

CITY AND COUNTY OF SAN FRANCISCO
JUVENILE PROBATION COMMISSION



JUVENILE PROBATION COMMISSION REGULAR MEETING

Regular Meeting Minutes
Wednesday, January 8, 2014
5:30 p.m.
City Hall, Hearing Room 408
1 Dr. Carlton B. Goodlett Place
San Francisco, CA 94102

Commissioners

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

Meeting Minutes

Proceedings:

1. Roll Call:
President Beijen called the meeting to order at 5:30 p.m.
Present: Joseph Arellano; Dirk Beijen; Julian Chang and Annie Wong.
Excused: Susan Jones and Rebecca Woodson.

Others Present:
Chief Probation Officer: Allen Nance
City Attorney: Jana Clark
2. No Public Comments.
3. Approval of the Full Commission Meeting Minutes of December 11, 2013.
Motion to approve the Full Commission meeting minutes of December 11, 2013 by
by Commissioner Arellano; second by Commissioner Chang.
AYES: Arellano; Beijen; Chang and Wong. Minutes approved.
No public comments.
4. (Item #5 on the Agenda was moved to Item #4).
Presentation of Commission's Certificate of Recognition to Laura Azzolino, Executive Assistant
to the Chief Probation Officer, Juvenile Probation Department (DISCUSSION ONLY)
President Beijen said that not only has Ms. Azzolino served as the Executive Assistant to the
Chief Probation Officer, she filled in when the Commission Secretary position was vacant,
and he congratulated Ms. Azzolino on her retirement.
Commissioner Chang thanked Ms. Azzolino for being so respectful and helpful to the
Commission.

Commissioner Wong said that although she has not known Ms. Azzolino for long, she thanked her for always being so helpful.

Commissioner Arellano commended Ms. Azzolino for her public service and thanked her for all her years of service.

Ms. Azzolino thanked the Commission and said that she was honored for the certificate. Her family was present and she introduced them to the Commission.

No public comments.

5. Presentation on Strategies for Crime Prevention in San Francisco's at-risk Youth Population by Dr. Mary Ann Jones, CEO, Westside Services (DISCUSSION ONLY)

Westside Community Services is the first African American community-based mental health service center in the country and was founded 1967. The child and youth division at Westside addresses violence prevention and child-adolescence mental health. These paths cross often and Westside wants to replicate successful programs around the US. In addition to working with JPD, Dr. Jones shared their experiences with programs such as the Harlem Children Zone, which focuses on hope children have to succeed; and working with Dr. Kenneth Hardy, a psychologist who works with nationwide-programs, such as the Youth Empowerment Zone, for evidenced-based best practices. (See *Healing the Hidden Wounds of Racial Trauma* handout under supporting documents at <http://sfgov3.org/index.aspx?page=4993>).

Public Comments:

Liz Jackson-Simpson, Executive Director for Success Center SF, shared the success stories of 19 young people that graduated with their GED's from the Early Morning Studies.

6. Report to the Commission (DISCUSSION ONLY)

a. Chief's Report:

- Status of California Title IV-E claiming authority and impact on SFJPD:
Chief Nance stated that the federal agency that oversees Title IV-E funding, Administration for Children and Families, is ceasing claiming authority over these funds for California. After a site visit to San Mateo and Sacramento counties, the California Department of Social Services was informed that the ceasing order was being implemented, effective the first quarter. The determination was based on the concerns of other states regarding California's draw-down for these funds and claims that some counties were claiming funds for kids that were ineligible, which is not the case in San Francisco. Most Probation Departments rely heavily on these funds and use them to cover costs for probation positions and pre-placement programs for youths. For most counties, this will be a significant financial reduction. For San Francisco, this amounts to a \$750,000 reduction for each quarter and a \$3,000,000 reduction in federal revenue for the year. The Chief Probation Officers of California and the Department of Social Services, as well as JPD's Finance Director, are working towards a remediation plan to have funds restored. The Department has informed the Mayor's office of the issues and will keep them informed of their progress with the state and federal agencies. The state is also working on protocols to oversee funding and claiming strategies for these counties. Chief Nance also plans on working closely with congressional representatives, however, if funds are not restored in California, it will impact the number of probation officers and more youths will end up in out-of-home placement.
Commissioner Chang asked Chief Nance to let the Commission know how they can assist with this process. Chief Nance will provide the Commission with a detailed document expressing these concerns.
No public comments.

7. No Committee Reports.
8. No Announcements and Future Agenda Items (ACTION ITEM)
9. President Beijen adjourned the meeting at 6:55 p.m.

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