

CITY AND COUNTY OF SAN FRANCISCO
JUVENILE PROBATION COMMISSION



JUVENILE PROBATION COMMISSION REGULAR MEETING

Regular Meeting Agenda
Wednesday, March 13, 2019
6 p.m.
SF Success Center
1245 Howard Street
San Francisco, CA 94103

Commissioners

Rebecca Woodson, President
Joseph Arellano, Vice President
Suzy Jones
Jess Montejano
Toye Moses
James Spingola

Meeting Minutes

Proceedings:

1. Roll Call:
President Woodson called the meeting to order at 6:10 p.m.
Present: Suzy Jones; Jess Montejano; James Spingola and Rebecca Woodson.
Excused: Joseph Arellano and Toye Moses.

Others Present: Assistant Chief Probation Officer, Paula Hernandez; Sandra Dalida, Director of Administrative Services; Cody Xuereb, Research and Planning Unit Manager; and Juvenile Hall Director, Luis Recinos.
2. Public Comments:
Liz Jackson-Simpson, Executive Director, Success Center, welcomed the Juvenile Probation Commission to their new location: the education, employment and training center. Ms. Jackson-Simpson said they have had four mergers this year with Each One Reach One; Imagine Bus Project; John Muri Charter School; and SF Conservation Corp and discussed their programs.
Jocelyn, USC Student, thanked the Commission for allowing them to visit Juvenile Hall.
Diana, USC Student, thanked the Department for allowing them to visit Juvenile Hall and asked if there was a way to help these young mothers with housing and vocational programs.
No further public comments.
3. Approval of the Full Commission Meeting Minutes of February 13, 2019.
Motion to approve the Full Commission meeting minutes of February 13, 2019 by Commissioner Montejano; second by Commissioner Jones.
AYES (4): Jones; Montejano; Spingola; and Woodson. Minutes approved.
No public comments.

4. Presentation on SF Success Center by Liz Jackson-Simpson, Executive Director (DISCUSSION ONLY).
Ms. Liz Jackson-Simpson discussed their programs and highlighted that Success Center was just awarded the prestigious Youth Build Grant.
Commissioner Jones thanked Liz and her team for their work.
Commissioner Spingola asked if there was a way to work with the Mayor to help the homeless. In addition, he asked if they assist youths with union dues.
Commissioner Montejano thanked Liz and her team and said the Commission can assist with writing letters of support.
Bebe, USC Student, said Success Center is making a huge impact on the community.
Stella, USC Center, said Success Center is a great place for youths looking for a better life.
Diana, USC Student, said SF gives her much hope for resource centers in her community.
No further public comments.

5. Presentation on Sunset Youth Services by Ron Stueckle, Co-Founder (DISCUSSION ONLY)
Dawn and Ron Stueckle, co-founders, discussed their 30-year organization and what it does for kids and young adults in the system (14 to 24 years). Ms. Stueckle said they operate an "attachment community" mode, with the idea of creating an attachment to safety; security; and a sense of well-being. She said they provide caring relationships throughout their programs, that relationships are the centerpiece to everything they do, and that it is very important to create caring relationships with youths and their families. She said most youths have dealt with trauma, such as violence and abandonment, and use their programs as pathways to connections and healing. Ms. Stueckle said they use music as a tool for healing and have a studio at their facility and one in Juvenile Hall to teach kids to record and write songs. She also discussed workforce development and family support.
Commissioner Spingola asked how they control warring youths from different parts of the city. Ms. Stueckle said staff creates different schedules so youths are not in building at same time.
Commissioner Jones suggested an off-site meeting at Sunset Youth Services and would like to hear about the follow-up on these youths and their families.
Public Comments:
Calfiq, USC Student, asked about state and local government assistance that have been most beneficial to their programs. Ms. Stueckle said a percentage of local property taxes goes into providing funding for programs; the District Attorney's office is very progressive with restorative justice practices for youths in system; and said the Public Defender's Office is nationally recognized. She said the Jeff Adachi Law just passed and states that minors under 18 must have an attorney present before being Mirandized and responsible adults cannot be denied access to detained youths for any reason.
Sandra, USC student, asked if students get assistance with bus passes. Ms. Stueckle said kids under 18 can ride Muni for free and they offer rides for young adults, when possible.
Jonathan, USC student, said he was taught video production and recommended kids look in to getting jobs with churches, theaters and stadiums to operate equipment.
No further public comments.

6. Presentation on Making It Right Diversion Program by Katherine Miller, Chief of Programs and Initiatives, District Attorney's Office (DISCUSSION ONLY).
Ms. Miller oversees the division to alternative prosecutions and discussed the Making It Right restorative justice program. In the juvenile system, she said it is about rehabilitation. She said the idea to restorative justice is that they ask three separate questions: Who has been harmed? What are their needs? And whose obligation is it to meet their needs? The best place to figure out what to do is "in community" by the people who have been affected. She discussed the history of Restorative Community Conferencing (RCC), established in New Zealand called Family Group Conferencing, which eliminates detention for young people. In SF, they partner with Impact Justice, to replicate the model across the country. RCC is offered to youths, within limits, as well as the victims, to come together to discuss harm caused and how to fix it.
President Woodson asked how many participated in program. Ms. Miller said, "eight youths."
Commissioner Montejano asked where they receive their funding. Ms. Miller said "DCYF."

Public Comments:

Roxanne, USC student, asked what suggestions could be recommended to implement these programs in Los Angeles. Ms. Miller said the DA helps define the parameters but is the ultimate decision maker

No public comments

7. Presentation on Gun Violence by Rudy Corpuz, Director, United Playaz (DISCUSSION ONLY)
Mr. Corpuz said United Playaz, a violence prevention organization, was started by people who were affected by gun violence and turf wars in San Francisco. Mr. Corpuz discussed growing up in San Francisco during the seventies and gun violence he experienced as a child. He said "1979 was the most violent year for the Filipino community." He discussed the gun buy-back program, established eight years ago in SF neighborhoods, and said gun violence has been down for the past five years.

Public Comments:

Stella, USC Student, thanked the Commission and Mr. Corpuz for their work and said she experienced gun violence when her friend was killed in the Las Vegas shooting.

Name un-discernable, USC Student, asked what happens to the gun parts. Rudy said they are turned into art work.

Charlie, USC Student, thanked everyone for their efforts on reducing gun violence and overall violence.

Commissioner Jones thanked Mr. Corpuz for the powerful presentation.

Commissioner Spingola thanked Mr. Corpuz for his work. He said, "there is always light at the end of the tunnel and you can always pick yourself up and keep moving."

No further public comments.

8. Presentation on Weapons in Minor's Protection (W.I.M.P.) by Michael Texada, Social Work Associate Community Liaison, UCSF (DISCUSSION ONLY)
Mr. Texada works with individuals that come through UCSF's trauma center that have been shot, stabbed or assaulted. He said they provide an array of services such as mental health services; court advocacy; workforce development; jobs; assist with enrolling in college; and more. Mr. Texada discussed their in-house program, Weapons in Minor's Protection (W.I.M.P.), which was developed by Juvenile Hall, social workers, surgeons, Mr. Texada and wraparound staff. The program requires youths to visit the hospital, learn from their peers who have been assaulted, and speak with hospital staff and members of the community to help educate these youths.

Commissioner Woodson asked if they were going to move the programs into schools. Mr. Texada said due to limited staffing, they cannot yet make an impact in schools.

Commissioner Spingola asked about funding. Mr. Texada said they got a grant and support from one of the judges.

Telfiq, USC Student, asked if this program used art to express themselves. Mr. Texada said "they do."

No further public comments.

9. Reports to the Commission by Chief Probation Officer (DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION ITEM)

a. Chief's Report by Paula Hernandez, Assistant Chief Probation Officer

- Juvenile Justice Center (JJC) Census: 43 Youths (28 boys/15 girls)
- Log Cabin Ranch (LCR) Task Force Update:
The first Taskforce meeting will be held on Friday, March 22, 2019.
- Black History Month Events - Juvenile Hall:
02-18 Family Lunch: 22 youths and 22 guests attended.
02-23 Street Violence Intervention Program (SVIP) and Brothers Against Guns worked on youth "group circles."
02-24 Block-to-Block members discussed historic African American and how they were inspired by them.
03-04 Danny Glover spoke with youths about making positive choices.

03-09 Santiago Rizzo showed his film, "Quest."

03-12 Bread and Roses music program will perform.

03-23 Blue Water Foundation sailing excursion. Nine youths will participate.

2019 City Youth Now scholarship applications now available.

03-26 thru 03-28 JPD Steps and City Youth Now offers Spring Break College Tours.

- BSCC Youth Reinvestment Grant Application
Cody Xuereb detailed the Youth Reinvestment Grant, which diverts low-level offenders from initial contact with the juvenile justice system; and assists youths in the system from reoffending.
- Public comments
Dinky, CJCJ, said she appreciates the movement for the first LCR Taskforce meeting.
No further public comments.

b. Committee Meetings

- Finance Committee: Update on Mayor's Budget Letter from the Full Commission supporting the Juvenile Probation Department's Budget FY2019-2020 and FY2020-2021. Commissioner Montejano provided an overview on the Mayor's letter to continue to serve the youths that they support and identified the needs and priorities discussed as a Commission. See Mayor's letter at: <https://sfgov.org/juvprobation/meeting/full-commission-march-13-2019-supporting-documents>.
No public comments.

10. Review and Approval of the Juvenile Probation Department's FY 2019-2020 and FY 2020-2021 Budget (DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION ITEM)

Motion to approve the Juvenile Probation Department's FY 2019-2020 and FY 2020-2021

Budget to include edits by Commissiner Montejano; second by President Woodson.

AYES (4): Jones; Montejano; Spingola; and Woodson. Motion approved.

Public comments:

Dinky, CJCJ, said she acknowledges the Department and Commission for raising the needs for children, particularly around mental health needs, and said that some of these mental health services are being cut on June 30th.

11. Future agenda items.

Announcements

- Commissioner Jones thanked USC students for attending tonight's meeting and the community-based organizations for their on-going assistance.
No public comments.

12. Adjournment (ACTION ITEM)

- President Woodson adjourned the meeting in memory of Shawn Loucks, Juvenile Hall Counselor, who retired in December 2017 after 23 years of service, and died on February 23, 2019; and, Jeff Adachi, Public Defender, who died on February 22, 2019.
The meeting adjourned at 8:53 p.m.

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