

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

Minutes for Thursday, October 19, 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

Kimberlee Drury, 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

DCPO Dana Smith-Lacy called the JJCC Executive Subcommittee meeting to order at 2:03 p.m. The meeting opened with introductions.

No quorum to motion to approve July 18, 2023, meeting minutes. They will be reviewed at the next meeting on January, 18, 2024.

Roll Call - Attendance Roster on File

Probation Update

Dana Smith-Lacy:

- This is my last meeting; I have been reassigned to our CCB Adult Specialized Bureau. Kimberlee Drury has been assigned to the ARISE Bureau. She had a prior meeting and cannot be here today but looks forward to meeting you. I've enjoyed working with this group and will miss working with you.

Khara Garnett-Todd:

- A Restorative Integration for Successful Engagement (ARISE) population is currently 73, a total of 70 males and 3 females.
- We have opened another unit, a sex offender unit.
- We are still in a staffing crisis.
- We have had 15 new commitments and have had 7 releases since July.

- Our extended education program received a NACO award (National Association of County Award).
- We had 2 college graduates, one received his associates, and the one received a double degree, his AA and AST (Associate of Science for transfer), we are working with Cal-State so he can continue his education.
- We held our first annual End of Summer Jam carnival on September 30th. The youth enjoyed games, popcorn, food, and dancing. They are still talking about the food till this day.
- Construction continues at ARISE, and a trailer is breaking ground tomorrow, this will be for the DBH staff.

Shawn Arrington:

- Construction at Successful outcome Achieving Responsibility (SOAR) is close to being done, it should tentatively be open by the end of the year, we are pending a final walk through.
- The youth at Boys Republic is doing very well, he has tried out for his college basketball team and has employment.

Shonna Rossler:

- Working actively to continue our programming. Starting on the 21st, there will be an overlapping schedule. Some new programming includes fiscal, coding and computer classes. For the CBO's we have streamlined the background and PREA process. Proud to say we have a very full schedule and are trying to be as flexible as possible; we want to reach as many youths as we can. We've also made sure to set time aside for sex offender training for the sex offender youth, we will make sure that is always a dedicated time.

Tanya Delaney:

- As youth progress through ARISE, they become eligible for Phase II SOAR, our step down program. The initiation process will come from the Treatment Team and the Probation Officer will submit a referral. They have to complete their time at the SYTF in order to be eligible for SOAR.
- We expect SOAR to open at the end of the year if construction goes as scheduled.
- We anticipate starting with 10 youth at the beginning and then an additional 14 from ARISE.
- At SOAR we will continue the life skills, rehabilitation, treatment that the youth were receiving at ARISE, but it will be tailored to the new environment at SOAR. They will have limited access to the community during their first 30 days, and they will obtain vital documents that they need.
- After the 30 days they will be eligible to go into the community and work. The CBO's will assist with providing vocational training and job readiness. They will open bank accounts and receive financial literacy. We will provide robust resources to assist with their transition into the community.

- Depending on the individual's baseline time, they should be at SOAR 6 months to a year.

Roundtable

Shonna Rossler (Probation) – A conversation has been started, thanks to Mr. Sterling's suggestion, and we are looking into county resources; fleet and culinary skills (Sheriffs) for the youth.

Public Comments

None

Adjournment

Meeting adjourned by Dana Smith-Lacy at 2:20 p.m.

The next JJCC Executive Subcommittee meeting will be held on

January 18, 2024

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