



**JUVENILE JUSTICE COORDINATING COUNCIL
MEETING MINUTES
Friday, June 4, 2021
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, Executive Director, Coast Valley Substance Abuse Treatment Center
Hart, Gregg, 2nd District Supervisor
Heitman, Tanja, Chief Probation Officer
Miyasato, Mona, County Executive Officer (CEO)
Nelson, Bob, 4th District Supervisor
Nicola, Mag, Chief Deputy District Attorney, District Attorney's Office (DA)
Amy Krueger for **Nielson, Daniel**, Director, Department of Social Services (DSS)
Parker, Darrel, Court Executive Officer
Rene Wheeler for **Salcido, Susan** Ed.D., Superintendent, Santa Barbara County Education Office (SBCEO)
Serrano, Saul, Coordinator, South Coast Youth Safety Partnership, CommUnify
Sharkey, Jill, Ph.D., Associate Dean for Research and Outreach, University of California, Santa Barbara (UCSB)
Schneider, Marc, Chief, Santa Maria Police Department (SMPD)
Starr, Billi Jo, Executive Director, Freedom 4 Youth
Vega, Victor, Community Member
Paul Bommersbach for **Wallace, Kathrine**, Principal Maple High School, Lompoc Unified School District (LUSD)
Rachele Azziz for **Zimmerman, Brian**, Director of Pupil Personnel Services, Santa Maria Bonita School District (SMBSD)

Members Absent/Unrepresented:

Kerwood, Michelle, Director Child and Adolescent Treatment Programs, Counsel on Alcoholism and Drug Abuse (CADA)
Macuga, Tracy, Public Defender (PD)
Stoney, Todd, Captain, Santa Barbara Police Department (SBPD)

Staff Present:

Adams, Elizabeth, Transitional Youth Services
Benton, Holly, Probation Department
Bertrand, Ethan, 2nd District Office
Cross, Erin, Probation Department
Dandona, Jean, Judicial Officer, Superior Court of California, Santa Barbara
Grossi, Dana, Probation Department
Klotthor, Marjorie, Probation Department
LaChaine, Emily, Probation Department

Milligan, Karyn, Probation Department
Motta, Wendy, representative from Congressman Cabajal Office, 24th District
Novatt, Maria, County Counsel
Reagan, Marianne, DSS
Shean, Kim, Probation Department
Sibley, Christina, Probation Department
Small, Shawn, Probation Department
Swanson, Brian, Probation Department
Zahry, JJ, Probation Department
Zamora, Rose, Probation Department

The meeting was called to order at 9:02 a.m.

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

Present

Rachele Azziz
Paul Bommersbach
Shana Burns
Michael Cash
Matt Hamlin
Gregg Hart
Tanja Heitman
Amy Krueger
Sol Linver
Mona Miyasato
Bob Nelson
Mag Nicola
Darrel Parker
Marc Schneider
Saul Serrano
Jill Sharkey
Billi Jo Starr
Victor Vega
Rene Wheeler

Absent

Michelle Kerwood
Tracy Macuga
Todd Stoney

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

Present

Darrel Parker
Tanja Heitman
Mag Nicola
Saul Serrano
Jill Sharkey
Victor Vega

Absent

Alice Gleghorn
Tracy Macuga
Daniel Nielson
Susan Salicido

3. Acting as the JJCC, approval of the JJCC and JJCC Subcommittee meeting minutes from April 2, 2021 – All

- A motion was made by Mag Nicola, and seconded by Darrel Parker, to approve the April 2, 2021 JJCC and JJCC Subcommittee meeting minutes as submitted.
 - A roll call vote was taken of the JJCC members present.

Ayes: 18
(Bob Nelson, Sol Linver, Shana Burns, Darrel Parker, Gregg Hart, Tanja Heitman, Mona Miyasato, Amy Krueger, Mag Nicola, Rene Wheeler, Michael Cash, Matt Hamlin, Marc Schneider, Saul Serrano, Jill Sharkey, Billi Jo Starr, Victor Vega, Rachele Azziz)
- Nays: 0
- Abstentions: 1 (Paul Boomersbach)

4. Acting as the JJCC Subcommittee, approval of the JJCC and JJCC Subcommittee meeting minutes from April 2, 2021 – All

- A motion was made by Darrel Parker, and seconded by Mag Nicola, to approve the April 2, 2021 JJCC and JJCC Subcommittee meeting minutes as submitted.
 - A roll call vote was taken of the JJCC Subcommittee members present.

Ayes: 6
(Darrel Parker, Tanja Heitman, Mag Nicola, Saul Serrano, Jill Sharkey, Victor Vega)
- Nays: 0
- Abstentions: 0

5. Chief Probation Officer Comments – Chief Heitman

- Chief Heitman announced this would have been Dr. Gleghorn's last meeting and wanted to thank her for her years of services to the JJCC. Dr. Pam Fisher has been appointed as interim Director of BW and will serve as a statutory member of the JJCC and the JJCC Subcommittee.
- The Probation Department's Deputy Chief Probation Officers are rotating assignment to expand their opportunities and experience, Holly Benton now has oversight of the Adult Division, Shawn Small will oversee the Juvenile Division, and Kimberly Shean will take over the Institutions Division.

6. FY 2021-22 Juvenile Justice Realignment Plan (JJRP) – DCPO Holly Benton & DCPO Kimberly Shean

- DCPO Benton shared that the initial JJRP was approved the JJCC and the JJCC Subcommittee on April 2nd, was approved the Board of Supervisor (BOS) on May 18th.
- An updated version of the plan is due to the Office of Youth and Community Restoration by January 1, 2022.
- State level discussions continue regarding how counties utilize regional approaches to ensure availability of specialty treatment beds for this population.
- DCPO Shean advised there will be focus groups, discussions by the JJCC Workgroup, as well as the JJCC Subcommittee to inform our next plan.
- Mona Miyasato advised she sits on a statewide workgroup and requested information about planning meetings to ensure she keeps informed of the work being done by our county.

7. Racial and Ethnic Equity and Inclusion (REEI) Data Presentation – DSS Deputy Director Amy Krueger & DSS Operations Manager Marianne Reagan

- Chief Heitman thanked DSS for the work they are doing to track and share their data.
- A presentation was provided by DSS on Racial Disproportionality and Disparity in child welfare.
- Mag Nicola asked about allegations that were substantiated and if the majority are for abuse or neglect. Marianne Reagan advised that child welfare uses the penal code definition of substantiation, which is more likely than not that the event occurred, however there are multiple layers to a child welfare investigation.
- Amy Krueger stated the outcome data represents a relatively low number of youth and can be a family with multiple siblings.
- Chief Heitman stated the plan is to continue to share REEI data from various stakeholders.

8. Law Enforcement Representative – Chief Tanja Heitman

- A memo was provided and reviewed regarding the request to replace Captain Todd Stoney with Interim Police Chief Bernard Melekian as the representative from the SBPD.
- A motion was made by Mona Miyasato, and seconded by Sol Linver, to replace Captain Todd Stoney with Interim Police Chief Bernard Melekian as the representative from the SBPD on the JJCC.
 - A roll call vote was taken of the JJCC members present.
Ayes: 19
(Bob Nelson, Sol Linver, Shana Burns, Darrel Parker, Gregg Hart, Tanja Heitman, Mona Miyasato, Amy Krueger, Mag Nicola, Rene Wheeler, Michael Cash, Matt Hamlin, Marc Schneider, Saul Serrano, Jill Sharkey, Billi Jo Starr, Victor Vega, Paul Boomersbach, Rachele Azziz)
Nays: 0
Abstentions: 0

9. JJCC Workgroup Appointments – Chief Tanja Heitman

- A memo was provided and reviewed regarding the appointment of Lieutenant Josh Morton representing the SBPD and Deputy Chief Shawn Small representing the Probation Department as members of the JJCC Workgroup.
- A motion was made by Mag Nicola, and seconded by Shana Burns, to appoint Lieutenant Josh Morton and Deputy Chief Shawn Small to the JJCC Workgroup.
 - A roll call vote was taken of the JJCC members present.
Ayes: 19
(Bob Nelson, Sol Linver, Shana Burns, Darrel Parker, Gregg Hart, Tanja Heitman, Mona Miyasato, Amy Krueger, Mag Nicola, Rene Wheeler, Michael Cash, Matt Hamlin, Marc Schneider, Saul Serrano, Jill Sharkey, Billi Jo Starr, Victor Vega, Paul Boomersbach, Rachele Azziz)
Nays: 0
Abstentions: 0

10. Los Prietos Boys Camp (LPBC) Redesign Update – DCPO Kimberly Shean

- A PowerPoint presentation was reviewed with the group regarding the LPBC redesign.
- Victor Vega stated that the transition for youth from custody to the community is important. Established relationships with counselors in custody are important and ensuring a transition to community is beneficial. Shana Burns advised that there are transition team practitioners at Santa Maria Juvenile Hall (SMJH) and LPBC and they stay connected with the youth upon release to assist in linking them with services in the community.
- Paul Boomersbach indicated that there has been challenges with youth transitioning back to public schools. Chief Heitman advised lots of work has been done in this area and she has been very impressed with County Education going the extra mile to ensure that youth returning to the community from LPBC have a warm hand off. Also, youth are making up credits or graduating high school while at LPBC opening up more educational opportunities than in the past. Rene Wheeler advised a school transition plan is individualized for each youth and work is done prior to the youth being released to determine the best educational setting for the youth.
- Dr. Starr advised her team works very closely with BW staff. There was discussion about a transition team and hope that Freedom 4 Youth could be included in these meetings to assist with a more streamlined transition to the community.

11. Public Comment

- None

12. Comments for Council Members not on Agenda

- None

Respectfully submitted by Melanie Davis, Executive Secretary

Next Meeting: August 13, 2021