



# ALAMEDA COUNTY Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention Commission

**MEETING MINUTES**  
**Wednesday, May 15, 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 checked="" 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 checked="" type="checkbox"/> Nunley, Patricia |

**Youth Commissioner:**  Naziri, Ethan      **Member Emeritus:**  Nair, Kamal

## **Collaborative Partners Present:**

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

**Recorder:** Shavers, Andrea, ACPD

Jain, Maighna, BALA

## **I. Administrative Business**

1. **Call to Order:** Chair Palagummi called the meeting to order at **12:07 PM**.
2. **Roll Call**
3. **Action to Approve Minutes.**

Vice Chair Metz invited a motion to adopt the March minutes as circulated with the agenda.

**MOTION by:** Louise Anderson    **Second by:** Vamsey Palagummi

**AYES (Voice Vote): All Present**

**NOES: None**

**ABSTAIN: None**

**MOTION PASSED.**

4. **Commission Update(s), Announcements and Comments:**
  - a. There will be a Juneteenth event on June 19 at the Juvenile Justice Center. This is on the actual federal holiday, so that all who can attend the event please do so.

## **II. Presentation**

### **Dual Status Jurisdiction, Maighna Jain, Bay Area Legal Aid**

1. Dual Status allows a minor to maintain both dependency and delinquency status. The youth is transitioned between Child Welfare and probation systems. Child welfare and probation work collaboratively to transition youth between both systems.

2. Benefits of dual status increase positive behavioral health outcomes, home placement, improved educational outcomes, diversion, new sustained juvenile justice petitions, and more.
3. Dual status decreases recidivism, use of pre-adjudication detention, roadblocks for foster care entry, losing AB 12 upon reaching the age of majority, and more.
4. There is no need to file for entry into the child welfare system. Youths 300 status remain intact.
5. If youth have an order for foster care placement on or prior to their 18<sup>th</sup> birthday, they are eligible to take advantage of many services up to age 21.

### **III. Partner Updates**

#### **Education, Dan Bellino**

1. Last day of instruction for the school year is June 11. Intersession will begin on June 13 and end on June 28. Summer school will start on July 1 and end August 9.
2. We are awaiting the teachers' union to ratify the calendar for next year. The anticipated start of the school year is August 12.
3. Final interviews for the court school Principal are Friday, June 17, 2024.
4. There will be an additional administrative position at Juvenile Hall, Executive Director of Juvenile Justice Programs. The court school Principal will report to the Executive Director.

#### **Court, Judge Scott Jackson**

No updates.

#### **Criminal Court Appointed Attorneys (CAAP), Andrea Zambrana**

1. One of the Social workers will transition from CAAP to the Public Defender's Office.
2. Interviews for vacant positions are underway. We anticipate very little gap in services.

#### **Public Defender, Al Mance**

1. Direct filed cases – because of a change to the law, those previously aged 16 that were tried in adult court, found guilty and sentenced to life without parole may now petition to have their case reheard and have a transfer hearing in the Juvenile Court.
2. Sasha Atkins-Loria, social worker in Juvenile Hall, has accepted a promotion. She will be the head social worker in the Public Defender's Office. There will be another social worker joining the team soon.

#### **District Attorney, Tiffany Gipson**

No updates.

#### **Probation**

1. General Updates – **Shauna Conner**
  - a. There is a new Superintendent of Camp Sweeney, Albert Banuelos. He joined Probation in April. He comes to ACPD with 22 years' experience in probation work from Los Angeles County.
  - b. Division Director Yasmin Burke is transferring to another division.
  - c. We have created a case conference for Unit 6 to collaborate, share information, and coordinate services.
2. Demographics
  - a. Juvenile Hall – **John Ebrahimi**
    - Number of youths in Juvenile Hall – 46; 36 are male and 10 are female.
    - GPS – 24 are male and 5 are female.
    - Home Supervision – 1 female.
    - Education – 4 are in High School and 9 are in college.
  - b. Camp Sweeney– **Albert Banuelos**
    - Number of youths in Unit 1 – 12
    - 4 youth on Secure Track.
    - 5 Non-Secure Track youths.

- c. Demographics Secure Track
  - Number of youths on Secure Track – 12
- d. Education – 14 youth attend college.

#### **Medical, Dr. Javay Ross**

1. Medical numbers for April 2024
  - a. 46 admissions and 55 discharges
  - b. 200 nurse visits
  - c. 133 physical visits
  - d. 6 optometry encounters.
  - e. 26 dental encounters.
2. Dr. William Burrough's presentation on Medications for Opioid Use Disorder was accepted into the National Commission on Correctional Health Care (NCCHC) spring conference in St. Louis, MO.

#### **Guidance Clinic, Dr. Christine Gerchow**

1. Firm Roots Health Services Manual recently went out to the youth. The manual is in question-answer format and available on the youths' tablets.
2. We recently streamlined our JV220 communication.
3. Behavioral Health numbers for April 2024
  - a. 151 referrals
  - b. 100 after-hours crises
  - c. 27 intakes
4. I have made the decision to move on from my position with ACBH, Director of Juvenile Justice Health Services. My last day will be June 14.
5. Juan Taizon will support transition steps with me over the next month

#### **Social Services, Mia Buckner-Preston**

1. Last month the Assessment Center (AC) experienced more of the same in terms of demographics and striving to improve.
  - a. There were more female youth than male seen in the AC.
  - b. There are more teens ages 13 to 17.
2. We continue to struggle with teen placement. Many female youths stay longer in the AC due to the lack of female beds. Many providers are closing their female beds.
3. The Assessment Center is still in the process of moving to a new facility in Castro Valley.

### **IV. Public Comment**

None.

**Next Meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, June 12, 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 2:14 PM.**