

Juvenile Justice Coordinating Council

Executive Subcommittee

DJJ Alternative Program

Pursuant to SB 823

SB 823

- ▶ Closes the Department of Juvenile Justice (DJJ) under CDCR
- ▶ Realigns this juvenile population to the local level
- ▶ Shifts State oversight to a newly created Office of Youth and Community Restoration effective July 1, 2021
 - ▶ BSCC retains oversight for inspection compliance
- ▶ Provides for local funding for this realignment (when?)
- ▶ DJJ stops intake July 1, 2021
- ▶ Youth in DJJ custody on July 1, 2021 will remain at DJJ unless county chooses to return them locally (\$ to be received for each youth returned)

SB 823

- ▶ County's can utilize funds:
 - ▶ Create alternative program
 - ▶ Contract with another County for an alternative program
 - ▶ Hybrid of alternative program and contract out to other county's for specific populations in their alternative program
- ▶ Some county's are considering specific programs for sex offenders, mentally ill, females and other specialized

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- ▶ Must be created in each county (must include):
 - ▶ Chief Probation Officer (as chair) - Michelle Scray Brown
 - ▶ DA's Office - Julie Peterson
 - ▶ Public Defenders Office - Jennifer Canady
 - ▶ Department of Social Services - Jenny Zepeda
 - ▶ Department of Mental Health - Amber Carpenter
 - ▶ County Office of Education or School District - Don English
 - ▶ Representative from the Court - Cherie Garofalo
 - ▶ No less than 3 additional Community Members with experience providing community based youth services, youth justice advocates with expertise and knowledge of the juvenile justice system, or directly involved in the juvenile justice system (lived experience).
 - ▶ Owen Duckworth - Project Rebound (West SB)
 - ▶ Terrance Stone - Young Visionaries (High Desert, Central SB)
 - ▶ Tony Collins CiFuentes - Highland Boxing Club (East SB)

Mission of DJJ Executive Subcommittee

- ▶ Develop a local plan to be submitted to OYCR FY 22/23 - plan to include
 - ▶ How to serve this population
 - ▶ How to expend county allocation
- ▶ Two phases
 - ▶ First phase is to be ready to house youth July1, 2021
 - ▶ Second Phase is to build on programming and services based on need

Probation Planning

What can we do to get started without state funding

- ▶ We will utilize the HDJDAC for this purpose
- ▶ We have set aside and are filling some vacant PCO positions just for the purpose of opening this facility
- ▶ We are closing the Gateway treatment program end of the year 2020
- ▶ We are filling support staff positions such as clerical, cooks, nursing, therapists, ect.... for this purpose
- ▶ We are looking at current JDAC programming that can be continued for this purpose
- ▶ Restocking HDJDAC with supplies, mattresses, bedding, cleaning supplies, kitchen, programming needs, etc...

Probation Ideas

- ▶ Transitional Opportunity Program TOP
- ▶ Three phases:
 - ▶ Phase one: secure detention
 - ▶ Phase two: transitional programming - Reentry
 - ▶ Gateway reimagined
 - ▶ job (go to work from facility)
 - ▶ college
 - ▶ \$ savings
 - ▶ housing
 - ▶ transportation
 - ▶ services in the community - connections
 - ▶ Phase three: Aftercare - supervision in the community

Probation Planning

- ▶ Goal is to have initial probation staff positions filled by March 2021
- ▶ Identify and schedule training for all staff working DJJ program to train together
- ▶ Preparation for training staff to do some initial programming
- ▶ Extrapolation of numbers of current DJJ youth to predict the potential population in the future
 - ▶ How many units
 - ▶ How many staff
 - ▶ Treatment needs

Issues

- ▶ First client could be as early as July of 2021 (8 months)- state indicates we could start taking youth as early as March if ready.
- ▶ Can't set up an entire program in a few months i.e. staffing, facilities, training, ect...
- ▶ How much funding and when funding will be received is unclear
- ▶ Must comply with all current regulations and laws regarding juvenile detention - with BSCC oversight
- ▶ Adult court commitments to state prison if youth is under 18 must be kept at local level until 18 (daily rate paid by state)
- ▶ State Formula for funding
- ▶ Unlikely we will be able to provide services to all populations and may need to consider contracting with another county - hybrid

Next Steps

- ▶ Schedule meetings approximately 1 to 2 times a month as needed
- ▶ Presentations
- ▶ May have workgroups or assignments
- ▶ We will take this a step at a time - don't feel overwhelmed

Questions?

- ▶ Handouts