

**COUNTY OF SANTA CLARA
JUVENILE JUSTICE COMMISSION
Meeting Minutes – July 6, 2010**

**Crime Lab
First Floor Conference Room
250 West Hedding Street
San Jose CA 95110**

Commissioners Present: Pam Serrano, Chair
Raymond Blockie, Vice
Chair
Penelope Blake, Secretary
Dana Bunnett
Stephanie Dong, Youth Comm.
Rada Ford
Nora Manchester
Calixto Manriquez
Vinod Mehta
Mary Ryan
Anita Sunseri

Commissioners Absent: Patricia Khan

Also Present: Honorable Paul Bernal, Superior Court
Honorable Katherine Lucero, Superior Court
Honorable Patrick Tondreau, Superior Court

Dr. Arash Anoshiravani, Medical Services
Deanna Burneikis, Independent Defense Counsel's Office
Victoria Burton Burke, Public Defender's Office
David Epps, Alternate Defender's Office
Andrea Flint, Public Defender's Office
Greta Hansen, County Counsel's Office
David Howe, District Attorney, Delinquency
Chia-Chen Lee, Valley Medical Center/
Juvenile Hall Clinic
Steve Monte, Juvenile Hall Mental Health
Kevin Rudich, Alternate Defender's Office
Doug Southard, Department of Family and Children's Services
(DFSC)/ Children's Receiving Center
Laura Wegel, Probation Department

Guests Present: Alana Hawkins, Fresh Lifelines for Youth (FLY)
The-Vu Nguyen, Supervisor Cortese's Office
Bob Nunez, Retired Superintendent, East Side
Union High School District
Debbie Pell, Bill Wilson Center
Maria Razo, Guest

Call to Order/Roll: Chair Serrano called the meeting to order at 12:20 p.m.

Agenda Approval: On Commission consensus, the agenda was approved, as submitted.

Introductions: Individuals introduced themselves.

Public Comments/Oral Petitions: None.

Review and Approval of Minutes: Commissioner Blake directed attention to page 4 of the June 1, 2010 minutes, fourth line under Mental Health report, and requested that the words “ ... which, if unaddressed, can lead to increased recidivism ... ” be added following “ ... Juvenile Hall Mental Health Clinic ...”

On Commission consensus, the minutes of June 1, 2010, were approved, as amended.

Presentation by David Inocencio, Beat Within Publication: Chair Serrano announced that the presenter was not in attendance.

REPORTS

Juvenile Court: Judge Tondreau reported on the success of the Georgetown University conference held on June 29, 2010 to discuss cross-over issues. He directed attention to a handout titled Engaging Families in Santa Clara Juvenile Justice Court, which was used in preparation for the breakout sessions he facilitated at the conference. Judge Tondreau noted that numerous attendees were interested in video conferencing for the juvenile justice courts, inasmuch as there is a need to engage parents more. Judge Tondreau also reported that at the conference it became apparent that Santa Clara County is the only county in the nation that does not have concurrent jurisdiction, where the child welfare agency, such as DFCS, and the Probation Department, work together to develop a case plan. Judge Tondreau added that he and the team from the County that attended agreed to raise the issue of concurrent jurisdiction with County leaders.

Judge Tondreau also briefly reported on the Joint Forensic Evaluators Oversight Committee and subcommittee, which is formulating a document of standards and training for forensic evaluators.

Lastly, Judge Tondreau reported that the annual National Conference of Juvenile Court Judges will take place on July 19 -21, 2010 in San Diego, California. He invited all to attend and advised that he and Judge Lucero would be conducting a breakout session on cross-over issues.

Chair Serrano initiated discussion on the impact of dual status suspensions on MediCal coverage, and Judge Tondreau and Judge Lucero commented on the processes relating to closing out files, re-engaging, and reinstating services. Judge Tondreau advised that suspension allows him to reinstate without starting a new file. Chair Serrano inquired whether or not joint jurisdiction would be beneficial in terms of dual status suspensions. Judge Lucero commented that the bigger picture is one of the need for a one judge, one family model. Chair Serrano noted that the County of San Mateo follows a model where the same judge is attached to the family throughout the process. Discussion continued among Chair Serrano, Judge Tondreau, Judge Lucero, Mr. Southard and Commissioners Bunnett and Manchester on the necessity for additional attention to the issues of dual status, concurrent jurisdiction, and communication among the courts, probation staff and social services staff on behalf of juveniles in custody.

Judge Bernal advised that Mental Health Court graduated several minors, as well as accepted several new children. He noted that Mental Health Court is near capacity at approximately 25 children per Probation Officer. He continued by commenting on ongoing efforts by the Court for Individualized Treatment of Adolescents (CITA) Task Force to develop protocols, and advised that there was a review of the program by a child who completed the program, a parent, and a mental health expert. Judge Bernal also noted that two counties are being assisted in adopting the model. Brief discussion continued clarifying that the child who commented on the protocols was 14 years of age at the time and is now 15 years old, and verifying that comments by reviewers were constructive. In terms of competency, Judge Bernal noted that the protocols and implementation of the protocols are issues that have surfaced. He advised that work on the protocols continues, and will be followed with needed modifications and comments by a wider audience.

Judge Bernal reminded the JJC that the Virginia Model would be adopted and was approved by the Board of Supervisors, although the implementation timeline had not been finalized. Mr. Monte advised that Larry Soto is the point person for implementation issues.

Judge Lucero reported that there would be a Reunification Day celebration. The Children, Senior's and Families Committee will have a ceremony, hosted by Supervisor Dave Cortese, on September 7, 2010, at which time a Resolution will be presented honoring families and professional staff. Judge Lucero also briefly reported on efforts to apply for a long-term foster care grant through the Obama Administration, which will assist in serving children in long-term foster care more efficiently. She noted that Judge Shawna Schwarz would be involved in preparing the grant. Judge Lucero also invited anyone interested to attend Judge Schwarz's Teen Court, which is held on Thursday afternoons.

Probation Department: Ms. Wegel reviewed the Probation Department Population Sheet, dated July 1, 2010, and noted that Juvenile Hall population is down, as well as the wait lists at Wright Center and James Ranch. She also reported on the Secrets Program offered by Kaiser Permanente, which addressed reproductive health and other issues for youth. Lastly, Ms. Wegel advised that the Grandparents Program would be on July 29, 2010, and the Probation Department is preparing for the upcoming Hot August Nights event. Brief discussion ensued on the possible reasons for the low statistics on the Population Sheet.

Chair Serrano raised questions regarding the availability of the Salient Features Report and Ms. Wegel advised that she would follow up on the issue. Brief discussion continued on how capacity is rated at both Wright Center and James Ranch. Chair Serrano also inquired regarding the clean up of the graffiti in Juvenile Hall. Ms. Wegel advised that a work order has been submitted.

In response to an inquiry by Commissioner Manriquez, Ms. Wegel updated the JJC on efforts to start the monthly newsletter. She noted that a monthly calendar of events had been implemented and forwarded to Chair Serrano. Commissioner Manriquez clarified that the newsletter would be a resource for parents to receive information about Juvenile Hall and Ranch programs for youth.

DFCS/Children's Receiving Center: Mr. Southard advised of the transition of the Clover House operations. He reported that staff had transitioned their cases and operations were running smoothly. Relative to the DFCS budget hearings, Mr. Southard stated that the budget was passed and there would be some staffing changes. He commented that the State budget might impact the DFCS budget further; however, the Department was reviewing ways to do business differently and to be more efficient. He noted that further updates would be forthcoming.

Mr. Southard distributed the Monthly Statistical Summary for June 2010 and reviewed statistics relating to Intakes; Custodies, particularly relating to sibling groups; and, Placement for Intakes and Custodies. In response to an inquiry by Judge Lucero, Mr. Southard advised that he would consider including in the Monthly Statistical Summary, statistics on the length of time siblings are separated.

Alternative Schools Department – COE: No report.

Mental Health: Mr. Monte expressed appreciation to the Reproductive Task Force formed by Judges Lucero and Tondreau and advised that Mental Health staff is looking forward to increased involvement. He noted that more services were needed in this area, as approximately one-third of youth in custody have had to address a pregnancy, or the pregnancy of a partner, or are already parents.

Chaplain: No report.

DADS: No report.

San Jose Police Department: No report.

Los Altos Police Department: No report.

Sheriff's Department: No report.

Medical Services: Ms. Lee advised that Medical Services received the official award for a two-year accreditation from the Institute of Medical Quality (IMQ), the only accreditation in the Bay Area. She also commented that DeAnza College students are in a program to observe nurses in Juvenile Hall.

Dr. Anoshiravani continued by reporting on the implementation of a research study to interview teen girls in detention in terms of mental health, reproductive health and barriers to health. He stated that the goal would be to eventually implement interventions based on the data. Dr. Anoshiravani commented that Stanford University and Valley Medical Center have approved the proposal for the research. Brief discussion continued between Commissioner Sunseri and Dr. Anoshiravani on the length of time for the approval process.

In response to an inquiry by Commissioner Manriquez, discussion ensued clarifying that no whooping cough cases had been identified, however, screening was under consideration in terms of prevention, as well as making a vaccine available. Dr. Anoshiravani advised that booster shots are routinely provided to adolescents, and an outbreak of whooping cough is not expected.

Public Defender's Office: Ms. Flint reported on the addition of Emanuella Chrysoglou to the staff and advised that Ms. Chrysoglou will be working with Judge Bernal. Ms. Flint also advised that the Educational Rights Committee will meet on Friday, July 9, 2010, at 12:15 p.m., in Judge Tondreau's Chambers; and, the Psychotropic Medications Committee will meet on August 18, 2010, at 12:15 p.m., in Judge Tondreau's Chambers. She also reported that the Training Committee would meet on August 4, 2010, at 12:15 p.m., location to be confirmed, for a presentation by Mental Health and Medical.

Alternate Defender: Mr. Epps reported on various staff changes in the Alternate Defender's Office.

Independent Defense Office: No report.

LACY: No report.

District Attorney: No report.

Public Defender: No report.

End of Reports

Announcements and Correspondence: None.

Old Business: None.

New Business: On motion of Commissioner Blockie, seconded by Commissioner Ford, the William F. James Boys' Ranch, May 2010, and Muriel Wright Residential Center, June 2010, Inspection Reports were approved, as submitted.

Adjournment: On order of the Chair, the meeting was adjourned at 1:10 p.m. to the next meeting on Tuesday, August 3, 2010, at 12:15 p.m., in the Crime Lab, First Floor Training Room, 250 W. Hedding Street, San Jose.

Respectfully submitted,

Carol J. Garza
Recording Secretary