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COMMISSIONER Angel Carrion
COMMISSIONER Walter Turner
COMMISSIONER Cheryl Sena

San Francisco Juvenile Justice Commission
Approved minutes of General Meeting
February 16, 2021
Via Zoom

CALLED TO ORDER

Commissioner Thomas called the meeting to order at 5:38 p.m.

ROLL CALL

Comm. Carrion - absent
Comm. Smith - absent
Comm. Stewart - present
Comm. Salvagione – present
Comm. Sena – present
Comm. Thomas - present
Comm. Turner – excused

CHAIR REPORT

- Commissioner Thomas reported that she received a Commission application from an MSW who works in Alameda County and resides in San Francisco. She will coordinate an interview.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

The January 19, 2021 minutes were approved without revisions.

COURT SCHOOLS

- No representative present

SPECIAL PROGRAMS FOR YOUTH

- No representative present

JUVENILE PROBATION DEPARTMENT

- Census: 13; 10 male, 3 female
- Chief Paula Hernandez and Director Bobby Uppal were present.
- Juvenile Hall currently has 4 units open. There is an intake/quarantine unit, 2 male general population units, and 1 female general population unit. Now that older youth are being housed, they have the general population units split up by age. Currently there are 3 males who are 18 or older. 2 of them are housed in the younger unit. They are trying not to put older youth with youth under 17. When older youth are with youth under 17, there is close supervision.
- Older youth are detained as a result of SBA 23 which increased the age of jurisdiction to 25.
- Director Uppal reported on the school program. They have not yet reopened in person school. There is a required checklist to complete before reopening. The school principal (Chris Lanier) is working on it. The teachers are waiting to be vaccinated. They have been bumped to top priority status for vaccination.
- The report from the Blue Ribbon panel has not yet been released.
- Deputy Hernandez reported on the status of the Juvenile Hall closure workgroups. The closed work groups continues to meet. The next large group meeting is February 17, 2021. They are still discussing program options and diversion services. There is no plan yet for an alternative facility.
- Reopening Log Cabin Ranch is being considered. There could be boys and girls on the same property. The water system is currently shut down. There is other work to be done to get it up and running. It could be costly.
- A full plan is due to the Board of Supervisors by June 30, 2021. New detention is supposed to be operational by December 31, 2021. It will be delayed. The plan must be adopted by the Board of Supervisors, state and community corrections, and the Department of Public Works.
- Youth are no longer being held at the Department of Juvenile Justice (DJJ). Also, out of state placements stopped in December of 2020 so a detention plan is necessary. There are no state protocols regarding older youth detainees.
- The Juvenile Justice Coordinating Council is discussing an alternate to DJJ and is considering Log Cabin Ranch. A few additional property addresses (in San Francisco) are being considered. Those would also require a lot of work.

UNIFIED FAMILY COURT

- Judge Monica Wiley reported on the Juvenile Hall closure as well. The court is involved in the group meetings. The project is larger than originally anticipated.

- Judge Wiley likes the idea of using Log Cabin Ranch. The location is beautiful. The facility upgrades can be solved.
- Court filings have decreased. The charges filed are more serious.
- Court hearings are still remote. The court is still using BlueJeans because of the security features.
- Most youth are coming to court in person with the court ensuring safety for all. The youth are tested for COVID and must have a negative test to appear in person. Parents and other support people must all appear remotely. The court is allowing all appropriate participants to appear.

PUBLIC COMMENT

- There were two visitors who introduced themselves: Jean Roland, the managing attorney at the DA's office for the Juvenile Division; and Gabriela Bayol who works for CASA as the juvenile justice coordinator.

ADJOURNMENT

6:10 p.m.