

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

Minutes for Tuesday, May 4, 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 1:55 p.m.

Roll Call - Attendance Roster on File

Absent/Excused: Jeany Zepeda

Guest(s):

Aneri Suthar, Superior Courts
Sandy Bonilla, Urban Conservation Corps of the Inland Empire
Jasmine Marchbanks, COPE
Jewel Patterson, COPE
Mikki Cichocki, School District

Public Comments:

Sandy Bonilla
Jasmine Marchbanks

Approval of Minutes

Motion to approve the minutes for April 20, 2021, was made by Terrance Stone, seconded by Donald English, and passed unanimously.

Old Business

SB 823 Juvenile Justice Realignment Plan – DRAFT rev. 14 – Discussion

Part 2: Target Population

- Include sentence that states sex offenders, females and severe mental health population is not included in program

Part 5: Facility Plan

- In regards to Phase II facility located in San Bernardino; will there be a facility in the High Desert? At this time, it will be located in San Bernardino – dependent on vendors/contracts, the goal would be to have facilities in each region
 - Smaller Counties that do not have facilities, are teaming up to repurpose units in halls or camps; the Courts in these areas are putting off commitment orders until July

New Business**Discussion of Court Process for Future Cases**

- Courts are working on an internal process and flow chart for staff- possible inclusion into Plan
- Legislation SB92 is the clean-up language for SB823
 - Includes language for an Individual Rehabilitation Plan
 - Includes language for the Judicial Council to develop a Matrix of Offense-Based Classifications by July 1, 2023
 - Section 12; 875 – Courts may add/reduce commitment time at the 6 month hearing
- Future Court hearing sets – Eric Raley and/or Carl Landry will be made available to Court to explain program
- Discussion of youth commitments to DJJ and request for youth to remain in San Bernardino

Roundtable**Raley –**

- Request for Information received; variety of classes and programs based in San Bernardino; not many based in High Desert
- Request for Information
 - Suggestion by Romero to request if services are offered in other regions, or if vendors are willing to travel to other areas
 - Inquiry for Outcome Measures
 - RFP will be sent out within the next 60 days
- As of July 1st – there are enough services/programs to begin through October
 - Courage to Change, Forward Thinking Journaling, Anger Replacement Treatment (ART) as well as others not listed
 - Therapy Dog Program will begin August
 - Department of Behavioral Health also has several classes/programs for use; once funding for positions have been secured, a list of programming will be created

Francis –

- Facility Updates
 - Facility currently undergoing painting
 - Waiting for installation of flooring
 - Furniture for living units has been delivered
 - Received part of the bedding and décor, along with upgraded linens
 - Indoor/Outdoor Exercise Equipment has been ordered

- May 18th Board of Supervisors Hearing – Probation CIP for facility improvement, landscaping and camera system, as well as DBH request for staffing positions
- A presentation of the Draft Plan will be presented to the Board of Supervisors either June 8th or June 22nd
- Facility Tour in June, dependent on flooring installation and furniture

Duckworth –

- Discussion of youth and roommates
 - Single Room as incentive for youth
 - Roommates may be useful for youth to engage in conversations with
 - Once the number of youth committed to program is given, further discussions can be had

Public Comments

Sandy Bonilla –

- Will the Committee be looking for services that Probation staff can't or won't provide?
 - Yes. Goal is to include Community Based Organizations for service
- Will the Committee also look for services from CBOs that Probation staff are trained in?
 - Yes.
- Will the Committee ask for the CBOs experience in working with youth when the RFP is submitted?
 - Yes

Jasmine Marchbanks –

- Is there a correlation between the youth entering the program and funding?
 - Language in SB92 discusses funding to the local level which will not be impacted for the next three years; there is no incentive to have more youth in program
- What plans are in place for undocumented youth and trans-gender youth?
 - Upon release, Probation does not disclose immigration status and will work with youth and youth's family to provide transitional housing and employment
 - Public Defender's Office employs an Immigration Lawyer to assist with obtaining legal status, along with Social Workers who assist as well
 - Per Cannady – in her years of service, she has not known of a trans-youth placed in DJJ
 - Social Workers along with Community Based Organizations will be utilized to address any trans-youth needs
- With the number of programs facilitated while in-custody, how will youth with mental health needs be released to mental health programs?
 - DBH will oversee the mental health needs while in-custody; committee will continue to work on programming for Phase II when youth transitions from secured facility
 - There are a number of factors to review to best connect youth with community; private insurance, location of release
 - Appropriate providers will be established with an RFP; DBH already have providers in place through various treatment plans
- Is the Committee willing to work with CBOs for mental health services?
 - Yes

- SB823 indicates three Community Based Organizations are to be on the Committee; is there a process for other organizations to get involved beyond public comment?
 - At this point of the process, additional CBOs will not be placed on the Committee, but are welcome to participate
- Riverside County has pushed back the Final Draft of the Plan due to the State to January 2022, why is San Bernardino trying to have it completed by June 2021?
 - Per Chief Deputy Public Defender Cannady, it is in the best interest of her clients to have them served in the community; there is little faith in DJJs services to youth and this committee is working for the best interest of the youth
 - Final Draft will be posted online
- How can feedback and comments be given to the group from the public? If Final Draft of the Plan is posted, how can feedback be given?
 - Information can be provided to Lisa Bari
 - The Plan must be submitted annually to the State; at that time the public will be able to provide feedback for revisions
- Cannady asked if Ms. Marchbanks' organization was able to respond to the Request For Information that Probation submitted?
 - Not in San Bernardino; she was unaware of any of her colleagues were aware
 - Per Ms. Bonilla – Over two months ago, Assembly Member Reyes held a community meeting informing participants of the local program and if anyone was interested in involvement to contact the Probation Department; she herself has mentioned the program to several CBOs in the community and has also provided information from the Committee back to the CBOs
- Terrance Stone asked if Riverside County had information posted for public viewing of information?
 - Yes. But did not have the website available for distribution at this time

Adjournment

Meeting adjourned by Eric Raley at 3:08 p.m.

The next JJCC Executive Subcommittee meeting will be held on

TBD