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San Francisco Juvenile Justice Commission GENERAL MEETING SUMMARY May 21, 2019

Five (5) Commissioners attended the April 16, 2019 general meeting of the San Francisco Juvenile Justice Commission (JJC).

JUVENILE PROBATION DEPARTMENT

- **Census: 32 plus 11 out of County (6 from Alameda, 5 from other), 43 total**
- Director Recinos and Chief Nance present, share Chief Nance's letter to the Board of Supervisors.
- Suggests Supervisors have a plan in place before voting to close JJC by Dec. 2021. JPD strives to be progressive with programming in detention facility, support given to CBOs.
- Government oversight planning committee took place 5/16, Dir. Recinos made public comment Proposal passed and will be voted on by full Board of Supervisors on 6/4, will support City's decision however possible. JPD staff do not believe the confinement is best measure to rehabilitate youth but proponents of JJC closure may be influenced by inaccuracies.
- Juvenile Hall held mother's day celebration, invited families and had event catered. Father's day celebration will be an outdoor event (weather permitting).
- Project Pull/Promise (Mayor's initiative) designed to help probation and JPD youth. Hired Conservation Corps folks to train youth in food service, CPR, and other vocational skills. Youth paid minimum wage (\$15/hour) while they train, JPD takes 10% for court fees.
- Experimented more with Merit center, painted walls as an exercise in learning what can and cannot be done in a detention facility, trying to adjust the place to make it look less institutional. Would like to add components like murals to other units.
- Also looking to change staff trainings. State has recently changed training requirements but SF already ahead of many, including LQBTQ+ policies and separation policies. Would like to train staff to operate more like SPY staff.

COURT SCHOOLS

- Vice Principal Pacini present. School ends 6/4, one graduate. Summer school from 6/10 to 8/19.
- School now providing ID cards for when youth leave facility. IDs will have pictures. Title will be Woodside Learning Center (IDs do not say Juvenile Hall). Staff have donated collared shirts for photos. Initiated to enable vocational program youth to open bank accounts, started last summer.

UNIFIED FAMILY COURT

- Judge Monica Wiley present. New hire from San Mateo will manage Family Court Services.
- Inspections being scheduled now, Judge Wiley ready to send emails as soon as JJC prepared to conduct inspections, will be sent to Captains at all Juvenile Lockup stations in SF.
- Looking forward to focusing on JJC recruitment this month and next. Note that current pending juvenile cases are not eligible for JJC.
- Update on 5/31 Blue Ribbon Commission on future of Juvenile Hall. First meeting in April had 33 members. Next will break into small working groups, yet to be titled or assigned/divided. Commission will meet more frequently after May.

SPECIAL PROGRAMS FOR YOUTH

- George Calvin, Behavioral Health Program Supervisor present. SPY provides mental health services for youth at Juvenile Hall incl. crisis intervention support and short-term group therapy.
- Nurses and psychiatrists help youth operate within a detention center. Medical center has waiting room now, has been redecorated and looks more like a waiting room now, youth can read and relax before their dental, medical, and mental health appointments. Meant to make it pleasing, youth can take books back to their units, feel more comfortable and less anxious.
- Parent visits lead to surveys, will begin relaunching survey outreach in July, looking forward to having parent support groups in Juvenile Hall, will provide support to parents who are nervous about youth being locked up and about their reentry plans.
- SPY has connected with CASA program, has pilot program trying to match CASA workers with youth in custody, as opposed to only foster youth and those on probation. Will especially help youth without supporting family members or special mental health needs.
- Groups will begin in June. Data will be shared with JJC Commissioners once available.