



**Juvenile Probation Commission  
PROGRAMS COMMITTEE  
9-21-21, 3:00pm-4:30pm**

MEETING HELD VIRTUALLY VIA WEBEX  
**Meeting Minutes**

**Item 1 - Roll call**

**Present:** Margaret Brodtkin, Toye Moses and James Spingola

**Item 2 – Public Comment**

No comment.

**Item 7 – Update on JPD’s Use for Family Resource Homes**

**Chief Katherine Miller, SFJPD:**

Announces award of contract after RFP process to Alternative Family Services (AFS) via DCYF.

- Maria McKee working on grant agreement which includes 7-beds in first year.
- Includes respite care in model.
- Chief Miller states she hopes for a collaborative process of recruiting.
- Wants to make sure AFS maintains community connections for youth.
- AFS provides an amazing model for resource families.
- Noted that JPD Social Worker, Rhonda Williams, is already working with several families.
- Margaret Brodtkin states how important it is to get youth back into the community via families who will receive money, resources to help kids back into the community with both short- and long-term care.
- Commissioner Spingola asks if families can be from outside San Francisco?
  - Answer: Yes, it is possible, but JPD will try to keep youth in San Francisco.

**Dr. Rita Washington, AFS:**

- This is extension of what they do already, looking forward to working with this population.
- Families who have been recruited are already IFP homes so already part of specialized programs.
- Believes they will have the number of homes needed.
- Homes will have 24-hour line for help.
- Specialized training starts 9-21-21.
- One JPD youth placed; going well.
- Each youth will have a counselor who is in close proximity to the home to act as support.
- Some homes designated for Respite Care only to give parents a break.

Dawn Stueckle, Sunset Services: Curious how much experience AFS has with CBOs?

- Answer: Homes work with pre-existing services.

Toye Moses, JPC Commissioner:

What is composition of staff?

- Answer: Diverse - all with different experiences, ethnic backgrounds and all ages.
- States that their success comes from their ability to work as a team.

How do you handle syndrome of youth and staff coming in and out?

- Some parents understand this situation and are willing to work with youth on specialized program.
- Staff has been consistent for about 15-years; most staff working over 10-years w AFS.
- There will be dedicated manager for San Francisco only.

James Spingola, JPC Commissioner:

Asks about how do you figure best placement for youth?

- Answer: They know strengths and weakness of each family and work closely with the families, so assessment process is a strength of AFS.
- Additionally, they make sure that families have appropriate supports needed.

Mollie Brown, public member:

- How many youths are placed in homes via JPD currently; Gabe Calvillo, Director of JPD Probation Services answer “under 10.”
- She asks what are obstacles to providing support to those homes via AFS?

#### **Item 4 – Relationship between Community Agencies and Juvenile Probation Department**

Emily Fox, JPD Research & Planning Unit, provides update:

- JJPA and JPD staff created a set of professional communication agreements.
- Gabe Calvillo and Emily Fox shall attend each Unit meeting.
- Goes over handout from the SFJPD Web homepage: *About – Community Partnerships*.
- States that Probation Services Directory posted there.

Commissioner Brodtkin asks for comments from JJPA:

Dawn Stueckle, co-Chair JJPA, Sunset Youth Services: Mentions that the process was time consuming and cathartic rebuilding trust. Wants youth to be connected to CBOs as soon as they enter system.

Dinky Enty, co-Chair JJPA, CJCJ: Reflects on process about how CBOs and JPD can work together.

Commissioner James Spingola needed to leave meeting.

Gabe Calvillo, JPD, Probation Services: States that the “kids are in all our lanes” that we are here to work together, and that “the kid is the primary focus.”

Chief Miller: States that the group that came up with the brochure also mentioned that they spoke about how to evaluate the process, are DPOs following the process? Is this working in the current world? With this foundation, how do we have a bigger conversation about the frontend of the process. JPD looking to contractor Third Sector for their frontend input to create the process; working group shall meet 2-3months then will continue process w/o Third Sector.

Public Comment:

Mollie Brown, unknown affiliation: Given AIR Report and report by JPD Celina Cuevas on number of referrals, how do they review if there are not that many youth?

- Chief Miller: States that since being hired, new Probation Services Director Gabe Calvillo is working on making more referrals. Additionally, youth come in already connected to these same CBOs and those CBOs will continue to work with those youth.

Dan Macallair, CJCJ: Appreciates the effort being made, but is skeptical. Wants to know who “holds power” and who determines who is at the table. Who likes whom? Who makes the decisions?

- Gabe Calvillo asks how Mr. Macallair thinks this should be happening? Dan believes case management should be shifted to community.
- Chief Miller states that she agrees this has been discussed and reported upon repeatedly, but currently this is the “best good place” to start that has occurred.

Commissioner Brodtkin makes statement that many reports and evaluations of these systems have been done.

### **Item 5 – Program Evaluation of the Center on Juvenile and Criminal Justice Center (CJCJ)**

Moira DeNike, commissioned by CJCJ to run a recidivism report on DDAP youth.

- **Juvenile Detention Diversion Advocacy Program (DDAP)**; not new program. Designed to divert youth who are charged with serious offences.
- Thanks Maria McKee, SFJPD, for helping provide JPD data.
- Looked at 76 youth in and out of DDAP; had to backtrack to first arrest, then looked at when/if the young person was sent to DDAP. Created a research model to compare.

Commissioner Brodtkin asks how she can know she is comparing similar youth? “Apples to apples”

Answer: Had to use basic information, simple facts, age, charges at onset into system, etc.

Commissioner Moses: Asks for information broken down by ethnicity.

Answer: Not possible as was a shortcoming of the data set.

Dan Macallair, CJCJ, states that 20-years ago, another report came up with the same results.

Commissioner Brodtkin asks if the 76 young people constitute the entire number they served and what was their ethnicity?

- Dan Macallair, CJCJ, states they can do an addendum to this report.
- Dan states that referrals come almost exclusively from Defense Attorneys and ethnicity mirrors the population in Juvenile Hall.

Commissioner Moses states that the statistics reported are overwhelmingly African American.

Chief Miller, SFJPD:

For the comparison group, are these only youth who stay in the hall or does it include kids who go straight to placement without being in the hall. What are the “apples to apples?”

- Answer: Not known, random selection of kids who matched the criteria.
- Dan Macallair: Suggests looking at the risk management scores from 20-years ago.

### **Item 6 – Housing for Transitional Age Young Adults**

Gabe Calvillo, SFJPD Probation Services: Has been meeting but the discussion cannot be done in a few minutes. We do have “inventory” and he states he knows that Larkin Street Youth Services is also meeting to come up with a model for TAY housing.

Commissioner Brodtkin asks for public comment.

- Mollie Brown: A broad range of housing options is needed, as well as back-up options in case a situation does not work out, so social workers can move quickly. States she looks forward to meeting with Mr. Calvillo.

### **Item 3 – Approval of July 27, 2021 Programs Committee Meeting Minutes**

Commissioner Brodtkin and Commission Moses vote to adopt the minutes.

### **Item 8 - Meeting Adjourned**

Note taker: Sheryl Cowan, SFJPD