



ALAMEDA COUNTY

Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention Commission

MEETING MINUTES
Wednesday, February 14, 2024 | 12:00 PM – 2:00 PM
2500 Fairmont Drive, San Leandro, CA 94578
Room C-1002
[ZOOM Teleconference](#)

Commissioners Present:

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Palagummi, Vamsey (Chair) | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Anderson, Louise | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Larios, Xochtil |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Metz, Elana (Vice Chair) | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Ervin, Kareem | <input type="checkbox"/> Nunley, Patricia |

Youth Commissioner: Naziri, Ethan

Member Emeritus: Nair, Kamal

Collaborative Partners Present:

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Badiey, Naseem, ACPD | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Garcia, Lupe ACSC | <input type="checkbox"/> Ross, Javay, ACPH |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Burke-Taylor, Yasmin, ACPD | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Gipson, Tiffany, DA | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Tate, Hattie, OUSD |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Buckner-Preston, Mia, SSA-CWS | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Gerchow, Christine, ACBH | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Vaughan, Monica, ACOE |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Cercone, Dante, ACPD | <input type="checkbox"/> Gratz-Lazarus, Zach, CAAP | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Walton, Robert, ACPD |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Conner, Shauna, ACPD | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Jackson, Scott, ACSC | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Wegley, Rebecca, ACPD |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Donovan, Allyson, DA | <input type="checkbox"/> Maemori, William, ACPD | <input type="checkbox"/> Williams, Shahidah, BOS |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Ebrahimi, John, ACPD | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Mance, Al, Public Defender | <input type="checkbox"/> Wilson, Jacq, DA |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Emmons, Craig, ACPD | <input type="checkbox"/> Mitchell, Alicia, ACPD | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Zambrana, Andrea, CAAP |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Ford, Brian, Assist. Chief ACPD | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Pappas, Carissa, ACPD | |

Recorder: Shavers, Andrea, ACPD

I. Administrative Business

- Call to Order:** Chair Palagummi called the meeting to order at **12:08 PM**.
- Roll Call**
- Commission Update(s), Announcements and Comments:**
 - It is with a heavy heart that we inform this body that our beloved friend, colleague and Principal Earl Crawford Jr., PhD of ACOE passed away unexpectedly.
 - Beginning in February, the monthly commission meeting will move to the second Wednesday of the month.

II. Presentation:

Secure Track Program Updates & Outcomes, Shauna Conner, ACPD

- Senate Bill 823 (SB823) went into effect on September 30, 2020. Later it was clarified in SB92 effective May 14, 2021, which authorized counties to establish a Secure Youth Treatment Facility (SYTF) for youth aged 14 and older. It also establishes procedural and review requirements for the commitment of youth to a SYTF.
 - Alameda County as of January 31, 2024, has 22 youth in Juvenile Hall/Camp Sweeney and 17 youth in Step Down/Transition.
 - The average baseline term is 3½ years.
- Program accomplishments include the following.
 - Rites of Passage (ROP) construction program graduation in August 2023.
 - ROP culmination ceremony, October 2023.
 - Financial literacy program graduation, February 2024.
 - 16 youth completed high school.

- e. 21 youth are currently enrolled in a 2-year or 4-year college or university.
- f. During FY 22/23 and FY 23/24, ACPD contracted with Community-Based Organizations (CBOs) to provide 16 new or expanded programs and services for youth committed to SB823.
3. SB823 Challenges included the impact of the transition from the Department of Juvenile Justice (DJJ), implementation of SB823, ACPD staffing, reentry, and procurement/capital projects.
4. Next steps include revisiting the phase system, increasing the number of evidence-based programs, the feedback mechanism for youth, revising the court report template, and evaluating the frequency of multi-disciplinary team meetings. We are re-designing by re-purposing space in Juvenile Hall. We are leaning into support with our partnership with ACOE, the assignment of DPO case managers, and transition/aftercare.
 - a. Revisiting the phase system - to make the system more meaningful and impactful to the youth it now has an orientation phase, building core programming and focusing on transitioning back into the community, i.e. reentry.
 - b. Currently the youth enter secure track and are assessed by the DPO, this tool was developed for youth out of custody. We want to use another assessment tool that will assess the youth while in custody.
 - c. We will build a success team comprised of the youth, JIO, DPO, ISI, their credible messenger, someone from Behavioral Health, and someone from ACOE. This success team would meet monthly to review the youth's performance including the youth's strengths, challenges, the positive things they have done and areas the need improvement. This helps the youth identify when they are moving to the next phase and how close they are to reentry.
5. General Updates – **Yasmin Burke**
 - a. The JJC will begin offering Occupational Therapy Training Program (OTTP) to the youth on March 1.

III. Partner Updates

Education

No updates.

Court, Judge Scott Jackson

No updates.

Criminal Court Appointed Attorneys (CAAP), Andrea Zambrana

No updates.

Public Defender, Al Mance

No Updates.

District Attorney, Tiffany Gipson

No updates.

Medical, Dr. Christine Gerchow

1. Medical will add the Medications for opioid use disorder (MOUD) to their monthly reports.

Social Services, Mia Buckner-Preston

1. The Assessment Center is seeing more females than males. The AC is seeing a reduction in beds for females youth. Providers are choosing to provide beds for male youth.
2. The AC will be moving from the city of Hayward to Castro Valley. The staff is being transitioned to different offices in the county.

3. Capacity in the new AC will be reduced from 30 to 10.
4. The county creating agreements to purchasing emergency beds in different facilities in the event the AC reaches capacity there are placement options.

IV. Public Comment

None.

Next Meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, March 13, 2024.

Location: Hybrid meeting format.

In-person: Juvenile Justice Center, 2500 Fairmont Drive, San Leandro, CA, Conference Room C1022

Virtual: via Zoom.

Meeting adjourned at 2:07 PM.