

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

Minutes for Tuesday, June 15, 2021

Executive Committee Members

Tracy Reece, Chairperson, CPO
Jennifer Cannady, 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
Julie Peterson, Assistant District Attorney
Anabel Romero, Deputy Court Executive Officer
Terrance Stone, Young Visionaries
Jeany Zepeda, Deputy Director, Department of Social Services

Committee Members

Julie Francis, DCPO
Eric Raley, Division Director II
Judge Denise Trager Dvorak, Superior Courts
Esperanza Randle, District Manager II
Dr. William Oglesby, Deputy Director

Minutes by:

Lisa Bari, Executive Secretary III

HDJDAC AM Tour – Attendance Roster on File

Opening of the Meeting:

Julie Francis called the JJCC Executive Subcommittee meeting to order at 11:50 a.m.

Roll Call - Attendance Roster on File

Absent/Excused: Tracy Reece
Tony Collins CiFuentes
Owen Duckworth
Julie Peterson

Guest(s): Aneri Suthar, Superior Courts
Jamie Ryan, Deputy County Counsel
Dave McClave, Deputy Public Defender
Julie Neal, Deputy Public Defender
Carl Landry, Division Director I
Jennie Padilla, Probation Officer III

Public Comments: None

New Business

Discussion of HDJDAC Tour

- Meals will be provided in separate area from living space
- Phones are on unit for use, video conferencing will take place off unit in separate area due to WIFI accessibility
- Gym equipment will not be electric powered
- There is a bus stop outside of facility, however, staff is looking at ways to provide transportation
- Youth will have access to microwave, along with a garbage disposal with safe guard

Discussion of Orientation Handbook

- There are items listed that are required by law

- Incentives are still being developed
 - Need to determine if incentives are based on timelines or treatment goals/achievements
 - Discussion to stay away from timelines
- All documents will be translated into Spanish; contract for all other language translations
- There will be a program for living/life skills which will include financial planning; this may be introduced in Phase II, dependent on treatment plan for youth

Discussion of Individual Rehabilitation Plan

- Youth ordered into program will complete a cognitive journal at JDAC, youth will begin meeting with staff to address life goals
 - Contact with youth, parents/legal guardian, Probation staff, DBH staff to develop case plan
 - Mid-July there will be training for Circle Keeper, an evidence based programming for incorporating Restorative Justice and Cultural Competency
- Per SB92 – Assessments are to be completed after commitment to program
 - Treatment plan is due within 30 days of commitment; Court would need to approve receiving the plan after 30 days
- Will need to wait until first commitment to determine if 30 days is realistic to provide plan
 - Need to keep in line with laws

Program

- San Bernardino will need to review and determine treatment options for female, sex offender and severe mental health population
 - There will not be a consortium at this time in CA
 - Will likely contract for specialized services, i.e. sex offender treatment
 - Will use current SOS policy for psychiatric need; MAYSI screening, 5585/5150 hold at Loma Linda for youth under 18 and ARMC for 18+ youth – will need to develop guidelines
- Tablets will be provided to youth for school; no email at this time
- Will be contracting with vendor for Family Finding program; also use of CBO as resource
- Tattoo removal program will likely be mobile; also looking into providing a mobile welding program
- Canteen – set funding amount will be provided to each youth by Probation department
 - Will need to determine items to be made available
 - Title 15 provides strict requirements for youth regarding nutrition
- EMDR Therapy will not be used at this time
- Typical Day of Youth in High School (times may vary)
 - 6:30 am – Grooming / breakfast
 - 8:00 am – 2:00 pm – School classes w/ break
 - 2:00 pm on – Quiet time, Group sessions, therapy
- Youth in College – times will vary dependent on class schedule; will need to allow for more flexibility
- All rooms will be secured between 10:00 pm – 6:00 am
- Goal is to have youth know officers, family and mentors; Probation officers will be visiting facility as much as possible to establish a better relationship
- Fire Camp is currently for youth 18+ - beginning stages with VVC to implement
- Working with US Forestry and Fire Community program to receive pay while training

Staff Training

- Probation staff for program were identified in February
- Probation and DBH staff began 6 week team building and training
 - Past three weeks there has been a positive shift in staff
 - Staff receive training with one-two day break in between; allowing for application feedback
- Trainings include, but not limited to: Stages of Change, How to Write a Case Plan, Cultural Sensitivity, Motivational Interviewing, Moral Reconciliation Therapy (MRT) Community Resiliency Model, Early Childhood Trauma and Managing Jail Behavior
- Will staff be trained in dealing with youth with delayed cognitive development? Yes.
- Training has been hybrid of in-person and online instruction
- At this time uniforms will be the same – process to change may involve multiple unions

Transition from DJJ to local program

- New commitments to local program will begin in July 2021
- June 2023, State commitments will be transferred to County level
 - Determination will need to be made if youth are paroled or placed in after-care/re-entry; local program
- Approximately 5-7 youth will be sent to San Bernardino; approximately 40 on probation

Questions

- For those on supervision who receive a technical violation, where will they be returned? Per current DJJ guidelines, youth may be eligible to 3-6-9 County Jail; violations will be reviewed at multiple levels within Probation prior to Court filing
- When are reports submitted to Court? Initial report is due within 30 days of commitment and then every 6 months
- Will 6 month reviews be Appearance or Non-Appearance? That will be left to attorneys to determine; suggested to have AR unless there is a disruption to youth; attorneys can waive AR upon review of 6 month progress report if they feel it would not be beneficial to youth – video will be provided for NARs

Roundtable

Judge Dvorak –

- Judges will complete facility tour on June 29th along with Court staff
- Program is missing Gateway type possibility; would former Gateway facility be an option for use for youth not eligible for ARISE by need more than placement? Former Gateway facility may be used in Phase II of program which is not anticipated ready for use for 16 months; facility would also need to be staffed

Romero –

- Court process flow chart has been completed and will be sent to group

Francis –

- Will work to develop plan for female, sex offender and severe mental health population

Raley –

- If there are any staff members who would like a tour of facility, please contact Raley to schedule

Adjournment

Meeting adjourned by Julie Francis at 1:13 p.m.

The next JJCC Executive Subcommittee meeting will be held on

TBD