

**COUNTY OF SANTA CLARA
JUVENILE JUSTICE COMMISSION
Approved Meeting Minutes-September 1, 2015
Crime Lab, 1st Floor
250 W. Hedding St.
San Jose, CA 95110**

Commissioners Present:	Raul Colunga, Chair	Kimberly Dong
	Jean Pennypacker, Vice Chair	Gustavo Gonzalez
	Ron Hansen, Secretary	Courtney Macavinta
	Penny Blake	Nora Manchester
	Raymond Blockie	Carol Rhoads
	Victoria BurtonBurke	Pamela Serrano
	Bonnie Charvez	Vincent Tarpey

Commissioners Absent: Ray Blockie & Jeremiah Tanojo

Also Present:

Honorable Katherine Lucero, Superior Court
Honorable Margaret Johnson, Superior Court
Honorable Frank Bondonno, Superior Court
Honorable Mike Clark, Juvenile Dependency Court
Jose Lepe, Probation Department
Ashanti Hayes, Probation Department
Diana Perez, Probation Department
Elsa Jennings, Probation Department
Eric Parsons, Probation Department
Ana Soria, Probation Department
Sherry Yoder, Probation Department
Chris Arriola, District Attorney's Office
Jose Franco, Public Defender's Office
J.J. Kapp, Public Defender's Office
Nisreen Baroudi, Public Defender's Office
Karen Steiber, Independent Defender's Office
Alvaro Viramontes, YWCA
Clare Myers, YWCA
Jennifer Hubbs, Department of Family Children's Services (DFCS)
Jennifer Kelleher, LACY
Keith Neumer, San Jose Police Department
Chia-Chen Lee, VMC
Jenny Lam, County Counsel
Maza Maroanoric, Supervisor Chavez's Office
Rebecca Esparza, YOW City of San Jose
Randi Perry, FLY
Vianna Garcia, FLY
Atasi Uppal, National Center for Youth Law
Lauren Gavin, Behavioral Health, Juvenile Hall

Guests Present: Lydia Harris, Citizen
Debbie Pell, Bill Wilson Center

Call to Order & Introductions: Chair Colunga called the meeting to order at 12:18 p.m. All who were in attendance stated their names and organization.

Agenda Approval:

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

Public Comments/Oral Petitions: Ms. Lydia Harris requested that everyone speak up as it is difficult to hear.

Approval of Minutes:

Moved by Commissioner Manchester and seconded by Commissioner Tarpey to approve the minutes of August 4, 2015, which passed unanimously.

REPORTS

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

- The November 3, 2015 Juvenile Justice Commission meeting will be held in the Social Services Agency Administration Offices auditorium located at 333 West Julian Street, San Jose, CA.
- The Group Home Report was approved and posted to the website for STAR House.
- The Chair's Annual Report is on the JJC website.
- The Ranch Report, once approved will be posted on the JJC website.
- Chair Colunga and Commissioner Pennypacker attended the Public Safety and Justice Committee meeting and spoke of specific issues contained in the Juvenile Hall Report and that JJC will continue to monitor.

Juvenile Justice Court: Judge Lucero reported on the following:

- As a grant recipient, Juvenile Court will host SAMHSA on September 17 & 18, 2015. The visit will include the Dual Diagnosis Court and observation of the Path to Services Program.
- Juvenile Justice Court is hosting Legislator's Day on September 24, 2015. Local legislator's, along with the City Council and the Board of Supervisors will be observing Juvenile Court.
- Girls Summit will be held on October 22, 2015 at the Masonic Center. Admission is free.
- The Domestic Violence Annual Conference will be held on October 23, 2015. Cost is approximately \$100. Flyer to follow.
- The Vision Statement for the Girl's Gender Specific Task Force has been finalized. The next meeting will be October 5, 2015 from 12:00 to 1:30 p.m. in Department 78. Progress is being made with the delivery of gender-specific services for girls.
- Discussions continue with Cindy Chavez's Office about the Eligibility worker being stationed at JPD adding that they are making some headway.

Commissioner Hansen asked Judge Lucero about psychiatric coverage at the Hall and the Ranch and, if it has been resolved to the court's satisfaction.

Ms. Gavin said there is coverage and a plan in place that Tiffany Ho, Director of Medical Services has set up. Ms. Gavin said there have been no concerns or problems since Dr. Arthur Florenza started providing coverage while one of the psychiatrists is out on leave. Judge Lucero said it is an issue the court

continues to look at, saying in some ways it is tied to the Eligibility worker as well as the kind of insurance kids have and if they can get the kids out of the Hall and to their own provider. Judge Lucero added there is coverage but, it is not as quick or as abundant.

Ms. Pennypacker asked Judge Lucero about the time element of kids waiting six (6) weeks to get an appointment or an assessment. Judge Lucero said after a child is released the typical time for them to see a psychologist is six (6) weeks, which is considered standard.

Ms. Gavin said about 20% of kids in the Family and Children Division are on psychotropic drugs compared to the adult side which is closer to 100%. The average is the same in Juvenile Hall, adding that if a child has never been on medication and they are on the Medical Benefit, the psychiatrist wants to gather more clinical assessment and psycho-social history before making an appointment and so it is typical of 4-6 weeks wait if they have not been on medication before. If they have been on medication they should be released from Probation with a prescription. Sometimes what happens if the medication needs adjusting soon, that can be a problem because many contractors do not have enough to accommodate an urgent need. Most contractors do have the ability to expedite an urgent need. Sometimes not all clinical information is available and it is hard to second guess what their motives were to think it was okay to wait. There is an urgent care system for kids 14 and up and kids can present to our urgent care facility near EPS.

Chair Colunga asked if any issues raised here today will be addressed in the presentation before the Children's Family & Seniors on Thursday, as medication is an agenda item. Ms. Gavin said the focus has been on the opposite as it has been reported California-wide that system kids are over-medicated.

Judge Johnson reported on the following:

- Judge Johnson invited and introduced Judge Frank Bondonno.
- Because of the JJC Court User Project report, an implementation meeting was held and one item highlighted from that meeting was the Training and information to CPO's about the Juvenile Court system. A meeting will be held on September 2, 2015 in Dept. 79a to discuss this issue.

Dependency Court: Judge Clark reported on the following:

- September 17, 2015 is Constitution Day with 30-40 judges planning to give presentations to 5th grade classes at 50-60 schools, promoting knowledge of the constitution and the legal system.
- Dr. Jackie Campbell and Judge Sharon Chatman will do a training session on Assessing Lethality and Domestic Violence Cases on September 18, 2015 from 8:30 to 11:30. Criminal, Dependency, Delinquency, Probate and Civil Family Court judges will be in attendance. This training is open to attorneys, probation officers & social workers.
- In October there will be a series of six (6) training seminars for lawyers and judges in 602 and 300 systems on Dually Involved Youth, with the goal of helping everyone understand the two systems and recent County progress in helping the two systems work together.

Ms. Pennypacker asked if the Dually Involved Youth training is the same training for each and if a list of dates will be available. Judge Clark said the Judge Schwarz is coordinating the dates.

Probation Department Juvenile Program: Elsa Jennings reported on the following:

- The reports that are normally handed out have not been generated due to it being the first of the month but will be sent out via email.
- The population report for June 2015 was distributed. Population at Juvenile Hall is 96, with 82 males and 14 females. The Ranch population is at 36, with 32 males and 4 females.
- Michael Clarke has transitioned over to the Ranch as the full-time manager.
- Robert Young has been moved over to QA / PREA position that oversees both institutions.
- Sean Rooney will be joining Juvenile Hall in charge of the Control Section and Elsa Jennings will remain over the Living Section.
- Thank you to all who attended Hot August Nights held on Friday, August 14, 2015. It was well attended and was a huge success. Special thanks to Sherry Yoder for coming into the MAC unit and helping to put everything together. Due to an issue with security contraband in B-8, that unit was not allowed to attend the festivities.
- County Council approved to initiate the Animal Assisted Activity Program with a new 2 year old standard poodle named Marco. The program will start in B-9 and will still have the same component with regards to mental health therapy that is in that program with joint efforts with Dr. Yang in the Mental Health Division.
- The FLY program will have volunteers from the 49ers come in to do group presentations along with some scrimmage football runs with the boys. The date has not yet been set.
- The library is moving ahead and will be taking donations of books. There will be a mentoring program within the library.
- Garden program is underway with B-8 and B-9. The boys have been out there on the weekends preparing the soil and starting the irrigation process.
- October 1, 2015 there will be an evacuation drill in Juvenile Hall and will incorporate all the stakeholders with Medical, Mental Health and School to be involved with the exception of the courts. Ashanti Hayes is heading the evacuation with the clinic doing triage with kids to get the real-life experience. These drills will be conducted quarterly involving all three (3) shifts.

Commissioner Tarpey asked how frequently fire drills are held and if the drills are in compliance with State requirements as to the frequency of these drills. Ms. Jennings and Mr. Hayes said that when they call for an evacuation it also incorporates all types of evacuation and with all three (3) shifts.

Ms. Harris asked about the garden area and if it is the same as in the past. Ms. Jennings said it was the same garden area as in the past and that security issues have been addressed.

Ms. Harris asked what will be done with the library. Ms. Jennings said they are working out the logistics which will include working with Kevin Rudich, who will be supplying books. There is also a reading program within Juvenile Hall and they are currently working on a mentoring program with a group called Freedom Readers who are working with the boys in B-4.

Maza Maroanoric asked about programs for the girls. Ms. Jennings said the girls receive art and yoga three (3) times a week and other programs include Girl Scouts and recently the introduction of a dance program call U-Jam. Piece-it-Together will be coming in to talk about sexual victimization treatment. Judge Lucero added that the City of San Jose has a female intervention team and are starting a MDT pre-detention for girls. Ms. Jennings said they had a meeting looking at how to create a gender-responsive program within juvenile hall and that has the ability to reach the girls once they leave Juvenile Hall.

Commissioner BurtonBurke asked why there are so many on the Ranch waiting list. Ms. Jennings said many of them are Administrative Ranch Returns (ARR.) Ms. Jennings said she will look at separating the stats in terms of how many are truly on the waiting to begin their treatment and then how many are back on the ARR list. Some of the boys are not behaving themselves at the Ranch and so they are coming in on

the ARR status. They stay with them until they get counseled on their behavior and then they go back to the Ranch.

Commissioner Hansen acknowledged Probation Counselor Antonio Walker who received the Employee Excellence Award from the County in August for 15 years of dedicated service.

Commissioner Chavez distributed flyers said through an athletic program there is a softball tournament to be held at Community Park in Morgan Hill on September 11, 2015.

Department of Family Children's Services /Children's Receiving Center: Jennifer Hubbs reported on the following:

- The Nurse Practitioner is fully trained and on staff and will handle screening and clearances to go into placement and will be working Tuesday through Saturday an 8 hour day. Dr. Eggy and Dr. Sterling will cover Monday's. There will be no coverage on Sundays. She has been very good at engaging the runaway youth. She will be doing some training of staff and creating hand-outs for foster parents on such items as gluten free diets, diabetic diets, etc. There will be a "team discharge" consisting of the Behavioral Health professional, the Medical Clinic and the Social Work team meet with the foster parent to keep them informed.
- There is a new partner in the re-design of the Receiving Center and they are interested in adding a dental clinic.
- A new dental clinic will be going out to two (2) resource centers in South County and San Jose.
- Transition from Children's Counselors to Social Worker I is actively moving forward and will be pairing with the emergency response social workers so the kids can go smoothly through the process.
- The response to the JJC Report will be on the BOS calendar for October 1, 2015.

Chair Colunga asked if the four positions that are being converted are currently vacant and that they are not being re-classified and that it was a creation of a new code. Ms. Hubbs said they did not do enough tasks of a Social Worker I to qualify for a re-classification. Chair Colunga asked what the time-frame will be for converting the balance of the position codes. Ms. Hubbs said there are seventeen (17) total with four (4) now and the 5th one becoming vacant by October 1, 2015.

Chair Colunga said he heard the 2020 date has been modified to 2017 for the completion of the RAIC construction. Ms. Hubbs said the target date is 2017-18 and that the proposal was taken to Jeff Smith and met with the consultant and Health and Hospital Systems and that they are actively pushing the appointments that need to be done and the hurdles that need to go.

Commissioner Tarpey asked about the runaways and is there any way to note if these kids are still missing. Ms. Hubbs said these kids are chronic runaways and a couple of those kids are more than one time. One comes and goes on a weekly basis and sometimes they turn themselves in so they can shower and eat and then they decline to go to placement. Most are the older teens and cannot force them to get into the car.

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

- There is no one on the waiting list in the Competency Program.

Behavioral Health - Alcohol and Drug Services: Lauren Gavin reported on the following:

- Work is still being done on the integration issue.

Law Enforcement Agencies: No report.

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

- There were no Direct Files for the month of August.
- We did try to do a test of a policy to consider mitigation factors in returning minors who have been direct filed to Juvenile Court services and I think we were able to come up with a draft protocol. The protocol will be discussed September 16, 2015 at 3:00 p.m. in the basement of Hedding St. at the Juvenile Justice Systems Collaborative Case Systems Process Sub-Committee meeting. There will also be a slide presentation on the committee activity the last 2-3 years. Second part is to increase the programming of the 30 or so children that have been Direct Filed or are continuing to be housed at Juvenile Hall.
- Looking at expanding the Truancy Program.
- A Community Prosecutor will be added in November to deal with prevention programs and will be assigned to the Overfelt area (95122) which is the King and Story area. They will also focus on the Gilroy, Burbank, Blackford and downtown Washington areas.
- Continue to go to community meetings on a monthly basis.

Commissioner Macavinta asked what the goal was of the Community Prosecutor. Mr. Arriola said the goal is to reduce and prevent juvenile crime.

Commissioner Pennypacker asked if the truancy program is the same as it was 20 years ago and if the program concentrates only on high school kids. Mr. Arriola said it was the same except that fewer cases are filed in court and petitions are down by half from five (5) years ago. Truancy Court is also down by 1/3 from 5 years ago, with between 50 to 70% of kids actually returning to school. Student mediations are just high school. In K-8 grades there is authority to prosecute parents for failing to bring their kids to school and in 2014 about 120 parents were prosecuted. Services are offered to these parents to assist them getting their children to school.

Independent Defender's Office: No report.

Alternate Defender Office: None.

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

- All juvenile lawyers are now located in the same area of the office along with the supervisor and one designated investigator, assigned to the juvenile team, so that they may work together.
- The juvenile team will meet today to discuss the Court User Survey and Report.
- A preliminary examination training will be complete later in September, at which point Juvenile specific trainings will re-start. Two trainings have already been requested, one on Commercially Sexually Exploited Children (CSEC) and the second in relation to court user report with training on how to talk to youth in general.

JJ Kapp reported on the following:

- Mr. Kapp announced Ms. Nisreen Baroudi will replace Mr. Jose Franco as the Unit Supervisor at the end of September. Mr. Kapp thanked and acknowledged Mr. Franco for his 3 years and 9 months as a supervisor and for outstanding contribution to the Unit, saying Mr. Franco made the

unit, the lawyers and the system better than when he came on as a supervisor. Mr. Kapp said he does not know of two more dedicated people, adding that Mr. Franco will assure a smooth transition.

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

- Ms. Kelleher introduced Atasi Uppal from the National Center for Youth Law. Ms. Uppal will be working with LACY and the new Treatment Court Path to Services to implement and adapt their FosterEd program. This program aims to improve the educational outcomes of probation-involved youth. Santa Clara County is the first jurisdiction to take some of the foster components and adapt them for the Juvenile Justice population. Ms. Uppal is a significant part of the Juvenile Treatment Court team.
- November 6, 2015 LACY's Honors will be honoring the youth founders of the HUBB and Bill Coleman, a school psychologist with Eastside Union High School District for his work with youth.
- The Children's, Senior's and Family Commission meeting will have over-the-counter meds as an item on their agenda.

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

- Two nurses have transferred to the jail at benefitted positions. Hiring 2 more nurses is in progress.

Alternative Schools Department, COE: Yvette Irving reported on the following:

- Started under enrollment both at our core schools as well as community schools with 120 between Blueridge and Osbourne. And 120 divided up between four community schools.
- New principal at Snell Community School is Maria Magana, former principal at Terra Bella.
- Terra Bella's new principal is Jesus Mraz.
- Opportunity Youth classroom has opened at Washington Community School. It is the first of three openings within the next month. Opportunity Youth and the COE's participation is part of a collective impact effort with many organizations participating. The classroom is open to students, ages 16 to 24, who have not achieved a high school diploma and are unemployed. An official ribbon cutting will be on November 6th at 10:00 at the Gilroy location.

Victim Witness Assistance Center: None.

YWCA Rape Crisis Center: No report.

Announcements/Correspondence: None.

Old Business: None.

New Business: None.

Adjourn to Executive Session: Chair Colunga adjourned the meeting to Executive Session at 1:20 p.m.

Next Meeting: October 6, 2015.

Respectfully submitted,

Barbara Crump