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JUVENILE PROBATION COMMISSION

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LONDON N. BREED, MAYOR  
JUVENILE PROBATION COMMISSION

FULL COMMISSION REGULAR MEETING MINUTES  
May 10, 2023, 6:30pm

**Commissioners:**

Margaret Brodtkin, President  
Linda Martley-Jordan  
Allison Magee  
Johanna Laco  
Toye Moses  
Manuel Rodriguez  
James Spingola

**Proceedings:**

**1. Roll Call:** Meeting called to order 6:50 pm.

Commissioners Brodtkin, Laco, Magee, Martley-Jordan, Moses, Rodriguez and Spingola present.  
Instructions on making remote public comments read by Commission Secretary.

**2. Public comment on items not on agenda.** No public comment.

**3. Discuss police diversion of juveniles following the May 10, 2023, 5:30pm, San Francisco Police Commission Meeting presentations of diversion programs *Centinela* in Los Angeles, and *Neighborhood Opportunity and Accountability Board* in Oakland. ([Police Commission Agenda link here](#))**

President Brodtkin states she was happy with the Police Commission meeting and asks for comments.

Commissioner Laco confirms CARC has capacity.

Commissioner Manuel Rodriguez – Wonders what is the specific “ask” to the Police Department.

Discussion follows about how to develop a diversion program that works.

Commissioner Martley-Jordan mentions the Los Angeles presentation at the Police Commission “if you want to go fast, you go alone – but if you want to go long, you go together.” Liked partnering with Police Commission.

It is mentioned that CARC is ready, but may need more people.

The programs mentioned at Police Commission were only 2-yrs old, but their numbers were dramatic.

Commissioner Moses states he was happy with the presentations, but mentions that we need to get the grandparents involved too.

Discussion on what the holdup is in implementing similar programming.

Assistant Chief Gabriel Calvillo – States the framework is in place, but how the Police Department builds out the accountability piece is needed. With CARC in place, just a matter of Police Department taking a chance on what a pre-arrest diversion program should look like.

Commissioner Brodtkin – Wants to make sure that people who are impacted are at the table, but first we need agreement from the Police Department, our job is to revisit it in 2-months. We need to monitor that, and keep getting reports from CARC.

Commissioner Allison Magee - Who is at the table? CARC is at the table and directly involved in what that would look like to the Police, even to the point of not handcuffing the kids on route to CARC.

ACPO Gabriel Calvillo – Chief Scott is very familiar with the LA model and very supportive of bringing that to SF.

**Hillary Burren, Huckleberry, CARC** – They have been actively meeting with the Mayor’s office, SFPD, et. al. monthly for 2-yrs. ; being transparent, it is on the Police Dept. to do some things internally. Agrees that Chief Scott is “on board” but it will take a little time. Talks about citations and mentions the least amount of contact means NO citations. CARC is ready, won’t have kids going through the trauma of arrest, but rather will be the kids with whom they are already working.

Commissioner Magee asks about them holding on to the crime report. Answer: This is part of the delay, what do you do with the youth who *do not* complete their diversion programs? Asks if Police are relying on CARC to develop?

Hillary Burren states that Huckleberry’s Denise Coleman replicated the LA program but for SF. One difference is that during pilot SFPD felt more comfortable with misdemeanors.

Commissioner Brodtkin asks if others should be at the table? Answer: Catherine Chu, Mayor’s Office, is convening these monthly meetings. President Brodtkin believes we should reach out to them to have more people at the table.

ACPO Gabe Calvillo: SF program will not be using a detention assessment tool.

Commissioner Brodtkin continues that this issue brings up what the role of the Commission is like expanding the number of people in the planning process and move more quickly.

ACPO Gabe Calvillo – Reminds that this is a SF Police Department function and their choice, but this is on their radar.

Commissioner Magee agrees this is Police function and JPC should have a “lighter touch” on it.

#### **Public Comment**

**Victor Martinez, CARC Case Manager** – Creating a pilot program, just like we did with CARC, makes it more accessible and streamlined for youth, and better connection with youth, family, and city. Getting youth and families to meetings and programs is important. Highlights the accountability effort. Goal is to have them not re-offend. Loves this work. Thanks Commission.

**Dawn Stueckle, Sunset Youth Services, and co-Chair JJPA** – Suggests that JPC can engage; always hard to get Police to follow-through. Important for some sort of accountability function. CARC has never been fully-utilized. Somehow, this Commission could have goal to make sure what gets set up gets used.

**“Queen Vanessa”** – Raised in Hunter’s Point, original in Community Developers helping urban families. Has been in this process for past 2-years; concerned with the JPC Commissioners’ questions, they were not clear on what is going on and states that the community is also confused. June 30, 6-8pm, will have team educating young people on the juvenile culture. Mentions she has her own data. “You all are wrong.” We don’t want arrests made; we don’t want them (kids) in trouble. “What is the purpose of all these meetings?” Leaving more disturbed, if she can’t get out there to help these babies. Our politics is not the same as that of Oakland and Los Angeles so questions their models.

#### **4. Consent Calendar – Submitted for a single vote without discussion unless a Commissioner so requests in which event the matter to be discussed shall be removed from the consent calendar and considered as a separate item.**

- a. Submission of request to enter new agreement with KdS Consulting for dietician technical support services at Juvenile Hall, with a proposed term of 24-months and a not-to-exceed amount of \$120,000.

No public comment.

Vote: Ayes: Brodtkin, Lacoe, Magee, Martley-Jordan, Moses, and Rodriguez. Motion Passes.

#### **5. Chief’s Report**

##### **Monthly Data Report:**

Celina Cuevas, JPD Research & Planning (R&P) states that Executive Summary slide highlights statistics for March 2023. Slide 4 - Goes over Snapshot for 5-8-23. Mentions that half of the population are 16 yrs. and under; sees trending to younger ages. 2/3 from SF, 1/3 from outside SF. 10 commitments, 9 in juvenile hall and one in county jail. Higher percentage that are committed.

Slide 21 – One MIR referral (states more in April which will come up in next month’s report).

re Page 6 Table, Commissioner Allison Magee is concerned the time frame is too condensed; asks if longer time period could be represented for context; Ms. Cuevas answers that will be shown in Annual Report; Commissioner asks if this can also be shown in the monthly report.

Maria McKee, Director JPD R&P: This was also brought up in JPC Program Committee. States the methodology on the older reporting systems doesn't compare well to what we are doing currently, but states they will be going over the data during the summer.

Commissioner Brodtkin: Suggests that we need to make lists, mentions CJJ data back to 1995. Celina states we are very much lower in crime rates. Commissioner Brodtkin is interested in analysis of why this is happening. Wants to know more about what an arrest warrant is and how do these kids come to the attention of the police officers.

Answer: Celina Cuevas states that for arrest warrant, usually they are arrested on a new charge, but they already have an arrest warrant, therefore they are arrested; Maria McKee states they are also working on the **tiered warrant** process.

Re CARC referrals: President Brodtkin states she is confused who is eligible and who is referred; wants to know more. Celina Cuevas, JPD Research & Planning states they are trying to get to the point where they can report on this and are currently working with CARC to get tracking aligned. Maria McKee states they are trying to refer every single citation to CARC. At the current time, CARC has told us they do not have the capacity in off hours for felonies.

ACPO Gabe Calvillo also states that JPD changed the policies to make more people eligible too.

No public comment

#### **Workforce Updates – New hires:**

3: HR Director, another on-call counselor and finance team hired an Accountant III

Promotions: Assistant Chief hired; Gabe Calvillo, formerly Director of Probation Services

Separations: Stationary engineer and utility worker

Retirements: Sam Ho, IT Director, and Steve Arcelona, Deputy Director of Administrative Service; states that Veronica Martinez will be Acting Deputy.

No public comment

**Transformation updates:** Maria McKee working with CARC and Instituto Familiar de la Raza regarding the **Newcomer Program**. Will provide update on the **Probation Mapping Project** and the juvenile hall conceptional design process at next mtg.

No public comment.

#### **6. President's Report – Margaret Brodtkin**

Introduction of new commissioner Manuel Rodriguez, YMCA. Commissioner Rodriguez thanks everyone; states he is a 25-years San Francisco resident; raised kids here and trying to make the City work better. Views this (appointment) opportunity as a blessing to support young people; excited to be here and support work of the Commission.

Dr. Moses states he has worked with Commissioner Rodriguez for 12-yrs. and thinks he is a team player; hopes he brings that to this Commission.

Commissioner Brodtkin also mentions putting the 2023 JPC Retreat on next agenda.

No public comment

#### **7. Future Agenda Items**

President Brodtkin mentions meeting with Chief Miller regularly and wants next meeting to be on mental health issues, and asks for suggestions for June. For July, mentions the report about juvenile hall; mentions the Chief wanting the Commission to hear more about what is happening in the hall including DPH-SPY. Mentions Edgewood and how that may help with mental health programming.

Dr. Moses and Commissioner Martley-Jordan mention reaching out to Westside Health, Rafiki Coalition, Homeless Children's network.

Allison suggests getting sense of what is the take-away, what do we need/want to know, and base our invitations to these hearings on those goals. What are we seeing in terms of the young people we serve, and then seeing Citywide. What are the opportunities? Discussion follows about services for young people in and out of the hall. President Brodtkin states focus on young people on our case load; Commissioner Martley Jordan states it should be for wider group – need to look at what is affecting African Americans since they are a major part of the population and how this rolls out into the community.

Commissioner Allison Magee – What do we want to take away from this, a sense of the community landscape? Commissioner Magee volunteers to organize.

Commissioner Manuel Rodriguez mentions that YMCA could be part of this dialog. DCYF just put out their Needs Assessment Plan. In terms of “landscape,” we can pull from there too. Beyond young people, conversation about mental health and how can we look at the environment; mentions the emotional challenges of those doing the work.

**Program Committee** update - Commissioner Laco: Committee met, heard update on JPD’s progress on several issues including eligibility for CARC, warrants. States that the draft of tiered warrants with judge; talked about data & having set points pre-covid too.

**Elections for vice president discussion;** will set in June. Nominations to go to Commission Secretary.

**Public comment**

Mollie Brown, JJPA – CJHWG did extensive work on mental health; at same time, they did a survey to see what kinds of issues; mentions SPY offering assessments for kids coming into Hall and SFUSD offering services. President Brodtkin asks her to volunteer to help organize the mental health presentations at next meeting.

**8. Review and Approval of the Commission Meeting Minutes of April 12, 2023**

Item continued to next meeting, June 14, 2023

No public comment.

**9. Meeting Adjourned 8:36pm**