



San Francisco Youth Commission

Minutes ~ Draft

Monday, March 15th, 2021
5:00pm-8:00pm

Public Comment Call-in:

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There will be public comment on each item.

Jayden Tanaka, Valentina Alioto-Pier, Lillian Tang, Plyfaa Suwanamalik-Murphy, Calvin Quick, Gabrielle Listana, Adrianna Zhang, Gracie Veiga, Ariana Arana, Rome Jones, Erika Morris, Arsema Asfaw, Sarah Cheung, Sarah Ginsburg, Nora Hylton, Amara Santos, Stephen "Rocky" Versace

1. Call to Order and Roll Call for Attendance (Discussion and Possible Action)

Vice Chair Santos calls the meeting to order at 5:03 PM. Quorum is met.

Roll Call Attendance:

Jayden Tanaka, present
Valentina Alioto-Pier, present
Lillian Tang, present
Plyfaa Suwanamalik-Murphy, present
Calvin Quick, present
Gabrielle Listana, present
Adrianna Zhang, present
Gracie Veiga, present
Ariana Arana, present
Rome Jones, present
Erika Morris, present
Arsema Asfaw, present
Sarah Cheung, present
Sarah Ginsburg, present
Nora Hylton, present
Amara Santos, present
Stephen "Rocky" Versace, present

2. Approval of Agenda (Action Item)

No Public Comment.



Commissioner Alioto-Pier motions to approve of the agenda, seconded by Commissioner Murphy. The motion passes by roll call vote.

Roll Call Vote:

Jayden Tanaka, aye
Valentina Alioto-Pier, aye
Lillian Tang, aye
Plyfaa Suwanamalik-Murphy, aye
Calvin Quick, aye
Gabrielle Listana, aye
Adrianna Zhang, aye
Gracie Veiga, aye
Ariana Arana, aye
Rome Jones, aye
Erika Morris, aye
Arsema Asfaw, aye
Sarah Cheung, aye
Sarah Ginsburg, aye
Nora Hylton, aye
Amara Santos, aye
Stephen “Rocky” Versace, aye

3. Approval of Minutes (Action Item)

A. March 1st, 2021
[\(Document A\)](#)

No public comment. Commissioner Tanaka motions to approve of the March 1st, 2021 minutes, seconded by Commissioner Listana. The motion passes by roll call vote.

Roll Call Vote:

Jayden Tanaka, aye
Valentina Alioto-Pier, aye
Lillian Tang, aye
Plyfaa Suwanamalik-Murphy, aye
Calvin Quick, aye
Gabrielle Listana, aye
Adrianna Zhang, aye
Gracie Veiga, aye
Ariana Arana, aye
Rome Jones, aye
Erika Morris, aye
Arsema Asfaw, aye
Sarah Cheung, aye
Sarah Ginsburg, aye
Nora Hylton, aye
Amara Santos, aye
Stephen “Rocky” Versace, aye



4. Public Comment on Items not on Agenda (2 minutes per public comment)

Jaelyn Morales is a journalism SFSU student here to observe and would love to interview any of the commissioners after this call. Thank you for having me today! Anyone who is willing for a short interview post meeting, my email is jaelynmorales25@gmail.com.

5. Legislation Referred ((All Items to Follow are Discussion and Possible Action))

- A. [Input + Decision] File No. 210042 [Hearing - Reimbursement Practices and Maximizing Funding - Youth and Family Mental Health Services]
Sponsor: Supervisor Melgar
Presenter: Jen Low, D7 Legislative Aide
(Document B)

Jen Low, D7 Legislative Aide, Supervisor Melgar has years of experience in youth based community organizations. Through this, we wish to highlight mental health support and programs for families, we want to draw more attention and learn what practices we can use to maximize Medical services. In 2019, SF opted out of medical option from admin services because of how onerous the services, leaving millions on the table. covid 19 exacerbated mental health and came into recovering resources to support young people and families as crisis and preventative health. flip the script of health care. youth leading movement, let's invest in that. hearing date 3/25 thursday at pns cmte. we brought in alex brisco alameda county childrens' trust dcyf contract to help primarily with family resource center for reimbursement - successful in recoup, now sfusd, dcyf, and dph - systemically recoup millions in the year to free up GF dollars. How do we recoup funds, is it in medical expenses to coding infrastructure? We really hope to get more money and use funds in youth and family mental health services. We have engaged with CPA in youth mojo healing in our hands initiative hitting on this point not enough in school services and hope this hearing provide insight and resources to recoup from state insurance system and make sure savings that it doesn't go to GF for other purposes but making sure we use it for youth and family mental health. alex is best practices are to engage with questions you want to ask and provide solutions how we can be intentional with budgeting priorities to get to places most needed during this recovery.

Commissioner Santos: Can you repeat the asks please?

Jen: Any priorities you want to see achieved if we were to identify funding and savings from the initiative the city is taking to reimburse medical services for mental health specifically? any questions you want to ask during the hearing.

Questions:

Commissioner Quick - thank you for coming in to present and clarifying questions, go into detail we currently fund youth mental health in dcyf and sfusd not enough, fund through gf - and getting at state moneys at the table. and background that we can recoup and what the program is looking like right now?

Jen - not expert in funding, mix of grants state fed and local for mental health, discovered state programs to reimburse state services and if we invest upfront to get reimbursement upfront and free up local funds and be used for expanding services and programs. how to save as much and cost saving in to invest in additional programing

Commissioner Santos: I heard there will be a meeting & also heard you mention CPA & Youth MOJO, what is the collaboration?



Jen: hearing request - medical reimbursements to expand that and how as a city can be recouped. not collab on hearing and in conversations to support youth mojo's work since they started this campaign and whatever we work on is complementary to that nothing set in stone

Commissioner Hylton: have you all reached out to/worked with any youth organizations other than youth mojo?

Jen: We are being connected with resources to most impact for communities, however our intention is to first see what is the main problem, what strategies can we recoup before we tie in with community priorities as that's a long term strategy.

Commissioner Santos: I understand the intention to pause meetings with cbos but I would especially advocate for folks to connect with budget justice coalition with advocacy within financial realm. Question and topics I would like addressed at this meeting include: cultural competency for bipoc students of color, what mental health professionals are doing to destigmatize in communities of color, language accessibility for language barriers and making youth accessible, large stigma to discuss mental health like funding beyond interpersonal 1:1 but also art therapy, conversations on what safety looks like for youth rights as a patient, worthwhile compensation program when in therapeutic practice to get time and opening up to stranger, esp with students in remote not safe space to discuss these things having mindfulness of what that looks like and meeting communities where they are at, those are what considerations i have or want acknowledged.

Commissioner Quick: I have a question and second everything Commissioner Santos brought up. Are you having presentations from this hearing?

Jen: we've invited them - got confirmation from dph and dcyf outstanding dpt would be jpd and sfusd (declined - asked consultant to discuss potential solutions). sfusd for better or for worse are a supportive system concentrated in schools and looking at that system right now where mental health services are concentrated right now.

Jen: all the things santos brought up are on point, focus is reimbursement practices and outcomes are depending on resources. highlight issues and invest in right solutions: youth led, cultural competency, and not forcing a system that just works for a subset of the population - the more advocacy we have - to urge sfusd 2019, the priorities can get really lost and something to be said when mental health and preventative health - gets deleted. ucsf visits have been up because of people in crisis. different types of money to be reimbursed, creative solutions so people aren't in crisis - regular preventative daily health and would love to have partnership and leadership in that

Commissioner Santos: that aligns for the yc and tj at large, esp with advocacy to reallocate resources in helping communities of color, oftentimes speaking to similar instances of how we prevent that and based in punishment. sustainability, wellness center at highschool only able to receive services for a year, having a process to open to a person and knowing time is limited can shape our relationship but hear that this meeting is logistics

Commissioner Cheung: In our civic engagement committee - veronica from dcyf shared about community assessments that's getting put together for ocof, outcomes in the future good place to draw info and data on how young people mental health services what they want to see and being taken care of from schools or city, because community assessments as a resource for funding allocations later.

Commissioner Santos: question for staff: what actions are we allowed to take with this?



Staff Estrada - hearing is going to happen regardless, you are in support/not in support - purpose is to make recommendations and comments to be asked during hearing and suggestions you all might have. discussion is to sort things out.

Internal Discussion:

Commissioner Quick - support this hearing, i think we should focus more on drilling down funding/technical side - recommendations and reiterate santos and cheung's touch based on for work in the future and the piece around keeping up community engagement.

questions for hearing:

- How is cultural competency/language access upheld in the medical reimbursement process? How do students of color know about this?

Recommendations:

- continuing meetings with CBOS - like youth MOJO
- look up community needs assessments by DCYF, and OCOF's Child and Youth Friendly Initiative assessments
- budget priorities - cultural competency for BIPOC comms of color, sort through educational outreach for youth mental health, funding for alternatives for diff modes of therapy, and funding for youth rights and redefining safety as a patient, youth rights are respected
- compensation programs for youth to attend therapy
- loop in SFUSD into the convo
- explore affinity groups
- sustainability of care post highschool and funding alternatives in community clinics- increasing supports in institution and bringing in that let resources be expanded in community clinics and places that are having mental health trainees

No public comment. Commissioner Quick motions to support the hearing with the questions and recommendations stated above for the hearing and to be considered in future conversations regarding youth funding, seconded by Commissioner Zhang. The motion passes by roll call vote.

Roll Call Vote:

Jayden Tanaka, aye
Valentina Alioto-Pier, aye
Lillian Tang, aye
Plyfaa Suwanamalik-Murphy, aye
Calvin Quick, aye
Gabrielle Listana, aye
Adrianna Zhang, aye
Gracie Veiga, aye
Ariana Arana, aye
Rome Jones, aye
Erika Morris, aye
Arsema Asfaw, aye
Sarah Cheung, aye
Sarah Ginsburg, aye
Nora Hylton, aye
Amara Santos, aye
Stephen "Rocky" Versace, aye



- B. [Input + Decision] File No. 210156 [Hearing - Crime and Violence Targeting Asian-American Seniors]
Sponsor: Supervisor Mar
Presenter: D4 Legislative Staff
(Document C)

Context:

Hearing to address concerns on crime and violence targeting Asian-American seniors and other vulnerable groups and the rise of anti-Asian racism, including crime prevention efforts, status of investigations, victim services programs, other public safety resources, and strategies the departments are deploying to reduce crime and violence targeting the Asian Pacific Islander and person of color communities and to promote cross-racial solidarity; and requesting the Police Department, Office of the District Attorney, Human Rights Commission, the Office of Civic Engagement and Immigrant Affairs, the Department of Adult Probation and the Department of Juvenile Probation report on their crime prevention efforts, status of investigations, victim services programs, other public safety resources, and strategies they are deploying to reduce crime and violence targeting our API and POC communities and to promote cross-racial solidarity.

There is no sponsoring office staff to present on this hearing. Staff recommends a “no position” (neutral) and to still include comments or recommendations as the Youth Commission passed a similar resolution at their last meeting.

Positions (Actions) - support, no support, no position (neutral)

From Commissioner Cheung -

Questions:

- What is the impact of AAPI hate crimes on youth specifically and will it be reported by SFPD in their quarterly reports in demographics of crime/data around Asian youth targeted by hate?
- What language accessible resources are departments providing victims who have faced violence?

Recommendations:

- Create an anti-Asian Hate Crimes Taskforce but law enforcement should not be involved and community organizations should be lead on prevention, resources, and trauma as law enforcement can exacerbate trauma; commit to it being community based intervention focused
- Work with the 70+ Bay Area organizations that created the three anti-Asian violence demands, and work with them to create action steps
- Utilize the Stop AAPI Hate Report that was made with SF youth and connect with them on these efforts

Commissioner Zhang - the MO street violence program, they are exploring to use this program in communities with older asian residents, but no mention of the creation of a task force.

Commissioner Santos: I invite other TJ members to add in this discussion. I would echo what Cheung mentioned around reducing police presence in AAPI communities. Also, I'm concerned if SFPD is involved, what their intention is? How sustainable is it? I would recommend the police to be there to collect data.



Commissioner Hylton: echoing Commissioner Santos, when we talk about community protection there should be a balance between community members feeling safe and not relying on police to make communities feel safer.

Staff: clarification question, can Commissioners Chueng & Zhang clarify if the demands include ethnic studies or trauma recovery?

Commissioner Zhang: from our resolution, for SFPD to take a limited role in assistance towards supporting survivors and more energy on CBOS to offer linguistic and culturally appropriate services. Sarah, do you want to speak to sustainability?

Commissioner Cheung: we don't want to rely on police, so cbo play a larger role in preventing (community intervention) and cross-racial peace by hosting dialogue or workshops for events and be able to show support and to have resources. in terms of prevention and healing from communities, less so from institutional level that may exacerbate any trauma to have a community and people's budget for community safety.

No public comment. Commissioner Zhang motions to include the following recommendations and the Youth Commission takes no position, seconded by Commissioner Tanaka . The motion passes by a roll call vote.

- C. [Input + Decision] File No. 210214 - [Appropriation - Property Tax - Overdose Prevention - District Attorney - \$2,742,731; Department of Public Health - \$3,931,215 - FY2020-2021]
Sponsor: Supervisor Haney
Presenter: Deputy Public Defender Mamta Alhuwalia
(Document D)

This item is tabled due to the legislation having multiple amendments. Supervisor Haney's office believes this legislation will be heard closer to mid-late April.

- D. [Input + Decision] File No. 210215 - [Appropriation - Property Tax - Department of Children, Youth and Their Families - \$15,000,000 - Summer Programming - FY2020-2021]
Sponsor: Supervisor Haney
Presenter: Frances Hsieh, D1 Legislative Aide
(Document E)

Frances Hsieh, cosponsor office, item be up in BAC this wednesday for consideration, controller recently released a 6 month budget indicating a 125 mill GF surplus for this fiscal year because higher than expected property tax. to appropriate 15 mill for summer play initiative program, play for youth - lead sponsor Haney cosponsor ronen and melgar. appropriation to move 15 mil from general fund - sup chan talked about months ago working families and idea was to provide an all day summer programing available for all program for sfusd summer 2021 and prioritize low income working families that does would fund for free, sliding scale - for slot even the waitlist on some of this program get rid of that - low barrier and single access. largely programs by rec and park, dcyf include sfusd full gamut so families can have a choice to enroll whichever - vision not before budget committee. Just appropriation for funding 15mil would cover 10,000 students sfusd rate for an entire summer is 1500 students. this rep half elementary students in public school system - to start the convo and process relying on other sources state and philanthropy



of program - get money in pipeline to plan and ensure highest need of families to access this program easily and seamlessly - target public school families - the program will be in trailing legislation get feedback later. This is for the funding piece to get started.

Questions:

- Commissioner Quick: Can you review the goals? Is the goal to have day programming 5 days a week for as many students as possible?
- Frances: it wouldn't be only DCYF, it is also SFUSD, but DCYF has agreed to take all the funds and disperse the funds because of the MOUs and prior relationships. We're trying to move the money quickly and hire up because the vision is very big. In order for Parks n rec and DCYF to do this, they will need sometime to prepare the CBOS and other service providers.
- Commissioner Quick: Thank you and you touched on wanting to prioritize low income families, families that need it the most. What is the thought process behind solving the hiccups or usual problems with city bureaucracy, what is the accountability so that the marginalized communities are prioritized?
- Frances: it is difficult to measure this, but we are having weekly meetings with Supervisors and Dept. heads to get reports on the status, locations, and sites.
- Commissioner Cheung: I see that over 50 orgs are contracted, is the summer programming going to be the same or will it vary on the org?
- Frances: it will be up to DCYF. They'll be able to expand as PH orders loosen, but we still want to be cautious. We will also rely on Parks n Rec as they successfully lead summer camp last year.
- Commissioner Cheung: follow up, what specific curriculum enhancements they'll have?
- Frances: we have asked, this was a MO funding request, we'll still operate through DCYF's direction. We don't have details other than the ones in the Mayor's press release.
- Commissioner Tanaka: what will the outreach for this look like? Considering that this is focused on non-english and low income families, how will this outreach consider language access?
- Frances: Absolutely, this program is targeted for SFUSD students and families. We want to partner with SFUSD because they have established communication processes. Departments involved have databases with this information. We hope to partner with the YC to disseminate this opportunity. For Sup. Chan, coming from an immigrant background, she definitely understands this.

Recommendations:

Commissioner Veiga recommends that the legislation be referred to the Youth Commission.

Commissioner Quick: attach a recommendation to work with youth and cbos to identify the needs for specific programming.

Commissioner Cheung: for the crank start funding, getting youth input on this.

Commissioner Tanaka: maintain and enforce the language accessibility piece of this funding/program roll out

Commissioner Santos: in addition to language access, ensure that there is education around reopening roll out so communities feel safer to participate.

No public comment. Commissioner Cheung motions to support with the recommendations stated above, seconded by Commissioner Quick. The motion passes by a roll call vote.

Jayden Tanaka, aye

Valentina Alioto-Pier, aye



Lillian Tang, aye
Plyfaa Suwanamalik-Murphy, aye
Calvin Quick, aye
Gabrielle Listana, aye
Adrianna Zhang, aye
Gracie Veiga, aye
Ariana Arana, aye
Rome Jones, excused absence
Erika Morris, excused absence
Arsema Asfaw, aye
Sarah Cheung, aye
Sarah Ginsburg, aye
Nora Hylton, aye
Amara Santos, aye
Stephen "Rocky" Versace, aye

6. Presentations (All Items to Follow Discussion and Possible Action)

- A. [Inform + Decision] Young Leaders in Climate Action
Presenters: Gianna Fazioli, Environmental Education Manager, SF Department of Environment

My name is Gianna, she, her and I am the Environmental Education manager at SF Environment. I manage a team of educators who provide free year-round programming to SF K-12 schools. I was very impressed by Mayor Breed's recent fireside chat at the representation from our Youth Commissioners. I manage 6 young educators at sf DOE, here to inform about the climate action plan we are working on, a framework for climate action solutions, happens every 3 years. pathway to achieve net 0 ground emissions. including public health, economy, resilience, safe and affordable housing for all, to engage we've been doing community workshops (virtual and open house) my hope is to get as much youth voice involved in the plan as possible. here to include in youth groups we work with in sf and something to engage and share with other young people to make sure voices are heard.

I wanted to connect with them on two main topics:

We are hosting Youth-focused workshops to incorporate the youth voices in our new Climate Action Plan (The Plan). There will be two youth focused workshops youth panelist speaking on their climate action work with the City, have an overview of the plan, and then have breakout sessions for students to explore topics on climate change and give their feedback. The workshop times are the following:

- o Fri, March 19th @ 12:30pm-2:00pm
- o Sat, March 20th @ 10:00am-11:30am

While we know school is in session during the Friday workshop, these sessions could complement our existing curriculum. Please feel free to share with your students, parents, colleagues, and other community members via email or social media.

We are planning a regional youth event to converge young leaders in climate action work this April. I'd love to invite and include them in this event. bipoc kids most impacted. This summit is not concrete, but working on finalizing the plan. but hoping to see if any interest to partner for that day in any capacity.



Link with more information: <https://sfenvironment.org/ClimatePlanWorkshops>

Questions:

Commissioner Santos - what concrete asks do you have?

Giana: share on social media about workshops, on summit itself make sure it aligns with the goals of the yc - advisory piece. the goal is continued ongoing conversation with youth leaders - just wanted to bring it to the table

Commissioner Cheung: I would love to be a part of this. Question re: orgs you're working with. I think of the Bay Area Youth Climate Summit, are you all working with them?

giana: Yes, the organizations working with: bay area youth climate group & sac

Commissioner Santos: you mentioned racial equity, are you working with PODER?

Giana: yes working with community partnership in PODER, if you have a direct youth leader work with adult - 'cause separate events and staff.

Commissioner Santos: racial equity to environmental racism but also what environmental justice looks like? this work has been done in bipoc communities and any workshops that will take part of that. and white privilege and impact of colonization on environment.

Gianna: our theme around this summit is to focus on youth resilience during covid and community that has already existed. Generational Practices, is a workshop we'll be having. Working with bilingual and multilingual students, especially with Chinese students who have been working on environmental projects.

Commissioner Santos: social understanding and practices have changed, straw impact and unjust on low income black and brown communities, when most impact are at affluent people

Commissioner Quick: what's next for this? from my knowledge the climate plan is not enforced. What is the plan to take the work/labor and implement it in a way that is reflective of the urgency of climate change?

Gianna: Once we get community input, the plan will be voted on by our commission and then our office will PAC policy and our community orgs are a big part, so we'll continue to fund them. Our hope is that with renewed commitment from the Federal government, we'll be able to receive more funding and fund ideas. We do have an advisory board and would love to see youth on this board, but they make sure that these deliverables get implemented. If anyone is interested, I can make a plug about it.

Commissioner Quick: yes, I would appreciate that. The YC is always trying to get more youth on advisory boards.

Commissioner Quick: I heard an ask for us, is this something we'd like to take a position?

Staff Truong: The ask to spread the word about upcoming youth panelist workshops & if the YC would like to be an advisory role for the Youth Climate Action Summit in April. Time commitment would be like a check-in in a month.

Commissioner Quick: I would support a motion that supports their asks, but would like to hear from other people.

Commissioners Listana, Ginsburg, Veiga, Cheung, Quick & Zhang



No public comment.

Commissioner Veiga motions to support the Department of Environment's ask to spread the word about upcoming youth panelist workshops & if the YC would like to be an advisory role for the Youth Climate Action Summit in April, seconded by Commissioner Ginsburg. Motion passes by a roll call vote.

Roll Call Vote:

Jayden Tanaka, aye
Valentina Alioto-Pier, aye
Lillian Tang, aye
Plyfaa Suwanamalik-Murphy, aye
Calvin Quick, aye
Gabrielle Listana, aye
Adrianna Zhang, aye
Gracie Veiga, aye
Ariana Arana, aye
Rome Jones, excused absence
Erika Morris, excused absence
Arsema Asfaw, aye
Sarah Cheung, aye
Sarah Ginsburg, aye
Nora Hylton, aye
Amara Santos, aye
Stephen "Rocky" Versace, aye

7. Committee Reports (Discussion Only)

A. Executive Committee

a. LAO

- i. nothing urgent to report that haven't already been put on an agenda.
- ii. Hearing to review DCYF's budget

b. Comms

- i. yc application process and podcast in works
- ii. linked in tree in our social media

c. General Committee Updates

- i. here to build our capacity - reiterate that and highlight appreciate for people stepping up and participating more in fyc meetings
- ii. let's not hear the same voices all over time

B. Civic Engagement

- a. league of women points of collaboration for younger workers, can assist with poll work and voter registration
- b. presentations on voter suppression would be lovely (commissioner santos would love voter education)

C. Housing and Land Use

- a. discussing next steps on integrating budget feedback, tentative presentation to mta board

D. Transformative Justice

- a. presentations to the juvenile probation commission and police commission (thanks gabbie, gracie, sarah cheung and adrianna zhang), adult probation department presentation, dphmustdivest strategy possible townhall/focus group to get patient needs



- E. OCOF
 - a. nothing to report

8. Staff Report (Discussion Only)

- Kiely out of office and not available March 20-29th
- YC applications are coming up -
 - ask who is available to be part of YC review team
 - Sarah G, Nora,

9. Announcements (This Includes Community Events)

- Budget Justice Coalition Wed 2 - 4pm
- [Troublemakers for Liberation fellowship](#)
- city is redoing general plan every 8-10 years, general outline of direction for city is going to go in the next decade and informs all other things, sf planning dpt has workshop
- panel for youth engagement on Friday @ 10 am - Calvin will be there -
<https://sfplanning.org/general-plan-virtual-events>
- On Saturday @ 5pm Citywide BSU will be hosting an event showcasing our work and highlighting black excellence city wide. Please come and support!
- Commissioner Jones & Morris are back and want to acknowledge their presence & say we're happy to have you all back!

10. Adjournment

This meeting was adjourned at 7:37 PM.