



**JUVENILE JUSTICE COORDINATING COUNCIL
MEETING MINUTES
Friday, August 14, 2020
9:00 a.m. – 11:00 a.m.
Zoom**

Members in Attendance:

Sol Linver for **Brown, William**, Sheriff-Coroner
Cash, Michael, Guadalupe Police Chief
Shana Burns for **Gleghorn, Alice** Ph.D., Director, Behavior Wellness
Hamlin, Matt, Coast Valley Substance Abuse Treatment Center
Hansen, Phil, Chief, Santa Maria Police Department (SMPD)
Hart, Gregg, 2nd District Supervisor
Heitman, Tanja, Chief Probation Officer
Kerwood, Michelle, Council on Alcohol and Drug Abuse (CADA)
Macuga, Tracy, Public Defender (PD)
Bernard Melekian for **Miyasato, Mona**, County Executive Officer (CEO)
Nicola, Mag, District Attorney's Office (DA)
Amy Krueger for **Nielson, Daniel**, Director, Department of Social Services (DSS)
Palera, Dominick, Chair, Juvenile Justice Delinquency Prevention Commission (JJJPC)
Parker, Darrel, Court Executive Officer
Salcido, Susan Ed.D., Superintendent, Santa Barbara County Education Office (SBCEO)
Serrano, Saul, Community Action Commission (CAC)
Sharkey, Jill, Ph.D., Associate Dean for Research and Outreach, University of California, Santa Barbara (UCSB)
Alex Altavilla for **Stoney, Todd**, Captain, Santa Barbara Police Department (SBPD)
Zimmerman, Brian, Santa Maria Bonita School District (SMBSD)

Members Absent/Unrepresented:

Adam, Peter, 4th District Supervisor
Starr, Billi Jo, Freedom for Youth
Wallace, Kathrine, Lompoc Unified School District (LUSD)

Staff Present:

Benton, Holly, Probation Department
Bertrand, Ethan, 2nd District Office
Brumbaugh, Kristina, Probation Department
Burns, Shana, Behavioral Wellness
Espinoza, April
Grossi, Dana, Probation Department
Milligan, Karyn, Probation Department
Novatt, Maria, County Counsel
Sibley, Christina, Probation Department
Small, Shawn, Probation Department
Swanson, Brian, Probation Department
Wheeler, Rene, SBCEO

The meeting was called to order at 9:00 a.m.

1. Roll Call of the Juvenile Justice Coordinating Council (JJCC) Members

Present

Alex Altavilla
Michael Cash (9:09 am)
Alice Gleghorn (9:09 am)
Matt Hamlin
Phil Hansen (9:16 am)
Gregg Hart
Tanja Heitman
Michelle Kerwood
Amy Krueger
Sol Linver
Tracy Macuga
Bernard Melekian
Mag Nicola
Dominick Palera
Darrel Parker
Susan Salcido
Saul Serrano
Jill Sharkey
Brian Zimmerman

Absent

Peter Adam
Billi Jo Starr
Kathy Wallace

2. Approval of Minutes from June 5, 2020 – All

- A motion was made by Mag Nicola, and seconded by Bernard Melekian, to approve the June 5, 2020, meeting minutes as submitted.
 - A roll call vote was taken of the JJCC members present.
 - Ayes: 17
(Sol Linver, Shana Burns, Darrel Parker, Gregg Hart, Tanja Heitman, Tracy Macuga, Bernard Melekian, Amy Krueger, Mag Nicola, Dominick Palera, Susan Salcido, Matt Hamlin, Michelle Kerwood, Saul Serrano, Jill Sharkey, Alex Altavilla, Brian Zimmerman)
 - Nayes: 0
 - Abstention: 0

3. Public Comment

- None

4. Comments for Council Members not on Agenda

- None

5. Chief Probation Officer Comments – Chief Heitman

- Review of pending legislation that will affect the juvenile justice system.
 - Assembly Bill (AB) 901 will eliminate the ability for youth to be referred to juvenile court for truancy.

- Senate Bill (SB) 1111 proposes to change where youth will be housed. It will require any person whose case started in juvenile court to remain in juvenile hall until they are 21.
- SB 203 proposes to modify the previous requirement to have an attorney present when youth are questioned by law enforcement to 17 years old and under.
- The next JJCC Workgroup meeting will be held on August 22nd and is open to the public; please feel free to share the meeting information with others.

6. Update on the Institutions Demographics – Shawn Small

- A handout was provided to the group related to the institutions demographics.
- There are currently ten youth in Santa Maria Juvenile Hall (SMJH). Of these youth, one is pending a commitment to the Department of Juvenile Justice (DJJ), four are pending adjudication on violent felonies, one is serving a commitment, and four are pending adjudication on probation violations.
- There are currently 17 youth at Los Prietos Boys Camp (LPBC).
- The SMJH established specific COVID-19 protocols and there are currently no staff or youth COVID-19 positive. An intake unit is used for any new bookings where additional protocols have been established, which includes testing at intake and masks are required. After the 14 day waiting period, youth are retested, and if negative, they are moved into another housing unit. There are currently three youth in the intake unit, four youth in the Trust Unit, and three in a regular housing unit.
- We are not experiencing any delay in receiving test results. A purchasing agreement was established with Marian Hospital to test our samples and results are being returned within 48 hours.
- Chief Heitman shared that staff have developed and provided many creative activities to engage the youth in custody.
- Dr. Salcido stated that schools have opened remotely and she greatly appreciates the institutions staff for assisting youth with school work during remote learning.
- Gabriella Ferreira asked if the youth have a set schedule for activities and how are visitation with family members being managed during this time. Shawn Small advised that youth at both facilities have a set schedule and are doing activities at least an hour a day on top of school time. At the SMJH there are rooms available for no contact visits or visits held via Zoom. Enhanced phone call privileges are being allowed during this time to ensure youth maintain contact with their families. At LPBC visitation is being held via Zoom and youth are allowed extended phone calls. However, we anticipate returning to in person visitation at LPBC in the near future with some added health protocols.

7. Whole Youth Project – Holly Benton

- A presentation was provided to the group regarding the Whole Youth Project.
- Tracy Macuga asked if there was an idea of the percent of youth that would be in this population. Holly Benton stated that we do not have a good idea of the percentage and that is part of the reason to start this project, to have more inclusive conversations with youth and develop a better understanding of this population.
- Darrel Parker asked for confirmation that this will be a train the trainer program which Holly Benton confirmed. The first round of staff training will introduce concepts, and eventually staff will be trained to carry forward the training to others.

- JJCC members appreciated the work done by the Probation Department to bring this project to Santa Barbara County. The Probation Department is able to provide this presentation with other partner agencies. If anyone is interested, you can contact Holly Benton.

8. Division of Juvenile Justice Transition – Holly Benton

- Chief Heitman stated Governor Newsom proposed moving oversight of DJJ to oversight by Health and Human Services. Due to concerns from various parties, the Governor abandoned that plan and endorsed a plan to have DJJ realigned to the counties. The Legislature has proposed an alternative plan. A handout was provided comparing the Legislature and Governor's proposals side-by-side.
- Holly Benton advised that the Department is in the very early stages of planning, defining the population, reviewing services provided at DJJ, and reviewing re-entry services currently provided.
- Program model research is being conducted which will be for a broader age range for 15-25 year olds and includes a review the effectiveness of programs and services.
- Once a program design is outlined then stakeholder input will be requested from partner agencies.

Respectfully submitted by Melanie Davis, Executive Secretary

Next Meeting: October 2, 2020