

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

Minutes for Thursday, January 18, 2024

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

DD II Khara Garnett-Todd called the JJCC Executive Subcommittee meeting to order at 2:05 p.m. The meeting opened with introductions.

Motion to approve July 18, 2023, meeting minutes, as written, all in favor.

Motion by Don English and seconded by Owen Duckworth

Motion to approve October 19, 2023, meeting minutes, as written, all in favor.

Motion by Don English and seconded by Owen Duckworth

Roll Call - Attendance Roster on File

Probation Update

Shawn Arrington, Division Director I for ARISE:

- Current population 74; 71 males and 3 females.
- We've had 6 releases.
- We've had 4 commitments: 3 new and 1 re-commitment (failed probation terms).
- 1 youth still at Pine Grove and 2 youth at Boys Republic.
- New dry trailer on grounds that will house the DBH staff.

Mary Garcia, Division Director I for SOAR:

- The anticipated opening date is in June, we're still in the construction phase.
- A tour will be provided to this committee upon completion.
- The population total will be 10, with an overflow unit.

Shonna Rossler, Programming Manager:

- In October we started out innovative strategies contract; this helps fill each day with programming and classes that are offered throughout the day.
- New programming being offered – music therapy, financial literacy, communication building, art therapy, Spanish classes, entrepreneurial, and improv/acting classes.
- We’ve also implemented a 360-feedback loop, to measure outcomes and success of the programs.
 - Sandy Bonilla –February 1st, we are having a career day for Urban Forestry, we’re hiring for jobs, and this would be a good opportunity for youth to be made aware of the jobs that are available once released. I will share the information and provide a zoom link to the group.
 - Information will be available for the youth at ARISE via ZOOM and shared with our Day Reporting Centers.

Roundtable

Don English, Superintendent of County Schools:

- Currently working on chronic absenteeism rate, currently 35-40%. We’re working to reduce the number of suspensions and expulsions.
- There has been a decrease in behavior issues.
- The focus is to get kids and teenagers to school.

Terrance Stone, Young Visionaries:

- Saturday, January 20th we are hosting All About the Children Day, we’re anticipating 3000 kids. There will be toys, backpacks, diapers, and other giveaways.
- Location 604 W 4th St., San Bernardino from 10-3pm

Public Comments

None

Adjournment

Meeting adjourned by Khara Garnett-Todd at 2:21 p.m.

The next JJCC Executive Subcommittee meeting will be held on

April 18, 2024

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