



PROGRAMS COMMITTEE MEETING
Programs Committee Meeting Minutes
Tuesday, February 15, 2022
3 p.m.

Meeting held by teleconference pursuant to the Governor's Executive Order N-29-20 and the Twelfth Supplement to Mayoral Proclamation Declaring the Existence of a Local Emergency.

Commissioners

Margaret Brodtkin, Chair
Toye Moses
James Spingola

Meeting Minutes

Proceedings:

1. Roll Call

Chair Brodtkin called the meeting to order at 3:06 p.m.

Present: Margaret Brodtkin, and Toye Moses. James Spingola joined the meeting at 3:20 p.m.
Others Present: Katherine Miller, Chief Probation Officer, JPD staff; and CBO's.

2. No public comments.

3. Review and Approval of Programs Committee Meeting Minutes of 10-19-21 (ACTION)

Motion to approve by Chair Brodtkin; second by Commissioner Moses.

AYES: 2 (Brodtkin and Moses)

Motion approved.

4. Status of Policies related to Warrants (DISCUSSION)

See supporting document at: [Programs Committee - February 15, 2022 - Supporting Documents | Juvenile Probation Department \(sfgov.org\)](#). Chief Miller discussed:

- o Warrants: 25 youths on arrest or bench warrants (24% women; 76% male; 76% over 18);
- o JPD Warrant Policy: Reduced from 57 to 25; CJHWG now two-tiered warrant status for SF;
Public comments:

Dan McAllair asked about overall decline in population. Chief Miller said around 35 pre-pandemic and now between 15-17 average daily population.

Mollie Brown, District One resident, asked if the 25 outstanding warrants were active youth under probation and if CBO's were working with these youths.

Chief Miller said they are all active probation youths and are working with CBO's.

Mollie Brown asked about the length of time on warrants. Chief Miller said they did not prepare that information but said it is a range as noted on chart that shows ages.

Meredith Desautels, Youth Law Center, asked about the two-tiered warrant process; expiration date; age of the warrant; if more detail was available; and about additional housing options for non-minors coming in on warrants. Chief Miller said many are young adults until 21; and many young people sent to placement are 17 years of age. Mila Baronov said many older youths have outstanding warrants because they are involved in adult system. She said if a person is arrested and has multiple warrants from different jurisdictions, each jurisdiction must address their own warrant.

Chair Brodtkin asked about formalizing the two-tiered process that was a recommendation by CJHWG. Chief Miller said the ultimate decision lies with the courts and they are discussing with the bench to have the option to formally adopt versus

current procedure. She said they meet every month and will discuss further. Commissioner Brodtkin would like formalizing the two-tiered process on the next agenda.

5. Status of AB 12 Graduating Cohort, and the next Cohort to come (DISCUSSION)
See supporting document at: [Programs Committee - February 15, 2022 - Supporting Documents | Juvenile Probation Department \(sfgov.org\)](#). Chief Miller discussed:
- o 78 JPD youths aging out of extended foster care in 2021 and 2022:
Cohort 1 (Age 21 by 12/31/21): 43 youth; Cohort 2 (Age 21 by 6/30/22): 12 youth; and Cohort 3 (Age 21 by 12/31/22): 23 youth
 - o JPD, Human Services Agency, Juvenile Court, and Adult Probation will provide stipends; housing; moving & storage costs.
 - o Next steps: HSA to prioritize housing for AB12 youths and planning after they age out. Chief Miller said youths can come back for six months and check-in with social workers; and will discuss SF's long-term sustainable network of community support. Chair Brodtkin asked if they were connected to community agencies and Gabe Calvillo said yes. Kwanza Morton discussed linkages into CBO support and supervised independent living programs. Commissioner Spingola asked of the 43% of youths, how much is getting housing and getting jobs. Chief Miller said some lived with family, others used the ongoing supportive housing environments, and others found housing. She said this group is not on probation and not working with a Probation Officer.
- Public Comments:
Dinky Enty, CJCJ, asked how youths can access funds outside of housing and stipends. Chief Miller said they receive a \$1,060/per month stipend and SF has a network of job programs. She said their next step is to have an inventory of all things available. Mollie Brown asked about the stipends and money set aside by JPD and doesn't understand how that is going to pay stipends for the number of youths. In addition, she said DCYF needs to contribute more money for youths on probation and child welfare side. Chief Miller said this is their estimate based on how many youths need stipends, but it will be case by case. She said she looks forward to meeting with DHS to see how they are going to prioritize this small group of people on a regular basis. Erin, Youth Law Center, asked about youths stably housed and stipends. She asked what defines stably housed, how long are those places available, and their use of THP Plus. Chief Miller can break down data for future conversation. She said youths were using THP Plus and stably housed means they have a place they can stay in for a while. Chair Brodtkin asked if they were going to collect information once they leave program. Chief Miller said it can be a challenge because they have no obligation to disclose any information to them. Commissioner Moses asked how the stipends are administered. Chief Miller said JPD gives monthly stipend that last six months and funds are administered through Human Service Agency (HSA). Kwanza Morton added that once a young person leaves, social workers assist with connecting them to resources during that time. Commissioner Spingola expressed concern for young people managing their stipends and paying their rent. Commissioner Brodtkin asked what is next; how are they going to follow up; what is the role of DCYF; HSA's role show be greater; and this should be the follow-up conversation.
6. Status of Placement Beds – What is Actually Available and What Are We Using? Updates on Catholic Charities Boys Home, Alternative Foster Services home resource beds, other (DISCUSSION ONLY)
See supporting document at: [Programs Committee - February 15, 2022 - Supporting Documents | Juvenile Probation Department \(sfgov.org\)](#). Maria McKee discussed:
- o Foster Care Resource Family Pilot:
 - o Purpose: to reduce the use of secured detention and achieve better outcomes.
 - o Program Components: used prior year state grant revenue in partnership with DCYF; identified Alternative Family Services (AFS), to recruit homes with Intensive Services Foster Care (ISFC); and established a partnership with SFCASA, a holistic foster care model.
 - o Target Population: pre-adjudicated and post adjudicated youths; 13-18 years of age; all genders/special populations; Spanish speaking families; and no gang, arson,

- homicide, aggressive behavior toward caregivers; or firearms affiliations accepted. Case-by-case basis.
- Capacity: Seven beds total. Four emergency beds in San Joaquin (2), Sacramento (1) and Contra Costa (1) Counties and three long-term beds in Solano (2) and Contra Costa County (1).
- Updates: Three youths in AFS; one in long-term placement; context (5 youths in resource families; 2 youth in post-adjudication STRTP; and 1 youth pre-adjudication STRTP) and challenges (lack of beds).
- AFS Recruitment Campaign: referral financial incentives. Commissioner Brodtkin asked how they are going to get SF families to participate. Ms. McKee referred anyone to contact Rhonda Williams: rhonda.f.williams@sfgov.org. Commissioner Moses asked about the housing conditions and approval process. Mila Baranov said families submit applications to RFA; a stringent approval process. Commissioner Spingola expressed concern for Black community and SF kids and said he does not feel they can find qualified families to handle incarcerated youths. He said he would like to know how many SF Black or Brown families were chosen. He asked who does the family background checks. Chair Brodtkin would like this topic on next agenda. She said she got into this work to work with kids who had been abused in foster care and deal with lack of scrutiny in foster care homes. Dinky Enty, CJCJ, asked what RFA is doing to find beds for youths in SF and when it started. In addition, she asked what incentives they have to find SF beds since seven beds are outside SF. Maria McKee said the campaign started in October through April and she received a list of recruitment activities which includes social media, Univision commercials and interviews, as well as financial campaigns.
- Out-of-Home Placement – STRTP: Catholic Charities and discussions with HSA, DCYF and JPD regarding local need for STRTP. Maria McKee said RFA is committed to JPD's vision of finding SF homes and that this a historical problem for many agencies. Chair Brodtkin said she would start with churches and CBO's. Erin, Youth Law Center, noted a new law that increases flexibility for family, non-family and extended family members and they do not have to meet every criteria; the Federal laws have given the states flexibility to waive anything concerning non-safety standards; and stability for homes and level of support after home is found. Chair Brodtkin said Catholic Charities will be moved to future agenda. Mollie Brown asked is RFA could provide support to families. Maria McKee said they can provide respite support. She said Rhonda Williams is recruiting kinship family support. No further public comment.

7. Commissioner Brodtkin adjourned the meeting at 4:32 p.m.