

CITY AND COUNTY OF SAN FRANCISCO
JUVENILE PROBATION COMMISSION



JUVENILE PROBATION COMMISSION REGULAR MEETING

Regular Meeting Minutes
Wednesday, July 10, 2013
5:30 p.m.

Huckleberry Community Assessment and Resource (CARC)
44 Gough Street, Suite 104, Conference Room
San Francisco, CA 94103

Commissioners

Dirk J. Beijen, President
Sarah Ching Ting Wan, Vice President
Joseph Arellano
Julian Chang
Susan Jones
Annie Wong
Rebecca Woodson

Meeting Minutes

Proceedings:

1. Roll Call:
President Beijen called the meeting to order at 5:36 p.m.
Present: Dirk Beijen; Julian Chang, Suzy Jones; Annie Wong; and Rebecca Woodson.
Excused: Joseph Arellano and Sarah Wan.

Others Present: Dan Prince, Director, LCR; Denise Coleman, Director of Juvenile Justice Programs, Huckleberry CARC; Bruce Fisher, Executive Director, Huckleberry CARC; Stacy Sciortino, Program Director, Huckleberry CARC; and Bill Smith, Probation Officer.
2. No Public Comments.
3. Approval of the Full Commission Meeting Minutes of June 12, 2013 (ACTION ITEM).
Motion to approve the Full Commission meeting minutes of June 12, 2013:
AYES: Beijen; Chang; Jones; Wong; and Woodson. Minutes approved.
No public comments.
4. Nomination of Commission's Certificate of Recognition for William P. Siffermann, Chief Probation Officer, Juvenile Probation Department (DISCUSSION AND ACTION ITEM).
Motion to approve Certificate of Recognition for William P. Siffermann:
Ayes: Beijen; Chang; Jones; Wong; Woodson. Certificate approved.
No public comments.

5. Update on SF Civil Grand Jury Issues Report on Log Cabin Ranch: Planning for the Future by Commissioner Woodson (DISCUSSION ONLY)
The Civil Grand Jury's report reflected a positive light on LCR and discussed how services can be changed to better serve the youth. The press release summarizes the report and recommends that the Mayor and Board of Supervisors "investigate and implement ways to make the ranch the obvious choice for commitment for SF youthful offenders." (See Press Release and full Report under supporting documents at <http://sfgov3.org/index.aspx?page=4100>).
Mr. Prince said the Department is preparing a response to the Civil Grand Jury's findings and recommendations, which is due August 28th.
Public Comments:
Mr. Smith suggested a certified culinary program at LCR.
6. Chief's Report: None.
7. President's Report: None.
8. Committee Reports:
Commissioner Woodson reported that the Programs Committee met on June 25th at LCR and received a warm welcome by the Department and an LCR youth. Assistant Chief Nance has made efforts to make the facility more like a home and less of an institution. The grounds were well maintained by the youths and the garden showed pride of the facility. Some areas had room for improvement, in particular, the administration building deck. The youths seemed very engaged in the hands-on projects, such as the flower boxes to be placed at JPD, and the work being done in the family area.
COMM Wong agreed that the hands-on projects really reflected the pride of the youths. COMM Jones added that there was an overall sense of pride among the youths, from their class work to the actual hands-on work.
Mr. Prince said that DPW is in the planning stages to renovate the showers/bathrooms. In addition, the Missouri Model still emphasizes group responsibility, positive peer culture, nightly problem solving groups and anger management groups.
No public comments.
9. Update and Tour of Huckleberry Community Assessment and Referral Center (CARC) by Denise Coleman, Director of Juvenile Justice Programs (DISCUSSION ONLY).
Ms. Coleman, Ms. Sciortino and Mr. Fisher provided a Huckleberry CARC update (See Huckleberry CARC Programs sheet under supporting documents at <http://sfgov3.org/index.aspx?page=4100>) and the Commission toured the facility. In addition, Ms. Coleman will be providing the Commission with quarterly updates.
No public comments.
10. Future Agenda Items.
Mr. Prince will update the Commission on the Department's draft responses to the Civil Grand Jury's report and provide an LCR update at the August 14th Full Commission meeting. President Beijen asked the Commission for off-site meeting location suggestions for the September Full Commission meeting.
No public comments.
11. President Beijen adjourned the meeting at 7:05 p.m.

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