

BY DISTRICT CITY AND COUNTY OF SAN FRANCISCO
JUVENILE PROBATION COMMISSION



FULL COMMISSION REGULAR MEETING
Wednesday, October 11, 2023, 5:30pm

City Hall, 1 Dr. Carlton B. Goodlett Place, Hearing Room 408 Wednesday, October 11, 2023 / 5:30 p.m.

This meeting was held in person as listed above.

Full Commission:

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

Meeting Minutes

1. Roll Call:

- A. Meeting called to order at 5:38pm.
- B. Members Absent: Linda Martley-Jordan, James Spingola

2. Public Comment on items not on the agenda:

- A. No public comment.

3. AB 12: Supporting Former Probation Youth in Extended Foster Care, Report prepared for the San Francisco Juvenile Probation Commission - Marisa Lin, Goldman School of Public Policy

- A. Marisa Lin, Second Year Master Student at Goldman School of Public Policy, presented her 10 week AB12 research project. Topics discussed included: Introduction to AB12, Purpose and Method of Conducting Project, Highlights of Findings of AB12, and Data and Reporting.

- 1. The AB12 data presented by Marisa Lin halted in summer of July 2023 due to research project running from May 2023 to July 2023 only, so Chief Miller provided additional comments on the following topics that was presented by Marisa Lin:

- i. Provided more up-to-date numbers and data in regards to the population of young people in AB12, young people who are in SILPS vs. THP, young people who are incarcerated, young people in unapproved SILPS (living elsewhere), and breakdown of County of Youth's Residence.
- ii. Discussed criteria that make young people eligible for AB12 program.
- iii. Discussed AFTER program (restitution) and extending AFTER program to young people in AB12.

- iv. Discussed Housing and how to help young people find ongoing housing. Currently working with HSH.
- v. Commission Discussion:
 - AB12 take up rate
 - Housing preferences among youth
 - Senate bills
 - GI pilot
 - Decline in number of foster care youth
 - Housing options in other counties.

B. Community-based Service Providers:

- 1. Judge Roger Chan, Dan Macallair from CJJ, Luna Robledo from CASA, Dawn Stueckle Executive Director of Sunset Youth Services and Co-Chair of the Juvenile Justice Providers Association, Mollie Brown from Juvenile Justice Provider, Melissa Tong, Supervisor of AB12 Unit at JPD, Yaneli Gonzalez Restorative Justice Coordinator at Huckleberry CARC provides comments regarding AB12 youths, with topics including housing, social support, income support, providing accessible and adequate services, barrier removal, and restitution aid.

C. Public Comment: None

4. Chief's Report:

- A.** Chief Miller mentions that a new presentation method of presenting the data report is being tried out at today's meeting. The monthly report was accompanied by a memo with items highlighted.

- Celina Cuevas presents data report based on memo provided and accompanied by slides in specific to Slide 18 – Admissions by Primary Reasons, Slide 7 – Average and Peak Population, Slide 10 – ADP by Race/Ethnicity, Slide 15 – Length of Stay for Youth Released, Slide 22 – Probation Referrals, CARC Intake, MIR Referrals, and Slide 32 – Active Caseload Active in programs.

i. Commission Discussion:

- Data regarding specific program referrals
- Make it Right referrals.

B. Workforce Updates

- New counselor joined Juvenile Hall. Worked really hard to have more bilingual counselors due to having more monolingual Spanish speaking young people in hall.
- Departure of Utility Worker.
- Retirement: Rhonda Hutchings and Greg Chin.

C. DCYF RFP

- Clarification that the Justice Services grants are unlike the other categories in the RFP and can serve Out-of-County youth. It can serve young people who have been arrested in San Francisco, referred to the San Francisco Probation Department, and/or are under the jurisdiction of the San Francisco Delinquency Court including youth who live Out-of-County. This is very important because it distinguishes this program area from the program areas which is funded by the Children's Fund and has a different limitation.
- Clarification that the Justice Services Care Coordinator Strategy (Case Management Strategy) can serve youth's ages 12-25.

D. Use of Confiscated Funds

- Identified confiscated funds accumulated over the years from young people when they were booked into the hall and not returned to them upon exit. Investigated and was able to disperse small amount of the confiscated funds. After intensive process to identify the address for young people to return funds to, department was only able to return a small amount of that to the youths. Currently there are confiscated funds that are unable to be returned to youths from whom it was confiscated from.

i. Commission Discussion:

- Who will benefit?

- Grandparents who care/ recognizing contributions of grandparents

ii. Public Comment:

- Dawn Stueckle asks: “How does this work collaboratively or in conjunction with the flexible dollars that are already out there.”
- Chief Miller responds “It's just another source of funding to cover that.”

iii. Motion: To authorize the department to use the remaining confiscated funds for emergency needs for youth and families.

- Lacoé – First
- Moses – Second
- Votes: Yes: Brodtkin, Lacoé, Magee, Moses, Rodriguez
- Motion passes.

E. Racial Equity Activities Update

- Chief Miller provides updates on racial equity activities held in the department. This includes annual survey of all of staff on their experiences with racial equity in the department, internal team of Racial Equity leads which at JPD they named themselves as the Justice Equity Diversity Inclusion Task Force (JEDI Task Force), newsletters, gathering and events that bring people together, and trainings.

F. Commission Comments and Questions:

- Commissioner Lacoé points out that the forty-three thousand dollars is a stop gap for things that we probably want to be able to pay for when that money is gone.
- Chief Miller: “I would note that one of the grants that we put out to bid last year which is not rolled into the current DCYF RFP is for whole family support financial direct support to families so last year we bid out and awarded 420/430 thousand in grants for that purpose to three collaborations of non-profits in the city and that will happen through the current DCYF RFP. So this is an addition to that but we think that is the most just use of these funds.”

G. Public Comments:

- Judge Roger Chan: “I just wanted to provide you with a little bit more information about some of the data points that you were interested in and just to give you some layers to think about in terms of program participation. There's been a change in probation reporting to the court where there's a section in every report that identifies which programs youth have been referred to and required to participate in and then there's a little section with information about the level of participation and that's really important to me because I do want to make sure when young people are placed on probation or are released into the community that there's not just accountability to the youth but we've identified the programs that they are to participate in and that there's accountability for everyone to ensure that the promised services are being delivered. There's been a conscious effort in the courtroom to identify programs and to hear from the programs too when representatives come to talk about how the youth is doing. In terms of the level of participation I just want you to be aware that not every youth is required to participate in the program because one of the principles of Juvenile Justice court is you want to get the right level of touch. You don't want to over intervene but you want to get the right touch and some of these cases don't require a heavy touch or additional programming so not every case will have required programming. I just want to give you that layer of information when you look at that data slide and then in terms of Make It Right (MIR), I don't have any information either about the District Attorney's decisions making on which cases, but another layer I want to give you is that with the success of the AFTER program, there are a number of cases that come through Court, so it's post filing that are diverted by the Court with the AFTER program, so that fulfills another purpose of the Juvenile Court, another value for restorative justice that's happening post filing and operates in a similar way that the Make It Right (MIR) program might have operated so I just wanted to give you that little bit of extra context as you're thinking about the data and what it means.”

5. Program Committee Report:

- A. Commissioner Lacoé presents highlights from the previous Program Committee Meeting.
- B. Commission Comment: None
- C. Public Comment: None

6. Presidents Report:

- A. President Brodtkin provides update from Head of Human Resources regarding hiring for the Commission Secretary position.
- B. Planning a retreat for October 20, 2023. Still in discussion of exact location.
- C. Public Comment: None

7. Consent Calendar:

- A. One young person who will be stepping down from Secure Youth Treatment Facility (SYTF). An informal solicitation was extended to different organizations and one applied. That organization is who we are proposing to approve.
- B. Motion:
 - Lacoé – First
 - Magee – Second
 - Votes: Yes: Brodtkin, Lacoé, Magee, Moses, Rodriguez
 - Motion passes.

8. Future Agenda Items:

- A. Commissioner Magee would like to have a conversation about Out of County youth.
- B. Invite DA and Police Department to come back to follow up on previous items.
- C. Public Comment: None

9. Review and Approval of the Program Committee Meeting Minutes of September 13, 2023:

- A. President Brodtkin comments: "Sheryl did a nice job and worked hard to abbreviate them and to do it in the time she had available to do it." Rodriguez agreed.
- B. Public Comment: None.
- C. Motion:
 - Rodriguez – First
 - Moses - Second
 - Votes: Yes: Brodtkin, Lacoé, Magee, Moses, Rodriguez
 - Motion passes. September 13, 2023 Minutes are approved.

10. Adjournment:

- A. Meeting adjourned at 8:06pm.