

**SAN BERNARDINO COUNTY PROBATION DEPARTMENT
JUVENILE JUSTICE COORDINATING COUNCIL**
Probation Administration, 175 West Fifth St., 4th Floor, Room 401 (TEAMS Meeting)
July 27, 2021

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PRESENT: Jennifer Cannady, Amber Carpenter, Don English, Kimberly Epps, Mark Hubbard, Thomas Kamara, Marisa Miley, Brittany Nail, Honorable Annmarie Pace, Ann Marie Pierce, Scott Wyatt, Jeany Zepeda, Reid Robsahm, Terrance Stone, Robert O’Brine, Julie Peterson, Emily Franco

Absent: Melanie Carrion, Chris Catren, Shannon Dicus, Matthew Erickson, Julie Francis, Rebecca Irwin, Mireya Macias, Dave McClave, Myrlene Pierre, Tracy Reece, Claudia Walker, Cynthia Wallace-Guerrero

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Welcome & Introductions	<p>Kimberly Epps- Meeting called to order at 2:01 pm.</p> <p>Kimberly Epps- Introduction of Secretary I Emily Franco, new secretary for Division Director I, Mireya Macias.</p>	<p>Introductions by attendees.</p>
Review and Approve Minutes	<p>Motion to approve Minutes from JJCC meeting held on April 27, 2021.</p>	<p>1st Julie Peterson 2nd Scott Wyatt</p>
Financial Report	<p>Thomas Kamara- In terms of budgets, the amount spent is below approximately 1.8 million which was to be expected. The majority of the amount is on programming. This may be a direct result of COVID disrupting services. Revenues are projected to come in as expected. The budget to actual is expected to be what has been projected to this date. If there are any questions or concerns, this is the time to ask. These numbers will be finalized when the controller closes in late August, although changes are not expected. If there is any changes everyone is to expect an updated financial report.</p>	<p>Expected Financial Report</p>
Probation Update	<p>Kimberly Epps- Probation is currently working on a youth conference in partnership with Youth Visionaries. The working title of the conference is Wellness Individual Leadership Development Youth Conference. This conference will take place at San Bernardino Valley College on August 21st from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. The focus of this conference will be mental health, emotional health, human trafficking,</p>	<p>Upcoming Wellness Individual Leadership Development Youth Conference</p>

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L.E.T. Update	<p>healthy relationships and leadership. Terrance Stone is director at Young Visionaries.</p> <p>Terrance Stone- The conference is going to be great, we have connected with cast members from Wild N' Out. The cast members are set to come out to the conference and help engage the youth. This conference will take place at Valley College so the youth can have a college environment and understand that this is an attainable goal. Cast members Gabe Cannon and Spanky Hayes are set to make an appearance. There will also be performances from other youth and a guest speaker who will be speaking about mental health and wellness. Ryan Tillman from Chino PD will also be going to the conference to talk about Law Enforcement. This will be a great conference to attend.</p> <p>Kimberly Epps- Previous Chief Brown and our newly appointed Chief Reece have asked that there be larger scale events to help spend down some of the JJCC reserves. Youth conferences are welcomed, and we welcome program proposals, ideas or suggestions with use of JJCC funds. Additionally, Mireya Macias has drafted JJCC by laws and JJCC members will be asked to review.</p> <p>Brittany Nail- Within the last 3 months of the last update there have been 33 new clients for L.E.T. Although schools are currently out, there has been more referrals due to being able to work directly with the school districts and letting them know we understand doing virtual school and SARB meetings it has been difficult to reach families. The Public Defender's office has been doing cold calls to people who have high truancy and helping them with their needs. Many families have been supplied with many resources before the new school year begins. As far as SARBs being attended there have been 5 due to school being out. There have been 7 parent engagements. Annual fiscal stats are reported as 101 new clients, 17 SARBs (Snowline District and Fontana School District), and 16 parent engagements.</p> <p>Ann Marie Pierce- In the West End overview Chino, Upland and Rancho have all had SARBs throughout the entire year. Rialto, Ontario and Montclair school districts started SARBs in the 2nd term (mid school year). Chaffey Joint Union High School District and Colton didn't have traditional SARB meetings but did conduct regular outreach for students with truancy/ chronic absence issues. The goal for all districts is to assist families that had little to no contact with the school, and poor attendance with not much engagement. The districts really try to focus on the</p>	<p>Upcoming Wellness Individual Leadership Development Youth Conference</p> <p>L.E.T. update for Public Defender's Office and District Attorney's.</p>

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	<p>welfare of student's attendance and make sure the students have the support that they need to get through the school year. Students are assisted with school supplies, technology and equipment assistance and tutoring programs.</p> <p>The tutoring program has been essential to students due to their parents not being able to assist with homework online. Counseling services received many referrals for anxiety, and lack of motivation, and help connecting to basic needs due to many families facing challenges due to the pandemic. Meetings were held virtual and in person, various platforms were used under the circumstances. SARB council was flexible and when in person meetings were feasible they were conducted. In the month of March a Gift Card Incentive Program went live with the districts across on the region. There have been 23 incentives awarded. Reports show 1,150 L.E.T. students were entered into the data base. As of last meeting I personally have met with 128 student's families, attended 11 SARB meetings, and distributed 13 gift cards incentive.</p> <p>Two student had exceptional results, they were at below 50% attendance rate to 95% attendance rate. Various trainings have been attended the past few months, with a meeting focused on student resiliency and another how to raise student and parent engagement after a year of being away from campus. Going forward for the next school year all districts will have engagement 5 days a week but an offer an online option will be offered. In person SARB meetings will begin one month earlier to minimize the learning gap for students. Districts have been asking DA representatives to attend more community outreach events and to give presentations for students and parents. A process is underway to revamping the District Attorney mediation process. This is intended for families on the verge of a citation or families who have ignore notices to appear at SARBs. The revamping of this process will change when mediation is presented, previously it had been conducted after the 3rd citation. Encouragement of schools to use L.E.T data base program is still being presented. Partners for Innovated Communities are conducting a youth court. Ontario Police Department and Probation have been referring youth to the program. This program is modeled after San Bernardino Youth Court with the same guidelines. First meeting was done a few weeks ago and it went very well. This program will continue throughout the school year.</p> <p>Reid Robsahm- Adding to what Ann Marie Pierce stated, the High Desert, Baker, Barstow, Helendale, Lucerne Valley, Snowline, and Trona area this past year SARBs have been virtual and in person. There are 6 virtual districts and 3 in</p>	

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	<p>person districts. SARB meetings are also being called HELPS meetings, which is the actual goal to help families. Group meetings were held with all parents together and then broke into group towards the end of the meeting. One district transitioned to in person after virtual in which in person is always much more effective than virtual. Gift card incentives have also started yet at a much later date than March. Two gift cards have been distributed. One was distributed to a student in the first grade. This student missed 30 school days within September to November. The students' parents were sent the 1st and 2nd notice of attendance, some improvement occurred for this student. The SARB meeting was held in February 2021. The child's mother explained they were facing many challenges and were relying on the child's grandfather to aid the student in online learning. SARB was offered to help with additional support rather than place the child on a SARB contract. After the SARB the child no longer missed another day of school for the rest of the school year. Her teacher stated the student demonstrated a great job and was given an exceptional award. Additionally two other students were nominated to receive a gift card incentive by the Probation Department that were referred to attend tutoring in Barstow. Gift Card Incentive Program has been a great tool to help encourage engagement. SARBs last year were focused on interventions due to it being different from the rest of previous SARB years. We had to acknowledge teachers were struggling with online method of instruction. Issues that were dealt during the time were headphone issues, connectivity issues, family deaths, daycare, device issues, hotspot issues, and parents who didn't know how to address behavioral issues with the students.</p> <p>Several parents were unable to help their children with tech issues due to not being internet savvy. Districts that utilized Go Guardian were more effective due to being able to monitor the students time on the school equipment. It was also noted that small districts were more successful with the SARB process. As an observation, student's transitioning from middle school to high school were a majority of those whom were on the SARB calendars due to students getting lost. More behavioral issues are anticipated within this group due to the students not properly transitioning to high school. In person meetings with parents allow to have better connections and communications.</p> <p>Kimberly Epps- Thank you Public Defenders Office and District Attorney's office really great work is being done. Any questions for L.E.T.?</p>	

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Roundtable	<p>Don English- One of things I have presented on exclusionary discipline which can relate to a student not attending school. This may occur for whatever reason, yet the student is counted as an absentee. There is a lot of significant importance to supporting the students in a child welfare aspect.</p> <p>Kimberly Epps- The Sun Newspaper ran an article about student depression, attempted suicides and completed suicides of a students. Chief Reece and I discussed her concerns and wants to provide support for parents as part of a conference for parents, caregivers, and guardians. Participation will be open to both parents. Probation is requesting volunteers to plan for the conference: date, topics, location, etc.</p> <p>Scott Wyatt- Many wellness checks have been conducted this year as well as assisting children to get to school. One of the biggest priorities is to get the students to school. Mental Health and Wellness Program is creating greater engagement with the students.</p> <p>Terrance Stone- Upcoming on July 29th in the High Desert there will a 3000 backpack and school supplies giveaway. On July 31st at the Government Center in San Bernardino there will a 5000 backpack school; supplies giveaway, this event is at full a capacity which is great news.</p>	
Public Comments	None	
Next Meeting	Meeting Adjourned at 2:49 pm. Next meeting is scheduled for October 27, 2021.	