

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

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## Minutes for Thursday January 19, 2023

**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  
 TBD, Assistant District Attorney  
 Anabel Romero, Deputy Court Executive Officer  
 Terrance Stone, Young Visionaries  
 Jeany Zepeda, 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  
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Minutes by:  
 Shannon Veckey, Secretary II

**Opening of the Meeting**

Dana Smith-Lacy called the JJCC Executive Subcommittee meeting to order at 2:05 p.m.  
 Motion to approve October 20, 2022 meeting minutes, as written, all in favor  
 Motion by Don English and seconded by Jeany Zepeda

**Roll Call - Attendance Roster on File**

**Absent/Excused:** Jennifer Cannady

**Guest(s):** Stacey Wolcott, Inland Juvenile Panel

**Probation Update**

Smith-Lacy – Our Arise population is at 56, 1 female and 55 males. We have 1 co-ed unit, the female with the more mature males. We are spreading ourselves thin, CVJDAC had a Covid outbreak and we sent staff to assist, but this led to staffing shortages at both ARISE and CV. Our code reds have increased, because of the staff shortage, DJJ returns, and we also have new staff who are not familiar with this population. The DJJ returns are coming back at a pace of two per month. We’ve slowed down programming for the safety of youth and staff.

We have construction happening at both ARISE and SOAR. We are expanding ARISE to adjust to the population and to ensure the youth get the hands on education, training, and programming we intend them to have. We are getting a trailer for our DBH staff. The Phase II (Soar) construction has started, and once our staffing crisis is over, we will develop a team to assist in the development of Soar. We currently have our newly promoted PCS II, Delaney, and she is getting a jump start on plans for SOAR, she is very familiar and passionate about the programming we want to offer.

We had a release from ARISE, and when attempting to house the youth, we discovered a program through Boys Republic. They offer a step down program which is similar to how we want SOAR to function. Mr. Raley and I went to visit the youth we placed there, and he was excited, proud and happy we came by to check on him.

I'd like to share Mr. Raley received an award from CAPIA for our SYTF program, and our department also received an award. Everyone is still trying to figure this out, I attended a virtual meeting yesterday confirming we are the only county who has a Secured Youth Treatment Facility open, and we are the states currently the states model.

Eric Raley – We've had several staff promotions, and we were able to keep them at the facilities they've been putting work in. Ms. Smith-Lacy has been great at articulating why we need more staff at ARISE.

We recently had six high school graduates, and currently have 2 youth in dual enrollment, and 24 youth in college. We keep a busy calendar of all the activities taking place at ARISE and welcome any new programming to keep the youth busy. We'd like to partner with Highland Boxing Club, and maybe get some exercise programming for the youth.

We have updated the baseline modification process, the law wasn't clear, and we are trying to generate conversation at the state level. Going forward, the Treatment Team will provide information to the Probation Officer, for them to request time cuts, if any.

### CFS Update

Jeany Zepeda – No updates for CFS, however I am on the Community Advisory Board, and a question being asked, is if we are asking parents for feedback on ARISE youth?

- Dana Smith-Lacy – we are starting surveys this year and intended on adding a section for parents and will share results
- Amber Carpenter – I am working on the Organization Trauma survey, and can share results

### Court Update

None

### Urban Conservation Update

None

### Roundtable

Tony Collins CiFuentes – This Saturday is our first Health & Wellness community event of the year, please stop by for support

Daniel Edber – Some feedback we get from our clients who were placed in transitional programming, is, their focus is on education – college or vocational training, some of our most successful young adults are the ones who received job training.

- Dana Smith-Lacy – we're still in the mist of completing our contract with Pine Grove (Fire Camp). We currently have 4 youth there. As of January 1<sup>st</sup>, Pine Grove is under CDCR, prices have been reduced once the youth finish their 2 week training.

Owen Duckworth – A highlight to share, the mentors have been able to attend court hearings with the youth, and are allowed to provide feedback on the youths growth.

Discussion on youth being allowed to contact mentors when in need of advice or an outlet.

Kristie Armistead – The program and resources are impressive. Would like to see ARISE once the expansion is completed.

Don English – Looking forward to a revisit as well. Our District Attorney is doing some classes on Civil Liabilities courses with probation youth, would like to bring these classes to ARISE.

Amber Carpenter – I was just curious to hear about the updates on Baseline Modification process

- Dana Smith-Lacy – As recent as this morning during a meeting with other counties, each county has their own interpretation.

### **Public Comments**

None

### **Adjournment**

Meeting adjourned by Dana Smith-Lacy at 2:45 p.m.

*The next JJCC Executive Subcommittee meeting will be held on*

*April 20, 2023*

*Probation Administration  
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