

**COUNTY OF SANTA CLARA
JUVENILE JUSTICE COMMISSION
Meeting Minutes – March 5, 2024
Via Zoom**

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

Commissioners Absent: Rayan Sengupta

Also Present: Honorable Jose Franco, Superior Court
Kara Garasky, Superior Court
Vanessa Cornejo, BHSD
Michelle Hauck, BHSD
Veronica Robles, BHSD
Mayra Vargas, BHSD
Trina Gauthier, Probation Department
Elsa Jennings, Probation Department
Melissa Garcia, Probation Department
Ignacio Carriles, Probation Department
Gladys Tran, Probation Department
Liwei Wei, Probation Department
Damon Silver, PDO
Jonathan Mosby, PDO
Paul Jhin, DAO
David Epps, ADO
Lana Kreidie, IDO
Dane Caldwell-Holden, SCCOE
Lissa Thiele, SCCOE
Maria Yakoub, SCCOE
Mark Camilleri, SCCOE
Lanphuong Le, Medical Services
Dr. Shelley Aggarwal, Medical Services

Marie Mauboussin, DFCS
Chelsea Ramirez, FLY
Allyn Kula, OMOS

Ashley Dargert, Office of County Supervisor Otto Lee
Matt Cammann, Seneca
Patrick Tondrea, citizen
Ray Blockie, citizen

Call to Order & Introductions: Chair Betts called the meeting to order at 12:16pm.

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

Swearing In: None.

Public Comments/Oral Petitions: None.

Approval of Minutes: February 6, 2024 Minutes approved by all Commissioners present.

- Correction to the minutes – Superior Court Civil Grand Jury is looking for applicants.

REPORTS

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

- JJC met with Judge Franco.
- Sent a letter to the Board of Supervisors expressing the JJC's support for families first.
- JJC had planning meeting to review goals for the year.
- JJC would like to hold a social event so people can gather and network in person (maybe in May).

Presiding Judge: Honorable Jose Franco reported on the following:

- Specialty courts update:
 - Dually Involved Youth (DIY) – remains unchanged.
 - Domestic Violence (DV) court – Shut down of calendars during Covid affected DV court and it went by the wayside. Decided to let the youth with family violence cases remain with the same judge -- “one family, one judge”.
 - Court for the Individualized Treatment of Adolescents (CITA) – Only has one participant who is graduating soon. This will be the end of this court.
 - Why? Incentives for youth to participate in this court are no longer relevant. The requirements of CTA are too much for youth so referrals stopped coming in.
 - When a youth is enrolled in WRAP, they can be set for a review with the judge if any need arises.

Dependency Court: No one present to report.

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

Independent Defender's Office: Lana Kriedie had nothing new to report.

- Added another panel attorney.

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

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

The Office of Mediation and Ombuds Services: Allyn Kula reported on the following:

- OMOS has had lots of referrals recently.

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

- Making new plans to increase culinary arts program.

Mark Camilleri reported on the following:

- Several youth received food handler's certificate today.
- Working on expanding the library at Blue Ridge to transform it into more of a youth center.
- LIUNA (12 week apprentice program) youth are working on CPR/First Aid certification.
 - Youth have also completed other classes: Construction Fabrication, OSHA, MC3, Demolition, Renovation, etc.

Lissa Thiele reported on the following:

- Partnership between SCCOE and adult Office of Reentry Services.
 - Works with young adults 18+
 - One on one coaching, family advising, education resources, etc.
- High school diploma program at Reentry Center.
- Programs used to divert recidivism of youth exiting Juvenile Hall.

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

- Training in June on how youth recruit other youth to get into commercial sexual exploitation.
 - June 11th in Gilroy
 - June 12th in San Jose
- Youth Empowerment Summit this year (late July/early August).
- Restarting quarterly Safety Net meetings.

Probation Department:

Trina Gauthier reported on the following for Juvenile Hall:

- Juvenile Hall's culinary program chef is offering all youth the opportunity to earn food handler's certificate.
- Had an author visit youth at Juvenile Hall.

Elsa Jennings reported on the following for the Ranch:

- Current population: 33
 - 10 SYTF (7 young men, 3 young ladies)
 - 3 or 4 youth go off campus to attend college courses.
- SYTF young ladies attended 2 conferences in February.
- SYTF youth went on a "learning field trip" to a state park.
- New program -- Cooking and Collaboration with Probation
 - Probation officers interacted with youth during a cooking class
- Expanding library to become a youth center.
 - Might have ribbon cutting ceremony.
- Commissioner BurtonBurke asked: What is the transportation like for youth who travel off campus?
 - Elsa: The youth are not in handcuffs or and restraints.

Behavioral Health: Vanessa Cornejo reported on the following:

- The Camp is going to be presenting at the next JJC meeting in April.

Medical Services: Lanphuong Le reported on the following:

- No current Covid cases.

Law Enforcement Agencies: No one present to report.

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

Public Defender's Office: Jonathan Mosby had nothing new to report.

Announcements/Correspondence:

- None.

Adjourn to Executive Session: Chair Betts adjourned to Executive Session at 12:47p.m. The next meeting will take place on April 2, 2023 via Zoom.

Respectfully submitted,

Kara Garasky