

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

Minutes for Thursday October 20, 2022

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

Dana Smith-Lacy, DCPO
Eric Raley, Division Director II
Judge Tony Raphael, Superior Courts
Judge Charles Umeda, Superior Courts
Kristie Armistead, District Manager II
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 2:07 p.m.
Motion to approve July 21, 2022 meeting minutes, as written, all in favor
Motion by Julie Peterson and seconded by Tony Collins SiFuentes

Roll Call - Attendance Roster on File

Absent/Excused: Tracy Reece, Anabel Romero, and Jeany Zepeda

Guest(s): Andrew, Ariana, Sheridan, Raymond and Francisco from Urban Conservation Corp

Probation Update

Introduction of Division Director I, Carl Landry, he will be oversee our SOAR facility. He will be a part of the creation, implementation and running it, once it's opened.

Landry – This facility will be a step down, to get the youth integrated back into society the best we can, they will have moderate access to the community. It will be a less secure, but won't be totally unsecure. The recommendation for the step down program will come from the probation officer and treatment plan committee. They will be allowed to attend vocational/educational, medical and anything that motivates them. There will be a 30 day orientation period once they get there, the rules will be discussed and explained which covers the dress code, kitchen/food, and roles and responsibilities. The mentor and therapeutic interventions will most likely follow them to the step down program.

Group discussion on what less secure looks like, ideas such at sports, culinary, feeling a purpose, responsibilities, earning a paycheck, control of their future and accountability.

Smith-Lacy – A major concern we have is the growth of our population at ARISE. We never anticipated having this high of a population (currently 42). We foresee outgrowing ourselves. We started construction to upgrade the closed units to match our open units. In the meantime our Chief is actively working on another intermediate program. We closed Gateway but didn't replace it, and now everyone wants to send the youth to ARISE.

Padilla – we were able to release one youth, he had been in multiple placements. He committed a 707B offense when he was 13, but with the law for DJJ and the law for the new facility, says the youth must be 14 at the time the crime was committed. When he was committed last December, the law was a little fuzzy and the court decided to commit him to the program. Probation did not believe he fit the criteria to be at ARISE, the program was not meant for such a long term commitment. His attorney eventually filed a motion to release him, and he was just released to his aunts.

Discussion of Phase II

Raley – We are preparing to have youth likely get recommended to the court to go to our step down SOAR and we believe by then end of November, we will have two youth there. We'll need to engage with other agencies, departments and CBO's about our San Bernardino location.

Additionally, the state has decided to maintain the program Pine Grove (fire camp). Our department needs to have a contract with them by January 1, 2023, so that the youth that are currently there can stay there and be financially paid for. If any were to get ordered in the future, we'll need to have the contract in place for that as well. In the meantime, we are coordinating the work flow of the youth we know are coming back from DJJ, which will close by June of 2023. The anticipation is those youth will initially go to ARISE, but will quickly advance to SOAR.

CPPCA Conference - Our ARISE youth participated via pre-recorded video and then live stream for a few questions by the group. This gave the other counties an opportunity to see what our county has done.

CFS Update

None

Court Update

None

Urban Conservation Update

Bonilla – We have a very good relationship with Cal Fire, in fact Cal Fire has a very active advisory commission that's appointed by the director, and I am one of the appointee's. Cal Fire will receive over 200,000,000 for fiscal year 22/23. They have a great need for recruitment. Edison is also committing to funding.

Andrew – In demand occupational program for paid training, 5 week utility line training with advancement in the industry.

Presentation by recent graduates for Line Tree Clearance Arborist.

Roundtable

Raley – Previously we were approved for planting trees at the facility, looking for a timeline on when they can get planted. Andrew to follow up.

Public Comments

None

Adjournment

Meeting adjourned by Dana Smith-Lacy at 3:02 p.m.

The next JJCC Executive Subcommittee meeting will be held on

January 19, 2023

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