



Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention Commissions

March 27, 2024, 5:15 p.m.
FINAL MINUTES

I. Preliminary Business

- a) Call to Order: Chair Johanna Rasmussen called the meeting to order at 5:15 p.m.
- b) Sukhmani Purewal, Clerk and the Spanish Interpreter, gave instructions for Spanish translation services.
- c) **Commissioners Present:**
Chair Johanna Rasmussen, Vice Chair Administration Karin Huber-Levy, Vice Chair Membership Ruchi Mangtani, Paul Bocanegra (arr. 5:24pm), Whitney Genevro, Steve Grieb, Wesley Liu, Susan Swope (arr. 5:50pm), Tiffany Uhila-Hautau.
Commissioners Absent:
Zahara Agarwal, Ameya Nori, Sathvik Nori.
Staff Present: Sukhmani S. Purewal, Assistant Clerk of the Board of Supervisors; Senam Aram, Deputy Chief Probation Officer, Juvenile Services; Nora Cullen, Assistant Deputy Chief Probation Officer, Juvenile Services; Ron Reyes, Private Defender Program; Nadia Hahn, District Attorney's Office.
- d) **Agenda Approval: M:** Huber-Levy, **S:** Liu to approve the agenda as distributed. Approved unanimously.

II. Oral Communications – Public Comment: None.



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III. Updates from System Partners:

- a. **Private Defender (Ron Rayes)**— Reported that of 43 new cases assigned, 8 were alleged 707(b) offenses. There were 3 sealing requests and 28 calls on the Miranda hot line.

They are tracking and supporting **Senate Bill 1353***, which modifies the Youth Bill of Rights to include the right to any needed mental health services. SB 1353 has passed the Senate and is ordered for reading in Assembly in April.

Update on the impact of **Proposition 57****: over the past year, in San Mateo County there have been 8 petitions to transfer a youth to adult court. Of these petitions, 6 have been adjudicated to date and all were denied.

****SB 1353:** Existing law establishes the Youth Bill of Rights for all youth confined in a juvenile facility, which includes the right to live in a safe, healthy, and clean environment conducive to treatment and rehabilitation, to contact attorneys, ombudspersons, and other advocates regarding conditions of confinement or violations of rights, and to receive a quality education. This bill would add to the Youth Bill of Rights the right to not be deprived of mental health resources, including daily access to counselors, therapists, mentors, or any related services necessary for mental well-being, rehabilitation, and the promotion of positive youth development while detained in a juvenile facility.*

*****Proposition 57:** Proposition 57, the Public Safety and Rehabilitation Act of 2016, substantially amends the process by which juvenile offenders may be transferred to the jurisdiction of the criminal court by (1) eliminating the authority of prosecutors to directly file petitions in criminal court, and (2) requiring that the juvenile court hold a hearing and determine if a transfer is appropriate.*

- b. **District Attorney (Nadia Hahn)**—Nothing to report.



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- c. **Probation (Senam Aram, Nora Cullen)** — For the month of February, 35 youth were in custody at YSC: 31 males and 4 females; 3 out-of-county youth (1 Alameda, 1 Santa Clara and 1 San Francisco). There were 21 youth on EMP, 183 on active supervision, 152 on diversion/court/pending cases of which 32 were on specifically on diversion or court cases.

Of those in the diversion program, 27 are Hispanic, 2 white, 2 Polynesian, and 1 each Middle Eastern, African American, and Asian.

The diversion programs available to SMC residents who have committed certain infractions/violations include: a letter of reprimand, the petty theft program (property is recovered, online class, victim impact awareness program), a 90 day or 6 month contract (BHRS/HSA collaboration) which may include referrals to CBOs for social programs of interest to the youth.

Visiting Policy – a new visiting policy has been posted at reception and all families of current youth in detention have received a copy.

ACTION: Commission to submit a follow-up request to Probation, attention Michelle Kozul, for a copy of the Visiting Policy.

- d. BHRS (Ornit Shoham) — No report.
e. County Office of Education — No report.
f. HSA: Children and Family Services—No report.

IV. **Supervisor David Canepa** – unable to attend, to be rescheduled.

V. **Presentation: Project Cornerstone**

In response to the presentation by Ziem Neubert and Megan Streicher regarding Project Cornerstone (a project of the YMCA of Silicon Valley) the Commission will create a small ad hoc committee to further discuss and explore the potential for a collaboration with Project Cornerstone in San Mateo County.



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ACTION: Call for Commissioners who are interested in working together on scoping out a project proposal to explore the potential for a collaboration in San Mateo County with Project Cornerstone.

ACTION: Commissioners Bocanegra and Uhila will prepare a follow up email to Ziem Neubert regarding members of the EPA communities who face obstacles to access YMCA facilities.

VI. **Commission: Communication Protocols**

In response to the informal set of communication protocols provided by Probation in an email thread between then-chair Monroe and Chief Keene, in 2023, and referred to earlier this year, the Commission wishes to formally adopt a Communication Protocol to promote clarity and efficiency in our ongoing communications and requests for information with Probation.

Also, Chief Keene noted that he will be attending JJDPCC meetings on an ongoing basis to answer questions directly as appropriate.

ACTION: Chief Keene, Chair Rasmussen, and Vice Chair Huber-Levy will meet to refine the Communications Protocol draft. The revised protocol will be considered for approval at JJDPCC's April meeting.

VII. **Action Items**

- Probation Diversion Data—Commission would like a presentation on Probation's diversion program.
- Probation Strip Search Data—The five strip searches mentioned in the BSCC Inspection Report occurred at admissions, not with youth in the facility. BSCC told Probation that they occurred under an old policy that is no longer in effect. The current policy is that strip searches may only occur if there is reasonable suspicion that a youth has contraband, drugs, or weapons on his or her person. As a result, Probation implemented a new procedure and search authorization form that was approved by BSCC.

VIII– IX **Deferred to April Meeting**

X. **Chair Rasmussen adjourned the meeting at 7:20 p.m.**