

**PROBATION DEPARTMENT
COUNTY OF SAN MATEO**



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Fresh Lifelines for Youth

DJJ Realignment Subcommittee of the JJCC

Thursday, February 9, 2023

12:00 p.m.- 2:00 p.m.

222 Paul Scannell Drive, San Mateo

Chief's Conference Room

MINUTES

Present Members:

John Keene

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Rebecca Baum

Ziomara Ochoa

Ron Rayes

Dan Mulholland

Kris Shouse

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Jane Smithson

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Absent Members:

Michael Callagy

Susan Etezadi

John Fong

Nick Jasso

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Other Attendees:

Adam Ely, County Executive Board; Aurora Pena, Regina Moreno, BHRS; Chinhayi Cadet, Superior Court; Angel Carrion, Success Centers; Amy Yun, HSA; Bonnie MacAskill, Chris Abalos, Darlene Hansen, Hong Liu, Melanie Stauffer, Jehan Clark, Tony Burchyns, Yanitxa Albino, Probation.

I. CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 1:06 p.m.

II. SECURE YOUTH TREATMENT FACILITY (SYTF)

A. Update

Currently, one youth has been committed for seven years to the Secure Youth Treatment Facility (SYTF).

- There are elements of SB 823 which will offer an opportunity for the case to be reviewed periodically which may impact the amount of time the young adult spends inside of the secure youth treatment facility.
- The law does not require these young adults to be separated from the rest of the population.
- A few things such as visitation and requesting permission will now need to change for these young adults that are over 18 years old.



Chief Keene shared that it will be a huge learning curve figuring out how to navigate through the changes, but the department has no intention of denying these young adults any rights.

In conjunction with the JJDCP recommendations, some of the RFP processes, the inspection process, and the juvenile hall reimagine committee, the department has come up with some generalized improvements that will be made to the facility. The idea is to give the facility a more home like feel, while at the same time still considering the safety of all staff and youth.

The following enhancements will be made:

- Update the youth bedding, furniture, and space
- Advance the multi-sensory rooms in the Forest unit
- Create a music therapy space
- Advance the writing room space
- Create a studio room for creating and recording music
- Update the recreational space to include a video game room, fitness area, stationary area, reading room, knitting room, and meditation area
- Advance the mural project and art therapy program
- Expand our utilization of technology within the facility
- Upgrade the kitchen area in preparation for a culinary arts program
- Upgrade recreational equipment
- Create more outdoor friendly spaces – plants, benches, games etc.
- Add affirmations throughout the facility
- Add vocational programs and support for equipment
- Add a tech focused program around coding
- Expand the Project Change program and college courses
- Expand our speaker's bureau

Chief Keene shared that an addendum will be added to the existing submitted realignment plan to let the state know of the enhancements that will be made to the programs and space we offer. These are all enhancements that the department has already begun or will be done based on targeted dates. SB823 funding and funding available for reimagining the juvenile hall will be used.

III. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 1:48 p.m.