## SAN BERNARDINO COUNTY PROBATION DEPARTMENT JUVENILE JUSTICE COORDINATING COUNCIL

## Probation Administration, 175 West Fifth St., 4th Floor, Room 401

January 31, 2023 Minutes

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**PRESENT:** Kathleen Huaman, Don English, Claudia Walker, Amber Carpenter, Julie Peterson, Chris Deveau, Cynthia Wallace-Guerrero, Scott Nichols, Daniel Edber, Chris Catren, Tom Shiley, Michael Fermin, Robert Brown, Cynthia Roth-Fetter, Michael Morales

**Absent:** Shannon Dicus, Rebecca Irwin, Marisa Miley, Jennifer Cannady, Robert O'Brine, Jeany Zepeda, Myrlene Pierre, Tracy Reece, Jennifer Roth Kimberly Epps, Ann Marie Pierce, Melanie Carrion, Lynn Poncin, Scott Wyatt, Henry Rosas, Thomas Kamara, Kathy Gonzalez, Robert Saldana

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Agenda Items  I. Welcome & Introductions	DISCUSSION  Meeting was called to order at 2:03pm.	T. Shiley
II. Youth DRC Programs Presentation	A video was shown. Anthony Polino and Teresa Barragan expounded on the video such as the benefits of the no-cost programs offered, in-person and online, such as tutoring, special events, counseling and summer camps.	T. Shiley
III.Review & Approve Minutes – Oct. 25 <sup>th</sup> 2022 meeting	·	1 <sup>st</sup> Motion – Scott Wyatt 2 <sup>nd</sup> Motion – Chris Catren
IV. New Proposals a. Public Defende Travel Fund	A new proposal submitted by Ms. Cannady references funding for Social Service Practitioners/Lawyers traveling to see kids in placement that are more than 4 hours away from San Bernardino, which will cover lodging, flights, food, mileage and rental cars in the effort of ensuring youth are working the program and following the rules. Social workers are funded, however county positions are not, therefore currently, visits are mostly virtual.  R. Brown asked if legal advice would be given.  D. Edber responded in the negative.	D. Edber
	The proposal is asking for \$10,000 each year for 3 years. We will vote to spend AB1913 funds. In person contact is best for social workers with at-risk youth to keep them connected, keeps them in placement and is supportive.	K. Huaman
	Motion to vote: 8 Yays: Robert Brown, Kathleen Huaman, Jeany Zepeda, Erica Banks, Chris Catren, Scott Wyatt, Robert Saldana, Cynthia Wallace Guerrero. 0 Nays.	T. Shiley

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V	The proposal to fund travel to remote places to visit placement with a budget of \$10,000 each year for 3 years to be paid for hotel, flights, rental cars, mileage, meals for social services practitioners or lawyers for visiting clients more than 4 hours away from San Bernardino is approved. Funding will most likely start on July 1st.	D. Edber
V. Financial Report	We are successfully on track with our budget. We have spent 30% of the budget year to date and we are projecting to spend 85% of the budget this fiscal year.	S. Nichols
VI. Probation Updates	We have 12 new Innovative Strategies proposals that have been vetted and will become contracts when finalized. This is a lengthy process with difficulties getting documents returned to us on time.	K. Huaman
	The 2021 Juvenile Expenditure and Data Report booklet was handed out.	
	The Annual Report is being worked on and is due on May 1st.	
	Ethics training: Voting members are required to take the training and the training must be renewed every two years. A handout with expiration dates of the training were given to voting members, as well as a handout providing training information. We can also email a link directing voting members to the training site.	
VII. Public Defender LET Updates	Will report next meeting.	D. Edber
VIII. DA LET Updates	<ul> <li>We still have vacancies and wish to hire prosecutors with juvenile justice and LET experience. In Jennifer Roth's absence, Mr. Brown shared the following:</li> <li>SARB Meetings: <ul> <li>I attended SARB meetings across the Desert Division jurisdiction, including Trona, Needles, Lucerne Valley, Barstow, Silver Valley, Snowline, Hesperia, Victor Valley Union High School District, Victor Valley Elementary School District, Adelanto, and Apple Valley.</li> <li>We saw some common themes for why students are missing school, including concerns with mental health, substance abuse, transportation issues, and lack of motivation.</li> <li>Each school district offers some kind of mental health support- and these supports were offered in the SARB meetings.</li> <li>Many schools offer after-school tutoring, Saturday school, or opportunities to catch up on missed assignments. Students were given these options as ways to recover from their absences and make-up homework.</li> </ul> </li> </ul>	R. Brown

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	DISCUSSION  Additionally, we had several situations where high school students were not on track to graduate, and the joint decision was made to transfer the student to a different school (within the school district) so that student may take advantage of credit recovery with the hope to graduate on time.  Several school districts have made the decision to begin citing parents for violation of their SARB contracts. Many districts had stopped the citation process during the pandemic, however several of the desert districts have once again started citing parents. In some districts, their school resource office or school police will deliver the citation. Hesperia Unified School District, for example, has their own police department, Hesperia School Police. They have an officer who is present at SARB meetings, delivers SARB notifications to parents, makes home visits, conducts wellness checks (when requested by the SARB panel), and serves parents with citations when they are in violation.  Presentations:  I taught a class on Criminal Justice/Juvenile Justice and Truancy for the S.H.O.C.K. Program- Fall 2022 Class. The program is run by the Apple Valley Police Department and works with at-risk youth to provide structure, support and education.	ACTION
	<ul> <li>I manned a booth for the District Attorney's Office- LET Division at the Back to School Resource Fair at Barstow Jr. High School. I passed out informational handouts and materials regarding truancy. I spoke with a lot of students and parents at this event and answered questions about truancy and the importance of attendance.</li> <li>Trainings:         <ul> <li>In November 2022, I attended a conference hosted by the California District Attorney's Association (CDAA) that addressed "Truancy, Crime Prevention, and Community Prosecution." It was a multi-disciplinary training, including law enforcement, educators, and prosecutors. I met with district attorneys from a variety of counties and learned the different ways they handle truancy issues in their jurisdictions.</li> </ul> </li> <li>Other Events:         <ul> <li>I attended a workshop called "Substance Abuse in the High Desert", taught by Michael Stevens at the High Desert Association of Realtors in Hesperia. Mr. Stevens is working with the school districts to provide workshops and substance abuse education to our local schools.</li> <li>I attended a Round Table Conversation with the F.B.I. at Apple Valley Unified School District regarding threat assessment. The school district had recently dealt with some potential threats on-campus, and two F.B.I. agents came to the school district to discuss a variety of approaches and actions the district can take when confronted with these types of issues.</li> </ul> </li> </ul>	

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Agenda items	Upcoming:  I will be teaching a class on Criminal Justice/Juvenile Justice and Truancy for the S.H.O.C.K. Program for their Spring 2023 Class. This takes place at Phoenix Academy and the program is organized by the Apple Valley Police Department.  In Ann Marie Pierce's absence, Mr. Brown shared the following:  • I met with the families of 163 students who were referred to a SARB panel. The issues that come up most often as they relate to a lack of attendance are untreated mental health issues, physical health issues that have not yet been addressed with a health plan, parents in need of stronger parenting skills, access to supervision or engagement programs before and after school, students needing help to build better habits, and general apathy.  • We received 310 direct referrals from the Chaffey Joint High School Unified School District.  • I distributed attendance improvement incentives consisting of a gift card and certificate of recognition to 32 students in the Central, Colton, Cucamonga, and Upland school districts. Students were nominated by their school sites for demonstrating an improvement after being placed on a SARB contract.  • As a result of information learned from a SARB meeting, I was able to successfully nominate a mother with 4 young children for SEBA's Shop-With-A-Cop program this past Christmas.  • I conducted 3 group SART presentations for Chino Valley Unified School District, at both the elementary and high school levels. These presentations are intended as an early intervention for families that are truant, but not yet at a chronic level, with the hope it will help families avoid being referred to a SARB panel.  • In the upcoming months, there is a steady schedule of SARB meetings across all of the districts I work with. Chino Valley Unified has requested more group SART meetings and the Ontario-Montclair School District has also requested group SART presentations for some of its elementary and middle schools. I'll also be participating in Career Days at Smith Tech	ACTION
IX. Roundtable	Elementary School in Bloomington and Day Creek Intermediate School in Rancho Cucamonga.  As a Trustee with Chaffey Unified School District and Director of CWHR, in dealing with expulsions	D. English
	and SARB, Probation Dept. involvement is much appreciated.  Probation officers are doing a great job at our county schools, we would like to have more officers and appreciate the positive impact they are making. Kids are back in school but attendance is poor.	S. Wyatt

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Agenda Items	DISCUSSION Appreciate that the activities at DRCs are open to foster kids.	ACTION J. Zepeda
	Kids that use the DRCs have spoken positively about the programs.	D. Edber
	The number of kids we have has gone up to 17 at the DRCs. The YJC teacher has gained a lot of respect from the kids.	K. Huaman
X. Public Comments	There were no public comments.  Meeting Adjourned at 2:13 pm.	T. Shiley
Next Meeting	Next meeting is scheduled for April 25th, 2023 at 1:30pm.	