic violence doing research and monies collected will go to Next Door. B-9 focused on breast awareness with those monies going to the Breast Awareness Emergency Fund. The minors felt empowered by collecting monies from all. North & South kids together, participated in competitions such the obstacle course. T-shirts were provided, a taco truck come in to feed these kids. The kids felt back at home and thoroughly enjoyed the events. The kids made it happen and made it a huge success.

Department of Children & Family Service/Children's Receiving Center: No Report however, Chair Blake indicated that there is a newsletter on the BOS website under the Children's & Family Commission about their re-use project for the Receiving Center.

Behavioral Health - Mental Health & Alcohol and Drug Services: Dan Lloyd reported on the following:

- Update from the Department of Health Care Services on our certification and re-certification regarding Medical. They have not heard from them for some time and their most recent update is they want to focus on the new certification sites as they have never been approved for Medical.

- Interviews will begin November 5, 2014 for a licensed position that will serve the HUB on foster care population and the San Jose Conservation Corps site.
- Recent vacancy has gone through the job announcement process and are now moving forward with filling the vacancy at Juvenile Hall.
- Excellent FLY presentation at the main clinic was held on November 3, 2014 where all the clinic and school-based staff can understand better about the FLY program services that are offered.

Law Enforcement Agencies: None

District Attorney's Office, Juvenile Justice: Mr. Buller had no report.

Commissioner Bunnett asked Mr. Buller as to when the report on 95122 will be released. Mr. Buller indicated that it will be presented as a draft at the end of the month at the Juvenile Justice Systems Collaborative meeting.

Independent Defender's Office: No report.

Alternate Defender Office: No report.

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

- Tom Cummins is being replaced by Sarah Ruby in the juvenile assignment and will be handling the new Co-occurring Disorders Court in Juvenile Justice Court.

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

- Annual LACY Honors Luncheon will be held on November 7, 2014 at the Palo Alto Crown Plaza Cabana. Individual award will go to Laura Garnett, a kid's legal organization is honoring Probation and the Organization winner is Kids in Common. There will be a special award honoring Judge Kumli.
- As part of the Co-occurring grant, LACY is contracting with Superior Court to provide Educational Champion Coordination program, which is working with youth in the court to find out what their educational barriers are and try to help probation and others working with the youth to identify a natural educational champion and try to help the youth be successful in their education. It's different from Project Yay in that it won't be as much direct representation with light level support. An Equal Justice individual will staff that court.
- LACY has been representing (without additional funding, with the hopes of obtaining funding) unaccompanied minors that have arrived here to ideally get them a custody order and help them adjust through special immigrant juvenile status. LACY has been doing the work for the Juvenile Justice Youth because other organizations did not feel as comfortable adding that the Juvenile Justice overlay it is a little more risky. LACY has taken on about 10 cases adding additional funding will allow LACY to handle but the key issue is to get the cases in a timely fashion.

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

- On October 31, 2014 Flu vaccines were given at the James Ranch with 100% parental consent adding that 130 kids received their shots already.
- Communicable disease screening, including Ebola, has been going well. Precautions are taken if there are any suspected cases, with the nurses wearing Personal Protective Equipment (PPE). If any case is identified then Public Health Department will be

contacted for centralized instruction instead of sending the patient to the emergency room.

Alternative Schools Department, COE: Jesse Ramos reported on the following:

- Major challenges for students is the California High School Exit Exam. One way to support the students is by having smaller classes and by having additional tutoring for each student. Currently looking at Probation to bring in additional tutors.
- Engaging students to help them see themselves as learners and be more excited about the learning process. A simple field trip helps reinforce what they are learning.
- COE is in partnership with the District Attorney's Office to provide families with the Parent Project Class. Currently there are fourteen (14) families being served.

Victim Witness Assistance Center: None

YWCA Rape Crisis Center: None

Announcements/Correspondence: Mr. Jonathan Madigan reported on the following:

- California Youth Connection (Bay Area Chapter) is an organization to empower youth to become leaders that meets at the HUB every Monday from 6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.
- SB1099 (Dependent children: wards of the juvenile court: sibling visitation) was passed and will go into effect January 2015.
- AB12 (Extension of Foster Care Services Until Age 21) Survey was conducted to see what is working and what is not working.
- Day at the Capitol will be in the summer of 2015, where CYC youth members are trained on the legislative process and have the opportunity to meet with members of the legislature to discuss their ideas for improving the foster care system.

Commissioner Colunga asked if CYC is in touch with Social Services Advisory Commission. Mr. Madigan said they are coordinating with SSAC to make a presentation.

Hema Sareen Mohan, Board of Supervisor's, District 5 (Supervisor Simitian) asked if the results of the data collected on AB12 will be communicated to Senator Beall. Mr. Madigan said he will discuss with his supervisor.

Mr. Madigan directed all to the CYC website at www.calyouthconn.org to learn more about CYC.

Old Business: The Group home and Ranch inspections are approved and posted on the website.

New Business: None

Adjourn to Executive Session: Moved by Commissioner Hansen and seconded by Commissioner Bunnett, Chair Blake adjourned the meeting to Executive Session at 1:13 p.m.

Next Meeting: December 2, 2014 at 12:15 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Barbara Crump