



# ALAMEDA COUNTY

## Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention Commission

**MEETING MINUTES**  
**Wednesday, January 17, 2024 | 12:00 PM – 2:00 PM**  
**2500 Fairmont Drive, San Leandro, CA 94578**  
**Room C-1002**  
**[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"/> Larios, Xochtil |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Metz, Elana (Vice Chair)  | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Ervin, Kareem    | <input type="checkbox"/> Nunley, Patricia           |

**Youth Commissioner:**  Naziri, Ethan      **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"/> Burke-Taylor, Yasmin, ACPD | <input type="checkbox"/> Garcia, Lupe ACSC                                       | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Ross, Javay, ACPH      |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Buckner-Preston, Mia, SSA-CWS         | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Gipson, Tiffany, DA                          | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Tate, Hattie, OUSD     |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Cercone, Dante, ACPD                  | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Gerchow, Christine, ACBH                     | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Vaughan, Monica, ACOE  |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Conner, Shauna, ACPD       | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Gratz-Lazarus, Zach, CAAP                    | <input type="checkbox"/> Walton, Robert, ACPD              |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Crawford Jr., Earl, ACOE              | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Jackson, Scott, ACSC                         | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Wegley, Rebecca, ACPD  |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Donovan, Allyson, DA                  | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Konover, Kimberly, ACBH                      | <input type="checkbox"/> Williams, Shahidah, BOS           |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Dawal, Marcus, Chief ACPD             | <input type="checkbox"/> Maemori, William, ACPD                                  | <input type="checkbox"/> Wilson, Jacq, DA                  |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Ebrahimi, John, ACPD                  | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Mance, Al, Public Defender                   | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Zambrana, Andrea, CAAP |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Emmons, Craig, ACPD                   | <input type="checkbox"/> Mitchell, Alicia, ACPD                                  |  |
| <b>Recorder:</b> Shavers, Andrea, ACPD                         | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Spencer, Gregory S.,<br>Footsteps2Brilliance | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Sorbera, Kelly, ACOE   |

## **I. Administrative Business**

- 1. Call to Order:** Chair Palagummi called the meeting to order at **12:07 PM**.
- 2. Roll Call**
- 3. Action to Approve Minutes.**

Vice Chair Metz invited a motion to adopt the November 2023 minutes as circulated with the agenda.

**MOTION by:** Xochtil Larios    **Second by:** Vamsey Palagummi  
**AYES (Voice Vote): All Present**  
**NOES: None**  
**ABSTAIN: None**  
**MOTION PASSED.**
- 4. Commission Update(s), Announcements and Comments:**
  - a. The Commission has moved the meeting series to the second Wednesday of each month beginning in February.

## **II. Presentations:**

### **College and Career Program Under Development, Kelly Sorbera, ACOE**

1. This program is designed for the postgraduate youths housed in the JJC to provide life-changing, individualized programming to all students that fully integrates educational opportunities, career development, mental and behavioral health, and social-emotional needs.
2. The mission of the program is to fully realize the intent of an Individual Rehabilitation Plan (IRP).

- This plan must meet individual youth needs.
  - The plan must maximize youth schedules.
  - The plan must integrate an array of partners.
  - This plan must support youth post release.
3. Plans for program implementation are as follows.
- By the fall of 2024, ACOE will work with ACPD to develop and manage a master schedule for Camp Sweeney and Unit 1.
  - By the fall of 2024, ACOE will work with ACPD to collaborate on schedules for Units 5 and 6 to give them the opportunity to participate in programming.
  - By the spring of 2025, ACOE will work with ACPD to develop and manage a master schedule for Unit 5.

### **Footsteps2Brilliance, Gregory A. Spencer PhD**

1. A child's solid foundation begins at home and in the community, not in school. Footsteps2Brilliance empowers parents to be their child's first and most impactful teacher.
2. 66% of students that cannot read or socially function by the 3<sup>rd</sup> grade may wind up in prison or on public assistance for life.
3. The Footsteps2Brilliance curriculum is pre-K through 12<sup>th</sup> grade. Both student and parent(s) are able to use and learn from the curriculum.
4. Footsteps2Brilliance provides elementary school bilingual literacy, reading, writing, math, STEM, social-emotional learning and more. The software is free to all residents in participating counties. The software is accessible on any smart device 24/7.
  - It is more than just another literacy program. The program focuses on comprehension, vocabulary, phonics, fluency, alphabet, spelling, writing, reading skills, early math skills, STEM and digital literacy, social studies, physical science, technology competency, character development, common core & standards aligned, real time data with instant feedback, formative assessments & reporting tools, and more.

## **III. Partner Updates**

### **Education**

No updates.

### **Court, Judge Scott Jackson**

No updates.

### **Criminal Court Appointed Attorneys (CAAP), Andrea Zambrana**

No updates.

### **Public Defender, Al Mance**

Heard petitions – youth that have life without parole defined as 40 years to life or more are entitled to further hearings. The kid must have been in prison for at least 15 years.

### **District Attorney, Tiffany Gipson**

No updates.

### **Probation**

#### **1. General Updates – Yasmin Burke**

- a. In December, a youth graduated from Laney College and received his AA degree.

- b. On 12/27/23, we held the winter festival which was well attended and supported by our collaborative partners.
  - c. The Public Defender's Office provided the youth with pizza on Christmas Day.
  - d. The District Attorney's Office provided the youth with pizza on New Year's Day.
  - e. The New Year's holiday brunch was well attended.
2. Demographics Juvenile Hall  
Number of youths in Juvenile Hall – 27; 23 are male and 4 are female.
    - a. GPS – 25 are male and 2 are female.
      - Education – 4 are in High School and 9 are in college.
  3. Demographics Secure Track  
Number of youths on Secure Track – 12
  4. Camp Sweeny  
Number of youths in Camp – 12
    - a. 7 youth on Secure Track.
    - b. 5 Non-Secure Track youths.
    - c. 3 youth are attending college in-person.
  5. One youth
  6. Programming
    - a. In February, the youth will celebrate Black History Month at Camp.
    - b. Also in February, the public nurse will come to camp to assist with health education such as physical health, diet, exercise, and chronic disease prevention.
    - c. Hidden Genius began the 10-week program on 11/29/23. This is an introduction to coding course which is a prerequisite to Last Mile.
    - d. CTWI construction program is wrapping up the 6-week program at Juvenile Hall.

#### Medical, Dr. Christine Gerchow

1. Beginning January 1, 2024, minors ages 16 and older in California can now consent for Buprenorphine to treat Opioid Use Disorder.
2. Medical numbers for December 2023
  - a. 164 RN encounters for a total of 336 visits
  - b. 81 physician encounters; 22 history and physical visits
  - c. 14 optometry encounters.
  - d. 27 dental encounters.

#### Guidance Clinic, Dr. Christine Gerchow

1. We have completed the Secure Track Health Services Manual. Per the youths' request, it is in question format.
2. Behavioral Health numbers for December 2023
  - a. 158 encounters
  - b. 7 after-hours crises
  - c. 36 intakes
  - d. 80 referrals

#### Social Services, Melissa Fegurgur

1. In December 2023, there were 58 intakes in the Assessment Center (AC).
  - a. 11 were overstays.
  - b. The average length of stay was 51 hours.
  - c. 85% were females and 15% were males.
  - d. There were 8 duplicate youth at the AC.

2. The Assessment Center is further along in the approval process for the new AC locations. They will be moving into homes providing a home-like serene environment. The youth capacity will be 10.

Youth Advisory Council, Jessica Peregrina  
FLY is currently looking for a new council manager.

#### **IV. Public Comment**

None.

**Next Meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, February 14, 2024.**

**Location:** Hybrid meeting format.

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

Virtual: via Zoom.

**Meeting adjourned at 2:01 PM.**