

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

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**Minutes for Tuesday, July 27, 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

Minutes by:

Lisa Bari, Executive Secretary III

**Opening of the Meeting:**

Julie Francis called the JJCC Executive Subcommittee meeting to order at 3:35 p.m.

**Roll Call - Attendance Roster on File**

**Absent/Excused:** Anabel Romero

**Guest(s):**

**New Business**

Juvenile Justice Realignment Block Grant Annual Plan – Draft Version 25

- Budget information not attached
  - RFP closes on July 30<sup>th</sup>; once providers have been selected the Budget can be developed and reviewed
  - Committee to focus on Phase I, Secured Portion, until RFP process is completed
  - After providers have been selected, focus to begin on Phase II
- Draft Plan does not need Board of Supervisor approval; details of Draft Plan have been given to County Administrative Office
- Once Draft Plan is submitted to State, additional adjustments can be made; unknown at this time if State will require Annual Reporting
- Changes to Version 25 include the following:
  - Added female, sex offender and severe mental health youth; no consortium with other CA Counties
  - Language concept changes
- Court Process not included in Plan

Motion to accept Juvenile Justice Realignment Block Grant Annual Plan Draft Version 25, without Budget, made by Donald English and seconded by Jennifer Cannady, all in favor to approve by Executive Committee

Members present. Terrance Stone entered meeting after voting took place and Anabel Romero was absent from meeting.

Request for Providers

- Volunteers needed to review and rank providers from RFP
- If Committee Members applied to RRP, they would be unable to review/rank providers with similar services due to conflict of interest
- Suggestion made by Donald English for CASA advocate(s) to review/rank RFPs

HDJDAC

- 5 youth currently ordered to program have been transported to HDJDAC
- CANS assessments on youth have begun
- Discussion with youths on goals, strengths and areas for improvement
- One youth in High School; One youth currently enrolled in college pursuing Associated Arts degree
  - Remaining youth have interest in Construction Field; working with Victor Valley College for training
- Youth with CFS history
  - 2 are parents of young children; staff have initiated daily video visits with children
  - 1 youth has previous 300 history

**Public Comments:**

Michaela Tyus, Kendall Green, Kenneth Hill, Redd Martinez, Jessica A., Delroy Brooks, Samuel Casey, Jewel Patterson, Felicia Jones

Request made for the following:

- Delay submission of Plan to State
- Two Community Engagement Meetings
- Continue to work collaboratively with Community Based Organizations
- Greater transparency

Discussions based on Public Comments

- DJJ has stopped accepting youth as of July 1, 2021 – youth ordered and currently being housed at HDJDAC
- Deadline to submit Plan to State is January 2022; San Bernardino County continues to work on Draft Plan – submission to State will not occur until Budget portion has been finalized after providers have been selected
- County has received no funding from State to house youth at this time; Probation funds have been used for DBH staff and resources and to refurbish portion of HDJDAC for Gateway to A.R.I.S.E program
- RFP was sent to all providers listed in County E-Pro system; social media blasts 2 -3 times weekly and is listed on Probation Website, as well as by word of mouth
- Programs and resources are currently limited to HDJDAC until expansion of Phase II of program; if resources are not made available to youth, Public Defenders Office will litigate and advocate for youth in Court setting

- Meeting agendas and minutes are posted to Probation website for view; HDJDAC has been made available to Community Based Organizations for touring

**Adjournment**

Meeting adjourned by Julie Francis at 4:57 p.m.

*The next JJCC Executive Subcommittee meeting will be held on*

*August 10, 2021*

*1:30 p.m.*

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*Via Webex*