

**San Bernardino County
Juvenile Justice Coordinating Council (JJCC)
Executive Subcommittee on DJJ**

Minutes for Tuesday, April 20, 2021

Executive Committee Members

Tracy Reece, Chairperson, CPO
Jennifer Cannady, Chief Deputy Public Defender
Amber Carpenter, Program Manager, Department of Behavioral Health
Tony Collins CiFuentes, Highlanders Boxing Club
Owen Duckworth, Inland Empire Rebound Reentry Services
Donald English, Director, Superintendent of Schools
Julie Peterson, Assistant District Attorney
Anabel Romero, Deputy Court Executive Officer
Terrance Stone, Young Visionaries
Jeany Zepeda, Deputy Director, Department of Social Services

Committee Members

Julie Francis, DCPO
Eric Raley, Division Director II
Judge Denise Trager Dvorak, Superior Courts
Esperanza Randle, District Manager II
Dr. William Oglesby, Deputy Director
Reid Robsahm, Deputy District Attorney

Minutes by:

Lisa Bari, Executive Secretary III

Opening of the Meeting:

Julie Francis called the JJCC Executive Subcommittee meeting to order at 1:40 p.m.

Roll Call - Attendance Roster on File

Absent: Reid Robsahm, Deputy District Attorney
Dr. William Oglesby, Deputy Director

Guest(s): Laura Martinez, Superior Courts
Aneri Suthar, Superior Courts

Public Comments: Sandy Bonilla, Urban Conservation Corps of the Inland Empire

New Business

SB 823 Juvenile Justice Realignment Plan – DRAFT: Discussion

Part 2: Target Population

- Female Population not addressed up front; no specification of working with other counties to house
 - At this time, it is still being determined which county will house females
 - Per Chief Reece, CPOC is working to address funding for counties supporting specialized programming as well as group type counseling
- Last check – 48 youth at DJJ, 13 at Hall waiting for transport and approximately 45 out on Community Supervision; anticipate these are the starting numbers for local program
- DJJ is viewed as a last resort for juveniles

Part 3: Programs and Services

- Multiple step-down and phased approach
 - Phase One: HDJDAC will be used as the Secured Youth Treatment Facility (SYTF)
 - Phase Two: After 6 month review, and every 6 months thereafter, Court may make order to move youth from SYTF to former Gateway facility; community access with return to facility in evenings

- Phase Three: Placement, Community-Based Organizations (CBO) and other housing options; full community access
 - How will this work? What services will be mandated? – Probation, along with CBO, will continue treatment plan such as substance abuse and mental health
 - CBO members will be assigned as mentors and be able to assist with housing and transportation
- Court can make ruling to send youth back to SYTF for major violations
- Focus on strength and needs assessment, rather than risk
- Individual Treatment Plans – preparation from onset for release to community
- Treatment and Peer Interaction
- What would treatment entail? Per Carpenter – assessment, planning and treatment to begin at HDJDAC and continue through to Gateway to A.R.I.S.E.
- Classification – Due to Title 15 requirements, risk assessment will still be made; multiple units at HDJDAC to move youth around; classification can change over time

Part 4: Juvenile Justice Realignment Block Grant Funds

- Funding will be based on population and is expected to increase yearly; Full closure of DJJ in June 2023 will allocate State funds to local level
 - County will receive funds; committee will make recommendations as to allocations
- Request for Information
 - Closes April 20th at 5:00 pm
 - List of proposals will be sent to committee members for review; abstain from voting for your own program
 - Committee to determine which programs can be put into place for July; request RFP – once cost breakdown is received, contracts can be created; adjust as needed
 - Committee will keep list of multiple providers to serve needs/areas
 - Committee will make recommendations on amounts to award vendors

Part 5: Facility Plan

- Possible tours for new Juvenile Judges and Attorneys

Part 6: Retaining the Target Population in the Juvenile Justice System

Part 7: Regional Efforts

Part 8: Data

- What data will be expected from the Courts?
 - Nothing additional than what is currently received at this time

Additional Topics of Discussion:

- Training for Staff
 - Probation staff will begin program training on May 24th to begin preparation and team building; 180 hours of onboarding
 - Additional training hours to include LGBTQ needs
 - Will Probation Officers will be trained on how to write reports? Yes, once program is approved training can begin
- Policy Handbook – Orientation handbook will be created once treatment plans have been finalized; will address incentive for levels

- Use of Cognitive Workbook to engage youth, family and trusted adults to discuss plans and goals
- Clean-Up Language – Court review every 6 months with a Probation and DBH reports; Court will decide disposition based on programs and commitment
 - Completion of individual youth treatment plans would determine type of report given to Court
 - In-person Court appearances are more beneficial to youth; 75-80% increase rate
 - Video Court is also an option
- Community Outreach – as program is developed, can attend community events to discuss program; develop pamphlets and flyers for distribution

Timeline

Previously, program was to be presented to Board of Supervisors in March/April; goal is to present 75% of plan to BOS by June

- Plan is due to State by May 2022
- Plan is to be updated/revised yearly and resubmitted to State

Public Comments

Sandra Bonilla

- Her program worked closely with Gateway – Once in Phase 2 and 3, will Probation continue to drop off youth or will they need to provide own transportation? Both. Probation, CBOs and youth will provide transportation
- Possible wording changes from therapeutic approach to positive youth development
- Providers not always interested in funding, but to assist community and youth

Roundtable

Francis -

- Comments or feedback, please forward to Lisa Bari prior to next meeting
- Additional programs to implement in August will be K-9 therapy

Judge Dvorak –

- Fire Camps – Raley to look into

Adjournment

Meeting adjourned by Julie Francis at 3:20 p.m.

The next JJCC Executive Subcommittee meeting will be held on

*May 4, 2021
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