

ALAMEDA COUNTY
JUVENILE JUSTICE DELINQUENCY PREVENTION COMMISSION
March 13, 2019
MEETING MINUTES

Commissioners Present:

Lois Brubeck	Erica Hooper-Arana	Pamela Mchombo	Vamsey Palagummi
Sheri Costa	Spencer Hooper	Elana Metz	Jessica Selvin
Kacy Hatcher-Robinson	Xochtil Larios	Kamal Nair	Eddy Zheng

Excused:

Louise Anderson
George Galvis
Arnold Perkins

Guests:

Esa Ehmen-Krause, Probation Department
Ian Long, Probation Department
James Rivers, Probation Department
Shauna Conner, Probation Department
Tammy McGuire, Probation Department
Honorable Charles Smiley, Presiding Juvenile Court Judge
Yahru Baruti, Guidance Clinic, BHCS
Juan Taizan, Guidance Clinic, BHCS
Andrea Zambrana, CAAP
John Plaine, Public Defender
Laurel Arroyo, Public Defender
Kimberly Blakiston, Public Health
Hattie Tate, OUSD/Oakland Unite
Eve Delfin', OUSD
Monica Vaughan, ACOE
Sean Moffatt, ACOE
Caroline Chou, Public Health Institute-IWAY
Joon Oh, County Counsel
Jazmine Frost, Probation Department, (Recorder)

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Chair's Welcome	Meeting was called to order at 12:08 p.m.	
Introductions	Everyone introduced themselves.	
Approval of minutes	Minutes were approved. <i>Commissioner Jessica Selvin</i> abstained.	
Probation Department	<p><i>Assistant Chief Probation Officer Esa Ehmen-Krause</i> reported that Chief Probation Officer, Wendy Still returns from vacation next week. The BSCC bi-annual pre-inspection review is scheduled for 3/27/19. They conducted interviews for their Juvenile Hall Assistant Superintendent classification last week and they have Institutional Supervisor I interviews scheduled for next week. They're anticipating retirements and promotions for both the Juvenile Facilities and Juvenile Field Services divisions.</p> <p><i>Deputy Chief Probation Officer Ian Long</i> reported a total of 61 youth at Juvenile Hall, 56 boys and 5 girls. The GPS total is 53 and the Home Supervision total is 53. There are three 14-year-olds and one 13-year-old. Camp Wilmont Sweeney has a total of 17 youth. In the last 41 days they had 6 Use of Force incidents.</p> <p><i>Juvenile Hall Superintendent James Rivers</i> added they are working out more strategies for Use of Force incidents that include getting the field Deputy Probation Officers involved in the process and having administration staff work with youth directly. They are putting emphasis on coaching and training and making sure they are more responsive and responding to youth more effectively. Their Change Team is meeting regularly and working to develop their new behavioral management system and incentive system for both Camp and Juvenile Hall.</p> <p><i>Commissioner Elana Metz</i> asked if they are actively working with the unions regarding how staff bargain for shifts. She expressed concern regarding all new staff being placed on the evening shift. <i>Esa Ehmen-Krause</i> responded it's in their contract, which is in place until 2021. There are active negotiations taking place regarding shift bidding and scheduling. <i>Ian Long</i> added that he provides direct support to new staff including those on the evening shift. <i>James Rivers</i> added that training with staff is ongoing.</p> <p><i>Director Shauna Conner</i> reported the Transition Center had 106 contacts for February, 48 were new contacts and 56 were duplicates. They provided \$1,671.50 in concrete services,</p>	

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72% were nutritional support and the remaining were for transportation. They are tracking their non-judgement involved contacts, they will provide that report next month. They are looking to increase or change concrete services to match the needs of the clients. She thanked the Public Defender's office for assisting with the TAY (Transitional Age Youth) program efforts.

ACOE

Alameda County Office of Education, Chief of Schools, Monica Vaughan reported that their WASC (Western Association of Schools and Colleges) visit for both the Camp Sweeney and Butler Academy schools took place this month. WASC is the primary evaluative tool and process that determines how schools earn their accreditation. Out of the visit comes a set of commendations and recommendations that create an action plan that becomes their primary road map for how they are moving forward in the future, she provided some of the commendations from the report. They have a draft of the report and will be happy to share the final report once it's received.

Alameda County Office of Education, Principal, Sean Moffatt provided some of the recommendations from the WASC report. He announced that tomorrow is National Pi Day (π). There are two youth in Unit 4 that memorized the first 100 digits of Pi.

Court Appointed
Attorney's Program

Court Appointed Attorney Program, Director, Andrea Zambrana reported they hired a social worker.

Public Defender

Public Defender John Plaine reported that Beyond Emancipation's workforce program presented to the Public Defender's office and they learned about what services can be offered to their youth. The Mentoring Center made a presentation to their office and they will now be making referrals to them.

Public Defender Laurel Arroyo reported she collaborated with East Bay Community Law Center and Pacific Juvenile Defender Center to host a Juvenile Defender's Conference. They had 150-160 attorneys, social workers, education lawyers, and reformers from the Burns Institute and National Center for Youth Law attended the event to learn how to be better lawyers, better serve the youth, and reform the system.

Presiding Juvenile Court Judge, Honorable Charles Smiley asked who funded the endeavor. *Laurel Arroyo* responded

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that there's a very low budget and they charge \$25, which covers bagels and sandwiches, Berkeley gives them the facility for free. *Judge Smiley* suggested she make a phone call to the Annie E. Casey Foundation to see if they would be willing to put money behind a project like this. *Laurel Arroyo* responded she would contact them.

District Attorney

None.

Social Services

None.

Guidance
Clinic/Medical

Juvenile Justice/CFS Health Services Director, Juan Taizan reported Children's Hospital has committed to stay for the next 3 years. There is no contract in place, nothing is formal. *Poonam Sandhu* is their new clinic manager and she will attend the next JJPC meeting. They have 18 youth assigned to MDFT, MDFT has a capacity of 24 and they are looking for more referrals. Project Permanence has 40 youth assigned. MST (Multi Systemic Therapy) is at capacity with 22 youth. They currently have 25 youth in their collaborative court assigned to intensive case management through SENECA, they are looking to increase these referrals as well. They are working with Judge Jackson in collaborative court to identify better ways to serve youth.

Behavioral Health Care Services, Guidance Clinic Clinical Manager Yahru Baruti reported the Guidance Clinic has 1 youth at Willow Rock and 1 youth at John George. This was the first time they sent a youth to John George and they need to put together a policy and protocol for working with this facility. They will be hiring a Mental Health Specialist III who will be working in the Transition Center and trained by Corinne Lee. Corinne Lee will be transitioning into the SB1004 unit. *Commissioner Jessica Selvin* asked if the two youth were placed in different facilities due to age. *Yahru Baruti* replied yes detained youth who are 18 or older must go to John George.

Public Health

Public Health Nurse Kimberly Blakiston reported their fatherhood summit event will take place 3/16/19 at Merritt College. Those that have any youth interested can register at <https://alamedacountyfathers.org/>.

Commissioner Pamela Mchombo asked if women can attend the event. *Kim Blakiston* responded she will find out and get back to them.

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OUSD/Oakland Unite *Oakland Unified School District Administrator, Hattie Tate* reported that she attended a State Convention for principals in Long Beach, CA. There will be a ballot measure in November 2020 to increase California school funding to move from forty-one to the top ten in the US. Their African American Male Achievement Symposium is on March 14 and 15, 2019. The Office of Equity will showcase their work and their students. Students attended the My Brother's Keeper event and were able to perform and meet former President Barak Obama. Oakland Unite is looking at RFPs for partnership work, the final decision will be coming out no later than this May. They were successful in partnering with a CBO for a diversion program. Their expectation is for two diversion programs to be created for Oakland youth. They are hosting an end-of-year celebration for students that complete the life coaching process. She met with Probation Director Shauna Conner to look at how they can align their data reporting to support State legislation changes. She will make a quarterly report at next month's meeting.

Commissioner Xochtil Larios asked which two organizations they partnered with for the diversion programs. *Hattie Tate* responded Youth Uprising for one location, the other location hasn't been confirmed.

Presiding Juvenile Court Judge, Honorable Charles Smiley asked where the referrals come from. *Hattie Tate* responded from the schools themselves, it's a school-based referral system. *Judge Smiley* asked if there is space for a partnership with the District Attorney and Probation for diversion alternatives. *Hattie Tate* responded absolutely. *Judge Smiley* responded he has a referral who may have a venue in West Oakland that she can utilize, he will provide her the information.

Commissioner Elana Metz asked where the accountability for the programs lie. *Hattie Tate* responded The City of Oakland is the organization that will be submitting the Grant and evaluating the program. The CBO Youth Uprising has the next level of responsibility. Youth Uprising will partner with OUSD who will be working with the Office of Equity as their goal is to hire African American male achievement teachers who are credentialed and immersed in restorative justice and manhood development.

Esa Ehmen-Krause asked what the diversion program will divert the students from. *Hattie Tate* responded the diversion

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program will be prevention and intervention. Prevention as in they've never been detained and intervention as in they've been in trouble and they are assisting them to get out and be in school.

Public Comment

None.

Presiding Juvenile
Court Judge

Presiding Juvenile Court Judge, Honorable Charles Smiley reported that SB1391 has been challenged by courts up and down the State. They will be bringing cases that involve drugs and alcohol, mostly marijuana cases, to youth infraction court in Dept. 402 with Judge Jackson. Probation is not involved with the actual running of the Court, but they will be a great partner throughout the process. He will be inviting individuals to regular Brown Bag discussions and asked that anyone who wants to be added to the email list please notify him, Beyond Emancipation will be at a Brown Bag in June. He spoke with Camp Sweeney Superintendent Jessica Fort about possibly modifying the Camp Sweeney program to include a component where youth would be allowed to spend more time at home perhaps within a few months after arriving at Camp. This would give the youth an opportunity to begin practicing new skills at home and in the community under Probation's intensive supervision and might also help reduce the number of AWOL's and get youth home sooner. *Esa Ehmen-Krause* responded she would discuss it with the Chief.

Esa Ehmen-Krause will discuss the proposed Camp Sweeney program modification with Chief Still.

Commission Updates

Commissioner Jessica Selvin announced they are working on completing Police Department and Group Home inspections and meeting with the Judge to determine how the inspection reports are being used and who has access to them.

Commissioner Erica Arana reported they are still working on getting the Youth Advisory Council started. There is a follow-up meeting scheduled and they are working on a proposal.

Adjournment

2:15pm

Next Meeting

Wednesday, April 10, 2019 at 12:00 p.m., at the Juvenile Justice Center, 2500 Fairmont Drive, C-1002, San Leandro, CA