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

Minutes for Tuesday, November 17, 2020

Committee Members	Probation
Michelle Scray Brown, Chairperson, CPO	Julie Francis, DCPO
Julie Peterson, Assistant District Attorney	Eric Raley, Division Director II
Jennifer Cannady, Chief Deputy Public Defender	
Jeany Zepeda, Deputy Director, Department of Social Services	
Amber Carpenter, Program Manager, Department of Behavioral Health	
Donald English, Director, Superintendent of Schools	
Cherie Garofalo, Deputy Court Executive Officer	
Owen Duckworth, Inland Empire Rebound Reentry Services	
Terrance Stone, Young Visionaries	Minutes by:
Tony Collins CiFuentes, Highlanders Boxing Club	Lisa Bari, Executive Secretary III

Opening of the Meeting:

Julie Francis called the JJCC Executive Subcommittee meeting to order at 1:05 p.m.

<u>Roll Call -</u> Attendance Sign-In Roster on File Julie Francis conducted roll call. Excused: CPO Michelle Scray Brown Absent: Tony Collins CiFuentes Guest(s): Gina Martinez, Probation Corrections Supervisor II

<u>Presentation(s)</u> Missouri Model - Gina Martinez

The Missouri model is a full frame initiative focusing on 5 Domains of Wellbeing; Social Connectedness, Stability, Safety, Mastery and Meaningful Access to Relevant Resources.

All treatment and program aspects focus on establishing and reinforcing the 5 Domains of Wellbeing. Setting - There is a shift from corrections to a rehabilitative approach. Missouri created a number of facilities closer to youth homes. Youth have positive relationships with staff. Family engagement is an integral part of the program.

Atmosphere – Therapeutic process address two specific issues; Cognitive Therapies and Cycle of Abuse (Trauma Outcome Process)

Philosophy – Group process are the most effective way for treatment to occur; each person is special and individual; safety and structure are the foundations for development; all people have a desire to succeed; all people have needs; people are a combination of their past and present; all behavior has purpose; people need a sense of self-worth; must have a balanced approach; and human dignity is a basic value.

Statistics overview indicate the model is working and impactful. Rates have lowered in states using the model.

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Family Engagement – Functional Family Therapy (FFT) addresses family needs as well as youth. Treatment teams gather information and work together with the youth to create a roadmap to success. Service manager stays assigned to the youth from entry to aftercare.

Questions:

What is the difference between a Social Worker (Community Mentor) and a Peer and Family Advocate? It was not referenced during the training.

In San Bernardino the peers act in a role model capacity.

Is the model set as a level up?

Yes. The model is used throughout the juvenile justice system; secured location, placement or outside care (at home) and aftercare. The 5 Domains of Wellbeing are utilized at all levels.

Conclusion:

This is just one program to review. Aspects of the model may or may not work and can be tweaked to fit the needs of the San Bernardino population.

Risk and Needs Assessment focusing on JAIS- Eric Raley

Program was developed by the National Council on Crime and Delinquency (NCCD). San Bernardino has used JAIS for the past 7 years and the adult equivalent, CAIS.

NCCD was established in the 1980s and works in institutional and community settings. Initial assessments may take up to one hour; begins with collecting youth history; report is generated which includes gender-specific recommendations. An individual plan is created and reassessments occur every 6 months and annually by NCCD.

Overview of 33 assessments completed on youth who were committed to DJJ.

Common themes: Identified needs involving relationships, social inadequacy and emotional factors; Identified family history and parental supervision; Identified drug and alcohol abuse.

JAIS may be a great starting block to create program. It is familiar and currently in place.

Questions:

How much does this tool build on the strength and needs of the youth? Some. Based on identifying the needs and reviewing the root cause of the issue.

Department of Behavioral Health uses CANS and ANSA, would there be a contradiction to using both models? Will reach out to NCCD

Roundtable

Francis –

Top Three Priorities: 1) Identify Training for Staff 2) Educational Component 3) Mental Health Component Development can be made around these base components.

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Recruitment and Training – Need to find treatment oriented staff who are willing to engage with youth.

J. Peterson suggested an "Expression of Interest" Memo for Management to determine the best candidate.

Discussion of possible changing of titles - would need HR approval

Missouri - youth refer to youth and staff by first names; San Bernardino uses last names

Stone -

Discussion of change in dress/uniform of staff – make staff more approachable Expectation of knowing the names of staff from Director down.

Garofalo -

Courts will be updated as meetings continue.

Zepeda -

What would the educational aspect be? High school classes, college courses and vocational training/skills

Follow-Up Items

Discuss workgroup involving Court, District Attorney and Public Defender to work on commitment language – may consult with general counsel and include any staff members deemed appropriate.

Discuss Ideas for programming; who would perform services; outsourcing; MOU development; funding.

Development plan will need to be brought before the Board of Supervisors by April 2021, implementation of program by July 2021.

Amber Carpenter to provide information regarding CANS and ANSA to group.

Adjournment

Meeting adjourned by Julie Francis at 2:05 p.m.

The next JJCC Executive Subcommittee meeting will be held on

Tuesday, December 1, 2020 1:30 p.m.

Location: Probation Administration 175 W. 5th Street, 4th Floor, Room 401 San Bernardino, 92415