



Santa Cruz County Commission on Justice and Gender

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Minutes - Notice of Public Meeting and Agenda

Families, Youth, & Prevention Subcommittee

Date: Monday, January 13th, 2025
Time: 12:00pm – 1:30pm
Location: Capitola Branch Library
2005 Wharf Road

1. Roll Call – 12:05
 - 1.1. Present
 - 1.1. Sarah Kocjan, Rebecca Garcia, Sarah Marshall, Lynne Petrovic, M'randra Bounds, Emma Ledvina, Susan Nilsson, Susan Greene, Savannah Hayes
2. Agenda Review
3. Announcements
 - 3.1. Rebecca shared Watsonville resolution to protect and support members of immigrant communities as a Sanctuary City.
 - 3.2. Holiday cards and JAG \$10 contribution to each woman in custody was distributed for the fourth year to support connections with kids and other loved ones.
 - 3.3. Library event with local author Jeri Ross, February 6th Capitola Branch Library 7pm, to discuss her memoir and personal story as the daughter of a maximum-security federal prisoner.
 - 3.4. Still no in person visits have taken place at Blaine Street since reinstated last September 2024.

3.5. JAG Commission Biennial report to be drafted this year and presented to the Board of Supervisors in the fall.

4. Public Comment – No public comment

Any person may address the Commission for a period not to exceed 3 minutes on matters within the jurisdiction of the Commission.

5. Approval of Minutes (Action)

5.1. Motion: Rebecca Garcia

5.2. Second: M'randra Bounds

6. Discussion: Visitation

6.1. Visitation

6.1. Questions raised regarding timeline for in-person contact visits to be reinstated at Rountree.

6.1. Concerns expressed regarding the trauma caused by separation

6.1. "Seeing parents should be a children's right, not a parent's privilege."

6.1. Mother shares experience of separation from 4-year-old daughter for 6 months while in custody. Reports even though daughter is doing great, still can see impact of the trauma from separation. Effects of trauma from separation can last a lifetime, not automatically healed once mom is released.

6.1. Next meeting pick up discussion on trauma-informed care and how trauma is understood, defined, and treated.

6.2. Bill of Rights of Children of Incarcerated Parents

6.2. Review of Santa Cruz Police Department Policy 339 regarding children of arrested parents.

7. Adjournment – 1:35 pm

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