

**COUNTY OF SANTA CLARA
JUVENILE JUSTICE COMMISSION
Meeting Minutes – April 2, 2024
Via Zoom**

Commissioners Present: Stephen Betts, Chair
Dev Ghoshal, Vice Chair (*virtual*)
Marcie Bellicitti, Secretary
Victoria BurtonBurke
Nora Manchester
Penny Blake
Jean Pennypacker
Heather Angove (*virtual*)
Vaishali “Shali” Sirkay (*virtual*)
Diana Traub
Darius Parakh (*virtual*)
Karen Guldan
Howard Pomerantz
Rayan Sengupta
Neha Parthasarathi (*virtual*)

Commissioners Absent:

Also Present: Honorable Jose Franco, Superior Court
Honorable Franklin Bondonno, Superior Court
Kara Garasky, Superior Court
Vanessa Cornejo, BHSD
Michelle Hauck, BHSD
Veronica Robles, BHSD
Rachel Talamantez, BHSD
Violeta Garcia, BHSD
Trina Gauthier, Probation Department
Elsa Jennings, Probation Department
Melissa Garcia, Probation Department
Ignacio Carriles, Probation Department
Gladys Tran, Probation Department
Kimberly D’zatko, Probation Department
Elisa Carias, Probation Department
Marc Utsey, Probation Department
Kim Ho, Probation Department
Victoria Contreras-Wolfe, Probation Department
Vone Kegarice, Probation Department
Dolores Morales, Probation Department
Damon Silver, PDO
Paul Jhin, DAO
David Epps, ADO
Dane Caldwell-Holden, SCCOE

Mark Camilleri, SCCOE
Dr. Shelley Aggarwal, Medical Services
Katie Joh, DAC
Marie Mauboussin, DFCS
Jackie Howe, DFCS
Ruth Maurice, OMOS
Ashley Dargert, Office of County Supervisor Otto Lee
Matt Cammann, Seneca
Dana Bunnett, Kids in Common
Eric Forestal, Camp Recovery Center
Patrick Tondreau, citizen
Ray Blockie, citizen

Call to Order & Introductions: Chair Betts called the meeting to order at 12:15pm.

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

Swearing In: None.

Public Comments/Oral Petitions: None.

Approval of Minutes: March 5, 2024 Minutes approved by all Commissioners present.

REPORTS

PRESENTATION: Adolescent Residential Substance Treatment (Rachel Talamantez, Vanessa Cornejo, Eric Forestal)

- The Camp Recovery Center
 - Started in 1984
 - 25 acre facility in the Santa Cruz Mountains
 - Highly structured program, rich in evidence based treatment modalities
- Philosophy: “Recovery means life”
- Program Overview:
 - For everyone—74 bed residential facility, medically monitored detox, withdrawal management, SUD & co-occurring tracks, family involvement & support, psychiatry & med management, MAT, CBT, DBT, ACT, CPT, EMDR, holistic care, discharge planning, alumni program.
 - For adults—PHP/IOP in Scotts Valley & San Jose, veterans services.
 - For adolescents—accredited on-site high school, experiential treatment modalities.
- Detoxification
 - 24/7 nursing care
 - Withdrawal management
 - Medication assisted treatment
 - Individualized management & care
 - General medical & nursing services
 - Client focused biopsychosocial care
- Substance Use Disorder Track (SUD)
 - Individual/group sessions with a counselor weekly

- Individualized treatment planning
- Exposure & involvement with the 12-Step philosophy
- Sober recreational activities
- Continuing Care and Relapse Prevention Planning
- Holistic approach (body, mind, and spirit)
- Fully accredited academic program
- 6 hours of evidence-based curriculum daily
- Co-Occurring Disorder Track (COD)
 - Individualized sessions 2x weekly with master-level therapist
 - Psychiatric evaluation
 - Weekly psychiatric follow up
 - Medication monitoring
 - COD specific groups 4x weekly
 - Crisis management support
- Adolescent Experiential Recovery
 - Surf & water sports modality, equine assisted psychotherapy, goat assisted therapy
- Referral Process
 - Step 1: Youth can call the BHSD Call Center at 1-800-704-0900 for a referral to SUTS outpatient services.
 - Step 2: Once a youth is deemed in need of residential treatment, the SUTS outpatient counselor screens youth using the Authorization for Level of Care (ALOC) and submits request to BHSD Utilization Management (UM) team.
 - Step 3: Referring counselor will hear back from BHSD UM within 24 hours as to whether the ALOC has been approved, denied, or rejected.
 - Step 4: BHSD UM will send a copy of the approved ALOC, Synopsis, and ROIs to the The Camp.
 - Step 5: The Camp will connect with the youth and guardian/family for admission.
- Chair Betts asked: Does the adolescent program include 12-Step as well?
 - Eric responded: Yes. We are mandated to provide 6 hours of evidence based practice, but we provide many supplemental programs.
- Chair Betts asked: Do you expect youth to get a sponsor and go to meetings after The Camp?
 - Eric responded: No, it's voluntary and whatever works best for the youth.
- Chair Betts asked: How do you engage families?
 - Eric responded: We offer visitation biweekly facilitated by a counselor. We also offer virtual family planning services on Saturday.
- Commissioner BurtonBurke asked: Are the youth housed separate from adults?
 - Eric responded: Yes, completely separate. They don't interact, or eat, or program together at all.

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

- May 10th at 3:30pm the JJC will be hosting an in person stakeholder mixer.
 - Location: auditorium at 333 West Julian St
- Wrapping up Juvenile Hall inspection report.
- Starting inspection report for SYTF program.
- Anyone is welcome to join public meetings in person.
 - Location: independence conference room at 353 Julian St

Presiding Judge: Honorable Jose Franco reported on the following:

- Judge Kulkarni and Judge Flint spent a week at the Primary Assignment Orientation through the Judicial Counsel.
- Judges will do their inspection of Juvenile Hall in May.
- Judges continue to meet with different partners and stakeholders.
- Meeting set up in April with BH.
- Current Juvenile Hall girl population: 3

Dependency Court: Honorable Shawna Schwarz reported on the following:

- Dependency petitions continue to increase.
 - March 2023 has 9 petitions, March 2024 had 62 petitions
- Still operating with two judges.

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

Independent Defender's Office: No one present to report.

Legal Advocates for Children & Youth (LACY): No one present to report.

Dependency Advocacy Center (DAC): Katie Joh reported on the following:

- Dependency petitions continue to increase.
- Vision for DAC as new CEO: continue to enable DAC to provide representation for clients, continue to find opportunities to build on prevention work.

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

Alternative Schools Department: Dane Caldwell-Holden reported on the following:

- Osborne program culinary arts program is coming onboard for youth.

Mark Camilleri reported on the following:

- Blue Ridge will participate in the Feet First Program.
- Just completed LIUNA cohort.
 - 12 week program where students can earn certificates, including: blue print reading, construction awareness, financial literacy, CPR, forklift, hazardous waste, OSHA, welding.
- Osborne is focused on Food Handler's certificates.
- Students are about to release the baby trout they have been taking care of for months.

Department of Family and Children's Service (DFCS): Jackie Howe reported on the following:

- Preparing for May 7th Board of Supervisors meeting.
- Will send invite to JJC for upcoming community meeting.

Probation Department:

Trina Gauthier reported on the following for Juvenile Hall:

- Current population: 54 males, 3 females
- Kitchen reopened for dining after previous closure due to Covid outbreak.
- Refurbished visiting area is now open.
- First cohort of Victim Awareness classes has completed.

Elsa Jennings reported on the following for the Ranch:

- Current population: 34
 - 10 SYFT (7 male, 3 female)
- All youth participated in Easter activities.
- Probation now has three paid internship positions for Ranch youth.
- Appreciation BBQ for community based organizations – April 24th
- Recent SYTF enrichment field trips: Monterey Zoo & Fisherman's Wharf, guest speaker at Adobe event, joined Susan Ellenberg at her event in Campbell.

Behavioral Health: Veronica Robles reported on the following:

- SYFT program Clinical Supervisor starting in April.
- Juvenile Hall clinician starting in April.
- New manager for DIY program.

Medical Services: Dr. Shelley Aggarwal reported on the following:

- No longer offering Flu shot.
- No longer mandatory masking in clinical areas.

Law Enforcement Agencies: No one present to report.

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

Public Defender's Office: Damon Silver reported on the following:

- Staffing change: Jeff Mendoza is rotating out of Juvenile.

Announcements/Correspondence:

- None.

Adjourn to Executive Session: Chair Betts adjourned to Executive Session at 1:10p.m. The next meeting will take place on May 7, 2023 via Zoom.

Respectfully submitted,

Kara Garasky