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## San Francisco Juvenile Justice Commission GENERAL MEETING SUMMARY March 19, 2019

*Four (4) Commissioners attended the March 19, 2019 general meeting of the San Francisco Juvenile Justice Commission (JJC).*

### JUVENILE PROBATION DEPARTMENT

- **Census: 40 youth (29M, 11F, incl. 3 transgender)**
- 123 youth in Juvenile Hall ten years ago, 40 today, every youth on single-room status
- Youth applying for summer employment via workshops, focus on job-readiness. Also probation enrichment, linking youth to service, working with success center.
- March 23rd will be first Blue Water sail with youth not in custody, originally a resource for youth at LCR, now for youth on probation in the community
- Spring Break March 26th-28th
  - College tours to Skyline College, USF, CCSF, CSUEB, SFSU, Laney College
- Log Cabin Ranch task force will meet Friday
- Commissioner Peterson will represent JJC, Judge Wiley to represent Juvenile Court
- Goal is to have a set of recommendations within six months

### UNIFIED FAMILY COURT

- Judge Wiley and Judge Flores present
- 21 new CASA members in past six weeks, everyone who requested has been matched
- Judges support presence of CASA for feedback and support in dependency and delinquency, where CASA is frequently the constant, could be with youth for 7-8 years
- Alternatives to incarceration (e.g. group homes, CBOs with parameters) always preferred, limited options due to funding restricting the Court's options
- Lack of alternative sentencing options for girls considered unacceptable, e.g. girls' home on Euclid Ave. converted to boys' home due to low numbers, currently one girl in custody only due to lack of alternative local options
- New changes in the law limit the amount of time a youth can be at group homes, typically 6 months with option to extend with recommendation from JPD. Not realistic to expect youth to make progress in 30-60 days, prevents courts from looking for long-term options
- STRTPs (short-term residential therapeutic programs) are designed for youth with "deep-tissue" needs including trauma, therapy, addiction and violence treatment, but converted facilities struggling to comply with rigorous state standards, restricting Court's capacity
- Chief Nance: often times the dialogue prioritizes punitive aspects as opposed to protective intervention on behalf of the safety of the youth
- Judge Flores has been given detailed reports from community partners, perhaps more than before, especially from CBOs interested in offering alternative sentencing options