



**JUVENILE JUSTICE COORDINATING COUNCIL
MEETING MINUTES
Friday, May 1, 2020
1:30 p.m. – 2:30 p.m.
Zoom**

Members in Attendance:

Bob Nelson for **Adam, Peter**, 4th District Supervisor
Sol Linver for **Brown, William**, Sheriff-Coroner
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)
Parker, Darrel, Court Executive Officer
Seth Miller for **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:

Cash, Michael, Guadalupe Police Chief
Palera, Dominick, Chair, Juvenile Justice Delinquency Prevention Commission (JJRPC)
Salcido, Susan Ed.D., Superintendent, Santa Barbara County Education Office (SBCEO)
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
Hon. Dandona, Jean, Santa Barbara Superior Court
Miller, Seth, CAC
Milligan, Karyn, Probation Department
Novatt, Maria, County Counsel
Small, Shawn, Probation Department
Swanson, Brian, Probation Department

The meeting was called to order at 1:30 p.m.

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

Present

Alex Altavilla
Tracy Macuga 1:51 PM
Alice Gleghorn 1:37 PM
Matt Hamlin
Phil Hansen
Gregg Hart
Tanja Heitman
Michelle Kerwood
Amy Krueger
Sol Linver
Bernard Melekian
Bob Nelson
Mag Nicola
Seth Miller
Darrel Parker
Jill Sharkey

Absent

Michael Cash
Dominick Palera
Susan Salcido
Katy Wallace
Brian Zimmerman

2. Approval of Minutes from February 7, 2020 – All

- A motion was made by Supervisor Hart, and seconded by Mag Nicola, to approve the February 7, 2020, meeting minutes as submitted.
 - A roll call vote was taken of the JJCC members present.

Ayes: 15

(Bob Nelson, Sol Linver, Shana Burns, Darrel Parker, Supervisor Hart, Chief Heitman, Bernard Melekian, Amy Krueger, Mag Nicola, Matt Hamlin, Chief Hansen, Michelle Kerwood, Seth Miller, Jill Sharkey, Alex Altavilla)

Nayes: 0

Abstention: 0

3. Public Comment

- None

4. Comments for Council Members not on Agenda

- None

5. Chief Probation Officer Comments – Chief Heitman

- The Elevate Justice Act had been moved forward to possible legislation. If approved, it would have made a number of changes to the juvenile justice system. With the COVID crisis underway, it is too much to take on at this time, and has been placed on pause this legislative year.
- There are two other smaller bills that were not sponsored by the Chief Probation Officers of California (CPOC) that may move forward.
 - Senate Bill (SB) 1124 would cap supervision of 602 WIC wards to six months.
 - SB 1111 would require individuals whose proceedings start in the juvenile court to be held at juvenile hall until 21 if ordered into custody, rather than being housed at county jail.

- Santa Barbara County was selected by the State for an audit of Juvenile Justice Crime Prevention Action (JJCPA) programs and funding. The audit was completed and the final report was slated to be published in April 2020. The County was recently notified that the State Auditor has delayed the release to sometime in May 2020.
- Due to the dangers posed by COVID-19, Probation has implemented a protocol limiting youth booked into the juvenile hall to those that pose a safety risk to themselves or the community. Juvenile Hall access is being limited for outside visitors, with an increase in the utilization of Zoom and the use of other video technology for visits. Anyone entering the facility is required to complete a health questionnaire and have their temperature taken. Very recently staff have been submitted to COVID-19 testing. So far there have not been any positive COVID-19 tests, either staff or detained juveniles, in the juvenile institutions
- Staff have been creatively engaging youth in custody. Staff are preparing a flyer including photos that will be shared with the JJCC membership. A youth recently graduated from High School and his mom was able to attend the graduation via Zoom.
- Dr. Gleghorn shared that Behavioral Wellness has information available on their website during these challenging times for wellness and recovery activities, as well as additional resources as May is Mental Health month

6. Review of Nominations and Selection of the Juvenile Justice Coordinating Council (JJCC) 2 year Term Member– Chief Heitman

- Only one letter of interest was previously received, leaving a vacant community based agency seat. A second posting was sent out to garner more interest. One letter of interest was received from Billi Jo Starr, at Freedom 4 Youth.
- A motion was made by Supervisor Hart, and seconded by Bernard Melekian, to select Billi Jo Starr from Freedom 4 Youth to fill the vacant seat for non-profit community-based agencies serving juveniles.

- A roll call vote was taken of the JJCC members present.

Ayes: 13

(Sol Linver, Alice Gleghorn, Darrel Parker, Supervisor Hart, Chief Heitman, PD Macuga, Bernard Melekian, Amy Krueger, Matt Hamlin, Chief Hansen, Michelle Kerwood, Seth Miller, Jill Sharkey)

Nayes: 0

Abstention: 0

7. Comprehensive Multi-Agency Juvenile Justice Plan (CMJJP) for Fiscal Year (FY) 2020-2021 – DCPO Holly Benton

- A presentation was provided to the group regarding the FY 2020-2021 CMJJP.
- Supervisor Hart thanked Holly Benton for a great comprehensive presentation.
- Ethan Bertrand stated that the recommendations that came out of the Reimagining Juvenile Justice (RJJ) process should be more effective as they came from the RJJ participants who will be carrying out those recommendations.
- PD Macuga stated the data on the criminogenic need as a top priority being leisure time was interesting and asked how it can be addressed during the COVID-19 restrictions. PD Macuga also noted that the age group is those 26 and under and asked if there is a plan to include these older individuals into programming. DCPO

Benton stated the shelter at home order has made it challenging to find things for youth to participate in and discussions about this are underway. There could be funding opening up for the individuals in 18-21 age group.

- Chief Heitman has requested additional information regarding the leisure time as it is a need for large portion of youth on probation.
- Britt Stanley asked if the presentation would be made available and the Chief advised it would be posted on the Probation Department's website. Also, the Council on Alcoholism and Drug Abuse (CADA) received a grant from the Office of Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention (OJJDP) for services in the Lompoc region to deal with victims of gang violence, the target is for 9 – 14 year olds.
- Dr. Gleghorn advised that Governor Newsom has implemented Californians for All Initiative to assist with volunteerism and perhaps that is something to explore for our youth.
- A motion was made by Dr. Gleghorn, and seconded by PD Macuga, to approve the FY 2020-2021 CMJJP.
 - A roll call vote was taken of the JJCC members present.
Ayes: 13
(Sol Linver, Alice Gleghorn, Darrel Parker, Supervisor Hart, Chief Heitman, PD Macuga, Amy Krueger, Mag Nicola, Matt Hamlin, Chief Hansen, Michelle Kerwood, Seth Miller, Jill Sharkey)
Nayes: 0
Abstention: 0

8. Update on the Institutions Demographics – DCPO Shawn Small

- Handout was provided and reviewed with the group regarding institutions population demographics.
- Mag Nicola asked if there is typically a spike in bookings in August/September due to youth returning to school. Did Probation review that trend? DCPO Small stated that is accurate to a varying degree but it is not something that is easily identifiable as directly related to returns to school.
- Dr. Sharkey asked about the average length of stay for Camp, as commitments are typically for 120/180 days. DCPO Small stated when the population is lower and someone is removed, it has a greater impact on the average length of stay.

Respectfully submitted by Melanie Davis, Executive Secretary

Next Meeting: June 5, 2020 at 9:00 a.m. – TBD