



ALAMEDA COUNTY

Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention Commission

MEETING MINUTES
Wednesday, February 8, 2023 | 12:00 PM – 2:00 PM
[ZOOM Teleconference](#)

Commissioners Present:

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| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Palagummi, Vamsey (Chair) | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Anderson, Louise | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Noma, Sally | <input type="checkbox"/> Peralta, Gina |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Metz, Elana (Vice Chair) | <input type="checkbox"/> Galvis, George | <input type="checkbox"/> Nunley, Patricia | |

Youth Commissioner: Larios, Xochtil

Member Emeritus: Nair, Kamal

Collaborative Partners Present:

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Badiey, Naseem, ACPD | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Ford, Brian, Assist. Chief ACPD | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Pappas, Carissa, ACPD |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Barton, Crystal, ACPD | <input type="checkbox"/> Gold, Matthew, DA | <input type="checkbox"/> Rivers, James, ACPD |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Burke, Yasmin, ACPD | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Gershow, Christine, ACBH | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Ross, Javay, ACPH |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Buckner-Preston, Mia, SSA-CWS | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Gratz-Lazarus, Zach, CAAP | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Tate, Hattie, OUSD |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Chambers, Adrienne, ACPD | <input type="checkbox"/> Konover, Kimberly, ACBH | <input type="checkbox"/> Vaughan, Monica, ACOE |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Crawford, Earl, ACOE | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Long, Ian, ACPD | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Walton, Robert, ACPD |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Donovan, Allyson, DA | <input type="checkbox"/> Mance, Al, Public Defender | <input type="checkbox"/> Wegley, Rebecca, ACPD |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Dawal, Marcus, Chief ACPD | <input type="checkbox"/> McGuire, Tammy, ACPD | <input type="checkbox"/> Williams, Shahidah, BOS |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Emmons, Craig, ACPD | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Mitchell, Alicia, ACPD | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Zambrana, Andrea, CAAP |

Recorder: Shavers, Andrea, ACPD

Harris, Lisa, AC Library

I. Administrative Business

- 1. Call to Order:** Chair Palagummi called the meeting to order at **12:02** pm.
- 2. Roll Call:**
- 3. Action to approve January 11, 2023, Minutes**
Vice Chair Metz invited a motion to adopt the January 2023 minutes as circulated with the agenda.

MOTION: Louise Anderson **Second:** Elana Metz

AYES (Voice Vote): All Present

NOES: None

ABSTAIN: None

MOTION PASSED.

II. Library

Alameda County Library, Lisa Harris

1. There is an onsite library in Juvenile Hall (JH) and Camp Wilmont Sweeney (CWS). The youth visit the library approximately once a week when there is available staffing.
2. The library staff strives to curate a library collection that is representative of the population at JH. There are books on every reading level.
3. They teach a class of SEEP Participants, graduates of high school, on Wednesday afternoons. It is a Social Justice class called, "Taking Charge of My Life", taught through the reading, watching and discussion of books and movies.
4. Co-Authors onsite to meet the youth and discuss their book *How to be a (Young) Antiracist*.
 - a. Nic Stone, author of several young adult books including *Dear Martin*.
 - b. Dr. Ibram X. Kendi, author of 15 books including *How to be an Antiracist*.

- c. The authors met two groups. The first group was from Unit 5 and seemed to connect to the themes of the book. They were able to engage the authors with questions and their personal perspectives. The second group was very appreciative that the authors took a special trip to visit and discuss racism with them.
 - d. The library staff and youth continue to discuss the manifestation of racism in the youths' lives.
 - e. One youth expressed how upset he was that he had to come to jail to discover his history. Dr. Kendi has encouraged the youth to write about their experience and will help them publish it through his university that publishes young people's writings.
5. There is a list of books the library does not carry which comes from a list of banned books.

III. Courts

CAAP Update, Zach Gratz-Lazarus

1. The adult social work program will be launched soon. CAAP will be hiring contract Social Workers on a case-by-case in adult with some overflow work in Juvenile when needed.

IV. Probation

General Updates, Ian Long

1. Juvenile Facilities is currently preparing for the BSCC annual inspection form May 2-5, 2023. Previously the inspections were bi-annual, beginning this year the inspection will be annual. Additionally, Facilities may have unannounced inspections at the discretion of the BSCC.
2. There is an ongoing continuous recruitment effort to hire Juvenile Institutional Officers (JIOs). Recently, there was a group of five candidates which come onboard yesterday. We are orientating the new hires differently. They are brought into facilities prior to the conclusion of onboard, before the medical and psychological exam, so the candidates can get a feel for the milieu and the environment.

Demographics

1. Number of youths at JJC – 64 (56 males, 8 females)
2. Number of youth age 14 and/or under – 9
 - a. 4 youth are 14.
 - b. 5 youth are 13.
3. Number of youths on Home Supervision – 38
4. Number of youths on GPS – 25
5. Number of youths on Secure Track – 17
 - a. 10 youths are in Unit 1
 - b. 7 youths are in Unit 3, 6 of which are DJJ returnees.
 - c. 4 youth are in high school.
6. Number of youths at Camp – 10
 - a. 4 youths are SB 823 step downs.

SB 823 Update, Yasmin Burke

1. There is a new Deputy Probation Officer (DPO) Casandra Anderson joined Facilities this past month.
2. The youth that were in Unit 12 have returned to Unit 3.
3. Two (2) youth have recently graduated high school. Plans for their ceremonies are in development.
4. 11 youths in SB 823 custody are taking some form of college classes, virtual, self-paced, or in-person.
5. One (1) youth is enrolled in an electrician's course.

6. One (1) youth is employed through the Raising Leaders program and is working in the library. This youth has been conditionally accepted to San Francisco State University and Cal State Eastbay.
7. A group of youth will complete the Raising Leaders workshop on February 15, 2023. Upon completion youth that will be allowed to work will be identified.

Programming

1. Programming for Secure Track youths includes the following.
 - a. Family Spring is an intensive substance misuse program.
 - b. George Smith teaches life mapping and journaling.
 - c. True Academy focuses on anger management and gang intervention.
 - d. ROP provides culturally responsive Cognitive Behavioral Therapy (CBT).
 - e. Restore Our Communities (ROC) hosts a basketball clinic for Units 1, 3 and 5 every Friday from 10:30 am to 11:30 am.
 - f. The cooking program is held each Wednesday from 12:00 pm to 2:00 pm. Staff assist the youths' preparing meals of their choice.
 - g. Center Force will begin a program focusing on fatherhood.
 - h. Youth Beat will begin a program focusing on multimedia arts.

Questions / Statements & Responses

1. **Question:** Will the fatherhood classes be available to youth in non-SB 823 units?
JJC's Response: Yes, we will try to make the class an option for non-SB 823 units.
2. **Question:** Are there any updates on the shuttle running during the day?
JJC's Response: General Services Agency (GSA) have agreed to move forward with engaging the shuttle service to resume their original frequency. The contractor is in the process of hiring an additional driver so that the original schedule may resume. The timeline is currently unknown.

V. Medical & Behavioral Health

Medical Updates January 1 – 31, 2023, Dr. Javay Ross

1. 374 total medical encounters at the Fairmont Clinic.
 - a. 20 new admissions, the encounter includes a vision evaluation.
 - b. 37 admissions
 - c. 41 discharges.
2. 123 encounters with a physician
3. 166 Registered Nurse visits.
4. 60 LVN visits
5. COVID outbreak in January 2023 did not result in any major issues.

Guidance Clinic Updates, Dr. Christine Gerchow

1. The health response to contraband, a collaboration amongst many agencies, ACPD, Education, UCSF, Family Spring, and the Guidance Clinic, was sent out. It is a chart that identifies the area of response.
2. Crisis Response recruitment update to the internal announcement for licensed clinicians to provide on-call after hours crisis support. There will be another recruitment opening. The fifth interview will take place this week.
3. Behavioral Health's public health partners along with ACPD Administration, UCSF partners and Guidance Clinic have met and decided since the state of emergency ends on 2/28/2023, the guidance and public health from UCSF will be updated. Tentatively the updates in policy format will be available to share in 4 to 6 weeks.

4. Behavioral Health numbers for January 1 -31, 2023
 - a. 169 total interactions
 - b. 30 Intakes
 - c. 79 referrals for regular intake and urgent intake.
 - d. 13 afterhours Crises.

VI. Social Services

Assessment Center Update, Mia Buckner-Preston

Background Information: The Assessment Center (AC) provides 72-hour transitional care.

1. The State has provided directives for ongoing operations for the Assessment Center. The Community Care Licensing wants the AC to concentrate on the following.
 - a. Reduce the reliance on the Assessment Center to provide long-term care. The state's goal is to reduce the number of youths experiencing transitional shelter. The AC cannot provide an intake for anyone that has an alternative safe option for their care.
 - b. Eliminate overstays. Any youth that stays at the AC beyond 72-hours is flagged by the state. The AC must provide the State justification why the youth was at the AC, the reason for the overstay, show placement search efforts where the attempt to place the youth was made and the provider's response.
 - c. The AC is no longer able to have 0 to 6 youth at the AC unless it is determined the youth have no other safe options for care. Justification must be provided to the State within 24-hours.
2. 70 intakes in January. 70% of the January intakes were teens between the ages of 13 and 17.
3. A lot of older teens ages 17, 17 ½, and those just shy of their 18th birthday are entering the AC. Currently there is not a lot of resources for older teens. There is a rise in parent-teen conflict cases. There is a lack of foster care homes for youth ages 16 and above. Social Services cannot place a youth in a STRTPs as a consequence of unavailable foster homes. The youth end up staying at the AC for longer periods of time.
4. After February 18, 2023, the Sheriff's Department will no longer be at the AC. Effective, February 19, 2023, the AC will be supported by security guards.

VII. Alameda County Youth Advisory Council

Youth Advisory Council Update, Jessica Peregrina & Ariel

Background Information: The youth Advisory Council (YAC) consists of 11 paid members ages 17 – 25 who have been impacted by the Juvenile Justice System and who have a passion to create systemic change.

1. In November 2022, YAC met with ACPD to share their four focus areas.
 - a. Education and mental health at JH.
 - b. Education and employment opportunities within SB 823.
 - c. Programming for youth reentering the community.
 - d. Grievance policy
2. YAC's upcoming projects
 - a. YAC members will be attending a Building Powerful Youth and Adult Partnership training the week of 2/8/2023.
 - b. YAC will give a presentation to Delinquency Prevention Network (DPN) at the end of the month.
 - c. YAC plans to lead focus groups in March and April of 2023.

VIII. Commission Updates

1. The commission will resume in-person meetings March 8, 2023, at the Juvenile Justice Center located at 2500 Fairmont Drive, San Leandro, CA 94578, in conference room C-1002 on the first floor of the building. The meeting will also be available for virtual attendance.

IX. Public Comment

None.

Next Meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, March 8, 2023.

Location: Hybrid meeting format.

In-person: Juvenile Justice Center, 2500 Fairmont Drive, San Leandro, CA, Conference Room C1022

Virtual: via Zoom.

Meeting adjourned at 1:48 pm.