



**JUVENILE JUSTICE COORDINATING COUNCIL
MEETING MINUTES
Friday, February 7, 2020
9:30 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.
Santa Ynez Valley Marriott – Buellton, CA**

Members in Attendance:

Bob Nelson for **Adam, Peter**, 4th District Supervisor
Sol Linver for **Brown, William**, Sheriff-Coroner
Cash, Michael, Guadalupe Police Chief
Gleghorn, Alice Ph.D., Director, Behavior Wellness
Hart, Gregg, 2nd District Supervisor
Heitman, Tanja, Chief Probation Officer
Kerwood, Michelle, Council on Alcohol and Drug Abuse (CADA)
S.E. Ballard for **Macuga, Tracy**, Public Defender (PD)
Bernard Melekian for **Miyasato, Mona**, County Executive Officer (CEO)
Mag Nicola, District Attorney's Office (DA)
Amy Krueger for **Nielson, Daniel**, Director, Department of Social Services (DSS)
Palera, Dominick, Chair, Juvenile Justice Delinquency Prevention Commission (JJDC)
Rene Wheeler for **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)

Members Absent/Unrepresented:

Hamlin, Matt, Coast Valley Substance Abuse Treatment Center
Hansen, Phil, Chief, Santa Maria Police Department (SMPD)
Parker, Darrel, Court Executive Officer
Wallace, Kathrine, Lompoc Unified School District (LUSD)
Zimmerman, Brian, Santa Maria Bonita School District (SMBSD)

Staff Present:

Benton, Holly, Probation Department
Bertrand, Ethan, 2nd District Office
Burns, Shana, Behavioral Wellness
Czuleger, Jerry, County Counsel
Dandona, Jean, Santa Barbara Superior Court
DeAlba, John, Probation Department
Miller, Seth, CAC
Milligan, Karyn, Probation Department
Stanley, Britt, CADA
Swanson, Brian, Probation Department

The meeting was called to order at 9:32 a.m. and attendees provided self-introductions.

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

Present

Alex Altavilla
S.E. Ballard
Michael Cash
Alice Gleghorn
Gregg Hart
Tanja Heitman
Michelle Kerwood
Amy Krueger
Sol Linver
Bernard Melekian
Bob Nelson
Mag Nicola
Dominick Palera
Saul Serrano
Jill Sharkey
Rene Wheeler

Absent

Matt Hamlin
Phil Hansen
Darrel Parker
Katy Wallace
Brian Zimmerman

2. Approval of Minutes from December 6, 2019 – All

- A motion was made by Mag Nicola, and seconded by Saul Serrano, to approve the December 6, 2019, meeting minutes as submitted. A vote was taken and minutes were approved.

3. Public Comment

- None

4. Comments for Council Members not on Agenda

- Dominick Palera advised that they JJDPC is recruiting for members. Commissioners serve a four year term, the Commission has countywide representation, and the meetings are held mid-county. If you work for a community based organization (CBO) and have a current contract with Probation it could be a conflict to serve on the JJDPC. Those interested in applying may go to the JJDPC website (<http://jldpc.org>) for an application.

5. Chief Probation Officer Comments – Chief Heitman

- The Chief reminded the group to RSVP for the annual Probation Department Staff Recognition Awards Dinner scheduled for February 21st.
- A handout was distributed regarding the Chief Probation Officer of California (CPOC) initiative called Elevate Justice, which is Senate Bill (SB) 889.

6. JJCC Two-2 year Term Members– Chief Heitman

- The by-laws provide for two community-based organization members. There was not enough interest to fill both seats. The Chief wanted to confirm that the Council approves recruiting to fill the vacant seat off cycle and to send out a solicitation informing the public that there is a vacant seat. The group agree with recruiting off cycle to fill the vacant seat.
- Chief Heitman will draft a memo to community members and the JJCC membership, requesting letters of interest. The memo will be posted on the Probation Department website.

7. JJCC Workgroup Appointments Chief Heitman

- One Community Action has advised that they do not have the capacity to participate at this time, so they withdrew from the workgroup.
- There were some changes in the workgroup membership due to changes in staffing with Behavioral Wellness and the Public Defender's Office.
- A motion was made by Mag Nicola and seconded by Dominick Palera to appoint Shana Burns representing Behavioral Wellness and Lea Villegas from the Public Defender's Office as members of the JJCC Workgroup. All members approved.

8. Conflict of Interest/Ethics Training - Chief Heitman

- As a reminder as an official member or designee of the JJCC you are required to complete a Form 700 annually.
- The Conflict of Interest Ethics Training is also required for all members or designees every two years. Once you complete the training, forward your certificate of completion to Melanie Davis.

9. Update on the Institutions Demographics – DCPO Small

- Handout was provided and reviewed with the group.
- Breakdown by region was requested based on booking and for those that remain detained, which will be added to the next update.
- There was a period of time that both the old and new intake assessment for Santa Maria Juvenile Hall (SMJH) were completed and reviewed. The department has not specifically reviewed what happened with youth that were not booked into SMJH, but can look at what data is available and present an overview at the next meeting.
- Dr. Gleghorn requested a comparison of 2014 and 2020 staffing at the facilities, due to the reported 38% decrease in juvenile institutions populations. The Chief stated that can be provided at a future meeting.
- Dr. Sharkey asked about the four year grant for ethnic disparity and how it impacted the disproportionality. The workgroup has been reviewing but there was not a dramatic impact on the disproportions. This is an area where it might be beneficial to pursue additional grants to assist with the effort.
- Bernard Melekian asked if we can figure out how to get services to youth earlier in their lives. Dr. Sharkey stated that work under the RED grant included review of schools and social services, and the disparities in those systems existed before youth entered into the justice system. Dr. Sharkey did a review of Social Services and Behavioral Wellness and that work continues, and a review could be provided to the JJCC in the future.
- Saul Serrano asked for data on human trafficking. Behavioral Wellness has this data and could share it in the future.

10. Comprehensive Multi-Agency Juvenile Justice Plan (CMJJP) Update – DCPO Benton

- This year there has been a different approach to preparing the CMJJP. The workgroup has received presentations beginning in December on a series of recommendations, goals and objectives and was asked for input as part of this review.
- The finished draft plan will come to the JJCC in April for approval, and it will have been vetted through the workgroup.

11. Reimagining Juvenile Justice (RJJ) Strategies and Recommendations Update – DCPO Benton

- A working draft of the RJJ strategies and recommendations was reviewed with the group. Those interested in working on a specific strategy can do outreach to Holly Benton.

12. COPS 'N KIDS Program – Chuck Houck

- A presentation was provided by Chuck Houck on the COPS 'N KIDS Program. The mission of the program is to provide collaboration, assistance, support and resources to local law enforcement agencies by assisting Central Coast youth and families via an annual COPS 'N KIDS Field Day.

Respectfully submitted by Melanie Davis, Executive Secretary

Next Meeting: May 1, 2020 at 9:00 a.m. – Santa Ynez Valley Marriott