

San Francisco Juvenile Justice Commission GENERAL MEETING SUMMARY January 15, 2019

Six (6) Commissioners attended the January 15, 2019 general meeting of the San Francisco Juvenile Justice Commission (JJC).

JUVENILE PROBATION DEPARTMENT

- Census: 50 juveniles (39 males, 11 females)
- Even though census remains low, there is higher rate of need for care or alternative detentions. More and more high levels of acuity, lots of trauma and neglect, their criminal conduct, socialization, home, and school. First time they get dental or psychological care is in custody.
- Recognize severity of need, but when young people are hospitalized for psychiatric reasons, staff need to attend to them off-site and requires massive amounts of resources.
- Coding program has been launched via Success Center SF. Normally a 12-week program, but first phase should be 5-6 weeks. Once program is completed, they can continue at Success Center in Western Addition and network with employers in digital arts and software.
- LCR Committee, Chief Nance has list of invitees sent to Mayor's office, will be vetted by Mayor's office, Chair Peterson is on that list. LCR Counselors are now working as Juvenile Hall counselors after training. Emphasizes the importance of diversity of minors' needs for different kinds of care. Hopes LCR can offer a wide spectrum. Needs to serve more minors to justify costs.

UNIFIED FAMILY COURT

- AB1214 competency protocol is nearly complete, local protocol for steps for working with youth whose competence is in question, otherwise they cannot participate in their cases. Then court comes to standstill, and minor cannot go to trial or accept responsibility. Mandatory dismissal after 6 months on misdemeanor, unless minor has not regained competency.
- Worked with JPD on Blue Water Foundation, it's a sailing program with SFUSD, also Alameda county and Camp Sweeny youth. Have three boats, it's a probation incentive. It's a five step, five weekend program for minors to take advantage of.

COURT SCHOOLS

- Only had one day back so far, one graduation coming at the end of the month. Three graduates from last December are now taking college courses.
- JPD is partnered with CCSF, had at least two students online last year. Students have computer access, CCSF is open to youth who have GED or HS diploma. One dean at CCSF wants to engage formerly incarcerated kids, want them to enroll. Laptops are used on SFUSD network.