



PROGRAMS COMMITTEE MEETING
Programs Committee Meeting Minutes
Tuesday, October 19, 2021
3 p.m.

Meeting held by teleconference pursuant to the Governor's Executive Order N-29-20 and the Twelfth Supplement to Mayoral Proclamation Declaring the Existence of a Local Emergency.

Commissioners

Margaret Brodkin, Chair
Toye Moses
James Spingola

Meeting Minutes

Proceedings:

1. Roll Call
Commissioner Brodkin called the meeting to order at 3:05 p.m.
Present: Margaret Brodkin, Toye Moses, and James Spingola.
Others Present: Katherine Miller, Chief Probation Officer, JPD staff; and CBO's.
2. No public comments.
3. Review and Approval of Programs Committee Meeting Minutes of 09-21-21 (ACTION ITEM)
Motion to approve by Commissioner Moses; second by Commissioner Spingola.
AYES: 3 (Brodkin; Moses; and Spingola)
Motion approved.
4. Update on Status of AB12 Youth and Progress on Addressing Housing Needs of Non-Minor Dependents (DISCUSSION ONLY)
Commissioner Brodkin discussed the housing needs for young people over 18 in the system and AB12 youths and would like to know how to meet those needs.
Gabe Calvillo, Director of Probation Services, discussed housing inventory and he said it will be a continuous process to gather people to find ideas, resources and technical expertise to put a program together.
Sherilyn Adams, Third Street, discussed the roles Steve Adami could play regarding housing sites that he had from Adult Probation; she said Ali Schlageter handles AB12 youth programming; and asked if the goal for this group is to create a housing program and/or access existing portfolio of housing that exists for young people 18 to 24.
Chief Miller said both because they would like to provide young people with options.
Commissioner Brodkin asked who is responsible for implementing Sherilyn's suggestion and asked as a Commission, do they push the Department to authorize the use of a building or develop a program in that building. She asked if they were advocates for the City to use their funding or are they trying to get the Department to do this.
Mollie Brown, District One resident, asked if Ali Schlageter could discuss her department's items and emergency housing vouchers. In addition, she asked about Prop C negotiations regarding TAYE and available resources.
Ali Schlageter said they have a system that young people experiencing homelessness can access: a portfolio for transitional and permanent housing. She said permanent housing is called supportive housing, which is site based and people access through coordinated entry. She said they become tenants with case managers onsite and the scattered site,

called Rapid Rehousing. She said Prop C will add more units through site-based and subsidies; BOS just approved the purchase of two buildings: Eulia (25 units) and Mission Inn (52 units); and 181 Federal Housing Vouchers will be set aside for AB12 youth and youth exiting foster care/ justice system. She said they need to discuss accessibility issues and services provided.

Chief Miller asked about access and if AB12 youths that are housed are considered homeless. She asked if it was possible to have options that would be more appropriate to what they need and want than what they have in their existing portfolio.

- o Ali Schlageter said homelessness includes non-minor dependents who are placed out-of-county but are wards of SF. She said they are working on training with access points and if AB12 youths are working with an end date, they meet definition of homelessness.
- o Commissioner Brodtkin said these are foster care kids and asked what the Commission can do to help.

Mollie Brown asked Ali Schlageter about the advocacy process regarding the 127 kids and the use of Hotel Eulia. She also said there are 86 kids on JPD and child welfare side.

- o Commissioner Brodtkin said there are 43 youths in system whose benefits will run out at the end of the year.
- o Chief Miller added that they are having this conversation; whether the City can step in and do universal basic income; and how to support these youths.

Commissioner Brodtkin asked for ideas.

- o Sherilyn Adams said she sent Gabe Calvillo an email regarding youth access points on existing resources for youth housing; youth providers working with Department on AB12 housing and extensions; and linkages to youth provider networks that exist for the Department to look at when and where expansions should happen;
- o Gabe Calvillo said he will follow-up with Sherilyn.
- o Chief Miller said they will continue to work with points of contact so resources are not lost.

Jana Clark, Deputy City Attorney, recommended not using the chat feature but discuss items orally for the public to hear everything.

Kwanza Mortin, Acting AB12 Supervisor, said SF needs a one-stop shop for foster care youths similar to other counties. He said there are youths outside the county because of lack of affordable housing in SF. He said these services are needed for youths.

Public Comments:

Egypt August, Young Women's Health Center, said Juvenile Hall should team up with Syndica as a support service and she said the AB12 team should teach financial literacy to kids. In addition, she said Juvenile Hall should be more of a therapeutic setting instead of group home settings.

Robin Love, Program Manager, Family Children Services, said they have identified the 127 youths and are working with Probation and Child Welfare to assess housing plans. She said she has 50+ vouchers. She also discussed the Transitional Housing Program for Former Foster Youth (THP) Plus application; tracking; UBI pilot; and emergency vouchers.

Kwanza Mortin, Acting Supervisor for AB12, reminded everyone that AB12 youth are not on probation.

5. Policies regarding Warrants (DISCUSSION ONLY) (DISCUSSION ONLY)

Chair Brodtkin asked Meredith Desautels to give a brief overview on warrants because she said a large number of youths are detained on warrants.

Meredith highlighted the following report that came from the issue brief created by the Data and Needs Assessment Subcommittee of the Close Juvenile Hall Working Group (CJHWG) with JPD's assistance. See supporting document at:

https://sfgov.org/juvprobation/sites/default/files/SF%20CJHWG%20Data%20and%20Needs%20Assessment%20Policy%20Brief%20on%20Warrants_Final.pdf

Commissioner Spingola asked about electronic monitors.

- o Molly said electronic monitors are commonly ordered as pretrial detention; youth with electronic monitors are not performing better than youth on home detention than youth without them; and would like to see a study that supports positive youth development.

Commissioner Brodtkin asked Chief Miller what they are doing related to warrants.

- o Chief Miller she said warrants are down in the past 1.5 years due to the implemented policy, Warrants to Probation Violations. She said prior, a PO could get a warrant on their own, now any request for a warrant for a probation violation goes through the Assistant

Chief or Chief Probation Officer for approval and requires more follow-up which has led to fewer requests from staff due to positive outcomes. In addition, Chief Miller said they try to resolve cases without a youth coming into custody. She added that if a youth is AWOL, a warrant is issued because it is their responsibility to know where they are. In addition, Chief Miller said electronic monitors are used primarily for out-of-county kids.

Public Comments:

Patricia Lee, Public Defender, discussed warrants where kids have gone AWOL or have home detention/probation violations. She said kids are in contact with Public Defender's Office and stabilized, the Public Defender tries to move up court date to clear warrant/arrest warrant, and PO's are telling them because of the court order requiring kids be brought to court and held in detention, PO's cannot do anything. She said that is a barrier for kids to turn themselves in. She said they need to change the warrant requirements and would like to look at other California jurisdictions that are doing this successfully. She also discussed preventative measures: early notifications/reminders before court appearance; changing court language requiring PO's to bring kids to lock-up; successful options in other counties; and two-tier system. She said this was prior to Gabe's arrival.

Commissioner Brodtkin asked about outstanding warrants.

- o Chief Miller said an exercise was done last summer to see which cases were outstanding and which could be recalled. She said it was about 50 and the number went down by half. She said five kids are in Placement now.

Dan McAllair said once the CJHWG report is published, he urges to move toward a formal written policy that details how the Department will reduce the number of technical violators brought into Hall. He added that any new policies include CBO's that are working with these kids, plus CARC, that could be central intake place.

Jana Clark, City Attorney, recommended Commissioner Brodtkin be clear when asking for public comment and moving back and forth regarding discussion about the item for the body to add comment and public comment.

Lana Kreidlie, Attorney, said warrants pose a safety concern for youths, families and Probation Officers; having a credible messenger will make youths feel safe to return to court; and she recommended having a well written policy to guide clients.

Egypt August, Young Women's Health Center, said she was a former foster youth; discussed warrants; and reasons youths ran away from foster homes.

No further public comments.

6. Commissioner Brodtkin adjourned the meeting at 4:45 p.m.