

CITY AND COUNTY OF SAN FRANCISCO
JUVENILE PROBATION COMMISSION



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JUVENILE PROBATION COMMISSION

FULL COMMISSION REGULAR MEETING MINUTES

CARC

Wednesday, June 8, 2022

5:30 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.

Full Commission

Margaret Brodkin, President

Joseph Arellano

Julia Cervantes

Linda Martley-Jordan

Johanna Lacoé

Toye Moses

James Spingola

Meeting Minutes

Proceedings:

1. Roll Call:
President Brodkin called the meeting to order at 5:40 p.m.
Present: Commissioners Brodkin; Lacoé; Moses; and Spingola. Commissioner Cervantes arrived at 5:42 p.m. Commissioners Arellano and Jordan were excused.

Others Present: Katherine Miller, Chief Probation Officer, and Department staff.
2. Resolution Making Findings to Allow Teleconferenced Meetings Under California Government Code Section 54953(e) (ACTION ITEM)
Motion by Commissioner Moses; second by Commissioner Lacoé.
No public comments.
AYES: (4) Brodkin; Lacoé; Moses; and Spingola). Motion passes.
3. No Public Comments.
4. Review and Approval of the Full Commission Meeting Minutes of May 11, 2022 (ACTION ITEM)
Motion by Commissioner Lacoé; second by Commissioner Moses.
No public comments.
AYES: 5 (Brodkin; Cervantes; Lacoé; Moses; and Spingola). Motion passes.

5. Diversion: Roles of Key Influencers and Data regarding Youth who are Diverted to Community Alternatives from the Formal Probation System (DISCUSSION ONLY)
See supporting documents at <https://sfgov.org/juvprobation/meeting/full-commission-june-8-2022-supporting-documents>
- Overview
Chief Miller discussed Diversion Overview: introduction; diversion defined; opportunities; opportunities with CARC, Make It Right and home detention/electronic monitoring and DDAP; and considerations.
President Brodtkin said it was their job to identify issues to give to Program Committee to seize diversion opportunities. President Brodtkin asked Commissioner Lacoë to track issues.
 - CARC Overview
Denise Coleman, Director of Youth Justice, Huckleberry Youth Programs, discussed Community-Based Juvenile Justice in SF Huckleberry Youth Programs' Community Assessment Resource Center (CARC); overview; history; community-based alternative to juvenile hall, how youths are processed at front end of juvenile justice system; expansion, Restoring and Empowering Social Equity Justice and Truth (RESET) and Aims to Foster Transformation and Ensure Restitution (AFTER) programs.
Hilary Buren, CARC Director, discussed CARC results: reducing bookings, low recidivism rates, reengaging in school, jobs, and recreational activities; eligibility; overview process; legal advocacy and system diversion, social emotional development, and academic and vocational support.
Ms. Coleman discussed case management; mental health services; Research & Evidence: Program Components; Trauma Exposure for CARC Clients (TODO) and program outcomes; Ms. Coleman introduced Dez, their Senior Case Manager. He discussed the challenges and outcomes he incurred during his tenure. In addition, Ms. Coleman explained the process of when youths are brought into CARC and layout of the facility.
President Brodtkin would like all kids to come through CARC, would like Program Committee to see how to maximize utilization of CARC and interface with SFPD to use CARC. She said she would like to hear how CARC connects youths to CBO's.
Commissioner Spingola said there are a lot of youths in need of this type of support.
Ms. Coleman said they are meeting with Juvenile Justice Service Providers to move in that direction.
Commissioner Spingola asked about referrals, how many are referred by SFPD, and how many are people of color.
President Brodtkin asked that the Program Committee address those issues.
 - Emily Goldman, Managing Attorney, Public Defender's Office, Youth Defenders Unit, discussed Chesa Boudin's tenure, the advancements diverting kids, and she is concerned it will change. She also discussed the collaboration within the various departments to steer kids out of the formal adjudication; and the new legislation that when a minor is detained by SFPD the Public Defender's Office is notified.
President Brodtkin said it is their job to find out what will happen when they have a new District Attorney and how it affects progress. She said Emily suggested that people are getting used to the idea that the Hall is not closing and that changes the scope of the Public Defender's work.
Ms. Goldman said policies and procedures should be in place for the new administration
 - JPD Data on CARC.
President Brodtkin said this data should answer some of the concerns raised by Commissioner Spingola.
Celina Cuevas, Researcher, discussed CARC's Diversion at Point of Arrest Deep Dive: existing policy and CARC's eligibility.
Commissioner Spingola asked about the percentages of actual numbers of kids. He said if the Commission is going to make an impact, they need to talk about the reality of what they are dealing with. He said the community is traumatized and he wants to know what percentages are being recommended to CARC and what percentages are being booked. He said he wants to make a change.
President Brodtkin said it was a wise recommendation. She said the numbers are very small and she wants to know the actual number of kids. She said that would be a great contribution on how they present data.

Ms. Cuevas said with guidance from the City on what they can and cannot say due to confidentiality and privacy, being able to identify small numbers, can be a hard balance. Commissioner Spingola said she is going to be the change maker. Chief Miller said there are both numbers and percentages to get a sense of how many kids they are talking about.

President Brodtkin invited Ms. Cuevas to the Program Committee which will address the Department's next steps and recommendations prioritized by Commission.

Commissioner Moses asked about when the case closes and the client is not at fault.

Ms. Coleman said most likely when the individual has moved out-of-town.

- o Detention Diversion Advocacy Program (DDAP)

Dinky Enty, Deputy Director at CJCJ, discussed what DDAP does and how it is doing.

President Brodtkin said it is remarkable how many national model programs they have available and would like to send this to the Program Committee to maximize use.

- o Juvenile Justice Providers Association (JJPA)

Dawn Stueckel, Director, Sunset Youth Services, said JJPA is made up of 20 local CBO's that advocate for system change. She suggested JPD report monthly when youths are not reported to CARC, percentage of youths connected to a CBO within 48 hours, and report on youth's informal and informal probation connected with CBO's.

Commissioner Cervantes inquired about number of youths not referred when CARC is closed, referrals made by JPD to CARC, reducing recidivism, measuring goals, warrants that are not eligible, and CARC's high success rate to traditional JPD probation. She said these items could be referred to Program Committee.

Chief Miller said youths are booked into Hall due to their arrest warrant.

President Brodtkin asked the Commission to identify any issues they want to refer to the Program Committee.

Commissioner Lacoce suggested outcomes (what to expect at each stage; what can be measured and how they align); what data needs to be collected, measured and gap; measure outcomes (kids who do not complete program and stats); models (what interventions are effective and successful implications at each stage); out-of-county youth model; CARC hub (or just front-end), referral system (who coordinates if not CARC), and implication of CARC not being open all the time; capacity: can CARC take on more, are SFPD using CARC at maximum capacity, can referral system be fully utilized, and how to deal with eligibility criteria, codifying the coordination of collaboration that is currently happening between system partners and CBO's and all resources being utilized.

President Brodtkin added exclusionary criteria (out-of-county; warrants).

Commissioner Spingola discussed what is defined as out-of-county youth, age limits, and their challenges.

Denise Coleman recommended discussing young people that are on probation for a new offense in the moment at Program Committee.

Chief Miller said that is why data matters to help understand the numbers of young people that are not making it to CARC.

Meredith Desautels, Attorney, Youth Law Center, emailed her public comment regarding youth diversion with key questions and recommendations on programming.

No further public comments.

6. Commendation for Denise Coleman, Director of Youth Justice, Huckleberry Youth Programs (ACTION ITEM)

Motion by Commissioner Lacoce, second by Commissioner Cervantes.

Chief Miller thanked Denise Coleman for her partnership over the years.

No public comments.

AYES: (5) Brodtkin; Cervantes; Lacoce; Moses and Spingola. Motion passes.

7. Election of Vice-President (ACTION ITEM)

Motion to nominate Commissioner Cervantes by Commissioner Spingola, second by Commissioner Moses.

No public comments.

AYES: (5) Brodtkin; Lacoce; Moses and Spingola. Motion passes.

8. JPD Monthly Data Report (DISCUSSION ONLY) TO BE POSTED ON WEBSITE

9. Reports to the Commission (DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION ITEM) TO BE DISCUSSED @ JULY MEETING
 - a. Chief's Report
 - Workforce Update
 - Juvenile Justice System Transformation Updates
 - Budget Update
10. President's Report (DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION ITEM) TO BE DISCUSSED @ JULY MEETING
 - Committee Updates
 - Incidental Announcements
11. Future Agenda Items (DISCUSSION ONLY)
 - President Brodtkin recommended Juvenile Hall to be heard at the July meeting and Referrals to CBO's in September.
 - Commissioner Lacoé recommended Juvenile Hall Legal Constraints at the July meeting. Chief Miller can address and recommended Board of State and Community Corrections also present.
 - President Brodtkin recommended certain aspects of Juvenile Hall be co-run by JPD, Probation and CBO's. Chief Miller has been asked by the BOS to present on the roles of shared leaderships with CJH and DJJ realigned youth. She said they could meet to see how they can fit together in SF and building. President Brodtkin asked for input on the CJHWG recommendation to have a joint shared leadership running Juvenile Hall.
 - Commissioner Spingola asked about the timeline and urgency for staff at JPD. President Brodtkin said this will be discussed in July and she will request President Walton present.

Announcements

12. Adjournment
 - President Brodtkin adjourned the meeting at 8:22 p.m.

For more information, contact the Commission Secretary at 415-753-7870 or visit:
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