



**Juvenile Justice Commission
Delinquency Prevention Commission
July 30, 2024, 5:15 - 7:15 p.m.
MINUTES**

I. Preliminary Business

- a. Call to Order: Chair Johanna Rasmussen called the meeting to order at 5:15 p.m.
- b. Sukhmani Purewal, Clerk, gave Instructions for Spanish translation services.
- c. Judge Etezadi administered the oath of office and confidentiality to Kenneth Williams.
- d. **Commissioners Present:** Chair Johanna Rasmussen, Vice Chair Membership, Ruchi Mangtani, Jennifer Blanco (arrived 5:22 pm), Paul Bocanegra, Sathvik Nori (online), Susan Swope, and Kenneth Williams. A quorum was established.

Commissioners Absent: Vice Chair Administration Karin Huber-Levy, Whitney Genevro, Eugene Jackson, Ameya Nori, and Tiffany Uhila-Hautau

Juvenile Court: Hon. Susan Etezadi, Presiding Judge, Juvenile Court

Staff Present: Sukhmani S. Purewal, Assistant Clerk of the Board of Supervisors

Stakeholders Present:

John Keene, Chief of Probation
Sanam Aram & Nora Cullen, Assistant Deputy Chief Probation Officers
Nadia Hahn, Assistant District Attorney
Regina Moreno, BHRS

- II. **Oral Communications:** Former Commissioner Wesley Liu congratulated new Commissioner Williams. He also noted that AB159 passed and was signed by Gov. Newsom.



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III. Meeting Agenda and Minutes

- a. **M:** Swope, **S:** Bocanegra to approve the Agenda as distributed. Passed unanimously.
- b. **M:** Bocanegra, **S:** Swope to approve the Meeting Minutes for June 25, 2024, approved unanimously as distributed.

IV. Presentation by San Mateo County Sheriff's Dept, Ryan Monaghan, Assistant Sheriff, County-wide Gang and Narcotic Task Force

- a. **Narcotics.** Our task force deals with quite a few overdoses, mostly adults. Overdoses often involve fentanyl, which is available as pharmaceutical grade, illegal powder, liquid, pill, patches. It is a schedule 4 narcotic, 50 to 100 times more potent than morphine. It is odorless and tasteless. It can be absorbed through the mucous membranes, mouth, and nasal passages. It is a factor in 72% of the overdose deaths in the County in 2023. Just two milligrams is fatal.

In 2021, more Californians died from fentanyl overdoses than car accidents (82 deaths in 2012, 6,000+ in 2021). It is the fastest growing cause of death among young people. He has used Narcan to reverse overdoses in 21 cases. The most common fentanyl-containing counterfeit they see with juveniles is Adderall + methamphetamine + fentanyl. One kilo of fentanyl can produce a million pills.

Their task force does a lot of education and awareness training with students, parents, and teachers.

The task force looks for evidence they can use to charge the dealer with homicide when there is an overdose death. In 2021, they had 2,574 seizures, in 2022, they had 31,321. If Narcan is administered, the effect is instantaneous. All sheriffs carry Narcan. It is also available over the counter. They make it available to school staff and the parents of at-risk youth.



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- b. **Gangs.** Norteno XIV (N) and Sureno XIII, (M) are the most prevalent gangs in the County. (M stands for Mexican Mafia.) They've seen a rise in gang activity, especially in Half Moon Bay and North Fair Oaks. A new gang "Loyalty Over Everything" (LOE) has about 15 members, 15-to-21 years old. They are affiliated with the Nortenos. Coast Side Locos (CSL) are associated with the Surenos. We also have Media Luna Nortenos (MLN) and Polynesian gangs in San Mateo. The Hispanic gangs are the most prevalent.

The task force conducts gang prevention classes for students, parents and school staff, as well as at STAR camp.

Residents tell them they want more police presence. Recent data shows a downturn in gang activity. Prevention is key. They are increasing the number of School Resource Officers (SROs). Currently, they have 5. Generally, they are in the SRO position for 3 to 5 years. They cover the unincorporated County, and Half Moon Bay.

Community Alliance to Revitalize Our Neighborhood (CARON), www.caronprogram.com, a program of the SMC Sheriff's Dept., has been expanded to the Coast side. It includes parenting classes to help build the family unit. There is also the Sheriff's Activity League (SAL) building on CARON in Half Moon Bay.

The Sheriff's Department has run STAR Camp every summer in La Honda for the last 12 years. It offers hiking, horseback riding, and all kinds of other activities. It's one-week long and serves about 100 youth. They rely heavily on donations to pay for it.

Arnold Miller, Becca Keiler, and Clara Jackal commented on the presentation.



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V. Updates from System Partners

- a. **Private Defender**—Ron Reyes was unable to attend, but he gave his report to Commissioner Rasmussen. They were assigned 39 new cases. Fourteen cases were detentions and 4 of them had 707(b) allegations. There were 19 out-of-custody arraignments, of which four had 707(b) allegations. They received 14 sealing petitions and 39 SB 203 Miranda consultations on the hot line.
- b. **Probation**—Sanam Aram reported 32 youth are in custody at YSC, 28 males and 4 females. They consist of 24 Hispanic, 3 African-American, 2 Pacific Islander, and 1 mixed race. and Nora Cullen There are 189 youth on supervision, 10 on EMT, and 156 on diversion.
Narcan is available to YSC staff and residents if needed.
- c. **Behavioral Sciences and Recovery Services**—Regina Moreno reported that they are hiring two clinician positions. They will onboard in the next two months. They also have Narcan available to provide to youth leaving the hall who need it.
- d. **County Office of Education**—Did not attend
- e. **HSA: Children and Family Services**—Did not attend

VI. Programming for Secure Track Youth

M: Swope, S: Bocanegra to recommend that Probation consider the feasibility of implementing the three programs presented at JJDPC's June meeting. Chief Keene noted that they were already in contact with Pine Grove. The motion passed unanimously.



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Pine Grove Participation Requirements

The youth must

- Be recommended by county probation staff
- Meet camp criteria
- Be assigned to Pine Grove by a county judge
- Be 18 to 25 years old
- Have a GED or high school diploma (the site also said they could complete this while in residence).
- Not be convicted of a sex crime or arson.
- Be physically fit for vigorous activity

VII. 2024 Inspection Team Updates--deferred

VIII. Project Updates

- a. Commissioner Blanco reported that some of the partners who will help with the Summit are Peninsula Conflict Resolution Center (PCRC), San Mateo County Office of Education (SMCOE), Shakeel Ali, and the Sheriff's Office.
- b. Foster Care – no report
- c. Substance Abuse Treatment—Commissioner Rasmussen reported that Valley Medical Center has detox beds.

IX. Matters of Commission Interest -- none

X. Chair Rasmussen adjourned the meeting at 7:17 pm.