

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

Minutes for Tuesday, July 18, 2023

Executive Committee Members

Tracy Reece, Chairperson, CPO
Richard Sterling, 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
Robert Brown, Assistant District Attorney
Morgan Baxter, Deputy Court Executive Officer
Terrance Stone, Young Visionaries
Jeany Zepeda, Director, Department of Social Services

Committee Members

Dana Smith-Lacy, DCPO
Khara Garnett-Todd, Division Director II
Rasheed Alexander, Juvenile Judge, VV
Lynn Poncin, Juvenile Presiding Judge
Kristie Armistead, Deputy Director of Operations, Juvenile Court
Sandy Bonilla, Founder, Urban Conservation Corps
Minutes by:
Shannon Veckey, Secretary II

Opening of the Meeting

Dana Smith-Lacy called the JJCC Executive Subcommittee meeting to order at 3:04 p.m.
Meeting opened with introductions.
Motion to approve April 20, 2023, meeting minutes, as written, all-in favor.
Motion by Kristie Armistead and seconded by Jeany Zepeda

Roll Call - Attendance Roster on File

Guest(s):

Probation Update

Dana Smith-Lacy:

- Current population is 67, 3 females and 64 males.
- Programming is a hot topic, our Program Manager is here to discuss the programs being implemented at ARISE.
- Our state plan was accepted without any modifications.

Khara Garnett-Todd:

- 13 youth recently graduated from High School. A graduation ceremony was held and the families were in attendance.
- In talks with CBO's for more programming.
- Our goal is still to rehabilitate youth.
- 1 youth graduated from college who received his associate in business administration from Victor Valley College. A graduation ceremony was held, and the family was in attendance.

Marshe Marshall:

- I want to talk about programs being offered outside of the community-based organizations, we have several of our Probation Officers that have skill sets beyond the Probation Department that are willing to come in and teach our youth. They are being taught sewing by hand and work with

patterns and sew by machine, beanie making to provide to the homeless, Beast Mode, which is high intensity work outs, craft cards that involve using a Cricut to send to people in the military hospitals, chess club, cooking, gardening, pickleball, basketball and book club.

- We also have our mental health component that offers matrix, seeking safety and process groups for individual and family therapy.

Shawn Arrington:

- Our goal is for SOAR to be open before the year ends. The plan is for the youth to be there 6 months to a year. Staff will work with youth at ARISE before they transition to SOAR to ensure a seamless process. The goal is for youth to completely acclimate to their community.
- Construction moved to September.
- We are working on an intermediate plan for youth who don't quite meet the need for ARISE or don't qualify for placement. We recently had our contract approved with Pine Grove and California Conservation Corp. We are looking at all options.

Shonna Rossler:

- Our new process is a work in progress and we're making good traction by making sure we have enough programming.
- A big part is making sure we are being impartial and fair with all CBO's across the board and providing structure and consistency in the process. Expectations on both sides are clear.

CFS Update

None

Court Update

None

Urban Conservation Update

None

Roundtable

Shawn Arrington (Probation) –I would like to acknowledge the mentors from IE Rebound who were at the CVJDAC High School graduation, in support of youth.

Richard Sterling (Public Defender) – My staff asked me to bring up one thing regarding programming, they want to know why we can't reach out to our own department resources, for instance using fleet for auto mechanic training?

Tony CiFuentes (Highlanders Boxing Club) – I have been going to CVJDAC and finding maybe not all youth will use the skills taught, but if everyone gets the training, it's a big deal, even if just one person uses them, it is all worth it.

Dana Smith-Lacy – we look forward to working with CBO's, they offer continuity and consistency.

Sandy Bonilla – Going to beta test the training on Positive Youth Development. It is an online training with 5 modules. It is free testing and would like honest feedback.

Amber Carpenter (DBH) – In regard to the trauma informed care, I see the growth of all the team. I notice everyone is using the same language now, and it is really positive to see that change and the program grow and develop.

Ramon Lieja (OYCR) – I am the county liaison; my office oversees the youth realignment. We are working to help meet the needs in terms of getting services, locally and culturally.

Public Comments

None

Adjournment

Meeting adjourned by Dana Smith-Lacy at 3:45 p.m.

The next JJCC Executive Subcommittee meeting will be held on

October 19, 2023

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