



**JUVENILE JUSTICE COORDINATING COUNCIL  
MEETING MINUTES  
Friday, February 5, 2021  
9:00 a.m. – 11:00 a.m.  
Zoom**

**Members in Attendance:**

Sol Linver for **Brown, William**, Sheriff-Coroner  
Shana Burns for **Gleghorn, Alice** Ph.D., Director, Behavior Wellness  
**Hamlin, Matt**, Coast Valley Substance Abuse Treatment Center  
**Hart, Gregg**, 2<sup>nd</sup> District Supervisor  
**Heitman, Tanja**, Chief Probation Officer  
**Kerwood, Michelle**, Counsel on Alcoholism and Drug Abuse (CADA)  
**Macuga, Tracy**, Public Defender (PD)  
**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  
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)  
**Schneider, Marc**, Chief, Santa Maria Police Department (SMPD)  
Dylan Griffith for **Starr, Billi Jo**, Freedom for Youth  
**Zimmerman, Brian**, Santa Maria Bonita School District (SMBSD)

**Members Absent/Unrepresented:**

**Cash, Michael**, Guadalupe Police Chief  
**Nelson, Bob**, 4<sup>th</sup> District Supervisor  
**Palera, Dominick**, Chair, Juvenile Justice Delinquency Prevention Commission (JJDP)  
**Stoney, Todd**, Captain, Santa Barbara Police Department (SBPD)  
**Wallace, Kathrine**, Lompoc Unified School District (LUSD)

**Staff Present:**

Adams, Elizabeth, SBCEO  
Benton, Holly, Probation Department  
Bertrand, Ethan, 2<sup>nd</sup> District Office  
Ellis, Jillian  
Fletcher, Damon, Probation Department  
Grossi, Dana, Probation Department  
Melekian, Bernard, County Executive Office  
Milligan, Karyn, Probation Department  
Novatt, Maria, County Counsel  
Pompa, Shana, Fighting Back Santa Maria Valley (FBSMV)  
Sibley, Christina, Probation Department

Small, Shawn, Probation Department  
Swanson, Brian, Probation Department  
Wheeler, Rene, Santa Barbara County Education Office  
Zahry, JJ, 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

Shana Burns  
Dylan Griffith  
Matt Hamlin  
Gregg Hart  
Tanja Heitman  
Michelle Kerwood  
Amy Krueger  
Sol Linver  
Tracy Macuga  
Mona Miyasato  
Mag Nicola  
Darrel Parker (9:07)  
Marc Schneider  
Saul Serrano  
Jill Sharkey  
Rene Wheeler  
Brian Zimmerman

#### Absent

Michael Cash  
Bob Nelson  
Dominick Palera  
Todd Stoney  
Kathy Wallace

### 2. Approval of Minutes from December 4, 2020 – All

- A motion was made by Tracy Macuga, and seconded by Gregg Hart, to approve the December 4, 2020 meeting minutes as submitted.
  - A roll call vote was taken of the JJCC members present.
    - Ayes: 14  
(Sol Linver, Shana Burns, Gregg Hart, Tanja Heitman, Tracy Macuga, Amy Krueger, Mag Nicola, Rene Wheeler, Matt Hamlin, Michelle Kerwood, Saul Serrano, Jill Sharkey, Dylan Griffith, Brian Zimmerman)
    - Nays: 0
    - Abstention: 1 (Mona Miyasato)

### 3. Public Comment

- None

### 4. Comments for Council Members not on Agenda

- Dylan Griffith asked that everyone honor the youth lost in 2020 and 2021 due to violence. He provided an overview of the work that Freedom 4 Youth has been providing to the community.

## 5. Chief Probation Officer Comments – Chief Heitman

- Deputy Chief Shawn Small introduced the new Probation Manager JJ Zahry to the group. He was hired December 2020 and is assigned to the Santa Maria Juvenile Hall. Probation Manager Zahry introduced himself to the group. Probation Manager Kristina Brumbaugh is now assigned to Los Prietos Boys Camp.
- Chief Heitman shared *The Most Harmed the Least Helped - Crime Survivors for Safety and Justice* video by California Safety and Justice with the group, which introduces the Shared Safety Initiative. Shared Safety is focused on community engagement. The Chief would like to bring the JJCC and the Community Corrections Partnership (CCP) members together to further discuss this initiative.
- The Probation Department website ([www.sbprobation.org](http://www.sbprobation.org)) now has a community board page which provides a list of Department Brown Act meetings and links to the meetings calendar with Zoom links.

## 6. Law Enforcement Representatives – Chief Heitman

- A memo was provided and reviewed with the group regarding replacing retired Santa Maria Police Chief Hansen with newly appointed Chief Marc Schneider.
- A motion was made by Darrel Parker, and seconded by Tracy Macuga to accept Chief Marc Schneider to replace retired Chief Hansen of the Santa Maria Police Department as a member of the JJCC.
  - A roll call vote was taken of the JJCC members present.  
Ayes: 16  
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Nayes: 0  
Abstention: 0

## 7. Juvenile Justice Realignment – Holly Benton

- July 1, 2023 has been established as a hard closure date for the Department of Juvenile Justice (DJJ) facilities. Probation is reviewing the individuals that are currently housed at DJJ to determine those that will not have completed their commitment by that date and will need to return to our County.
- There is a trailer bill in progress that will clean up issues related to commitment criteria and confinement terms.
- Locally we have started to develop the juvenile realignment plan for review with the JJCC Workgroup in February and March with the final plan to be before the JJCC in April 2021. This year's plan is going to be very basic due to the tight turn around and there are many unknowns. The plan will be presented to the Board of Supervisors by May 2021.
- The plan is to have a menu of services available for this population based on their individual needs.
- Chief Heitman advised we will be relying heavily on County Counsel to avoid any conflicts regarding the development of the plan and the participation of agencies providing services to the population.
- Dylan Griffith asked if these individuals under commitment will be participating in further educational opportunities. Chief Heitman stated opportunities to complete

high school diplomas/equivalencies, attend college course, as well as vocational training will be available for this population, as well as any youth within our detention facilities.

**8. Juvenile Data Mining Update – Karyn Milligan and Holly Benton**

- A presentation was provided on the Probation Department’s continuing review of juvenile data.
- CEO Miyasato asked for clarification regarding the criminogenic need that references leisure and recreation. Karyn Milligan explained it references youth that don’t have options to structured activities, so they have a lot of time on their hands. It is also assessing the value they place on positive pro-social relationships and interactions with others.
- Mag Nicola asked if youth are self-reporting the value they place on these activities. Karyn Milligan explained that the Positive Achieve Change Tool (PACT) is an evidence based tool. The full assessment asks a variety of questions in different ways to see a full picture of the information.
- Saul Serrano asked regarding how it breaks down to the areas in the county. The information can be broken down by geographic area of the county.
- Holly Benton stated there are challenges with COVID-19 with opportunities for youth to gather and spend their time under the current restrictions and without in person learning.
- The information related to arrest data is from the Department of Justice (DOJ).
- Dylan Griffith asked if there are any systemic factors included in the PACT assessment when identifying the criminogenic needs. The assessment is asking systemic and individualized questions and case plans are developed with specifics for each youth.
- Chief Heitman stated that the strategies that are being put into place based on the results of the juvenile data mining project from 2017 are having the intended impact.

**9. Review Amendments to JJCC Bylaws – Tanja Heitman**

- The Bylaws have been amended to reflect changes to legislation enacted as part of Senate Bill (SB) 823. The Bylaws require any amendment to be reviewed by the JJCC 30 days in advance of taking actions on the amendments. The amended Bylaws were shared with the JJCC members at the February 5, 2021 meeting and are before us today for approval.
- A motion was made by Mag Nicola, and seconded by Mona Miyasato to approve the amendments made to the JJCC Bylaws.
  - A roll call vote was taken of the JJCC members present.  
Ayes: 17  
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Nayes: 0  
Abstention: 0
- Chief Heitman advised that JJCC Workgroup recommended process to approve community member representatives to the JJCC; specifically: two members from non-profits serving juveniles, a researcher; and a community member, with

preference for formerly justice involved youth. Voting members did not provide any concerns related to the process, as such it will be utilized going forward and for the selection/appointment for the new community member.

**10. Reimagining Juvenile Justice (RJJ) Progress Report – Holly Benton and Karyn Milligan**

- A presentation was provided to serve as a Reimagining Juvenile Justice (RJJ) Progress Report.
- Dylan Griffith asked if there was any data that indicated that the work done so far has reduced the racial and ethnic disparity. Karyn Milligan stated a review of the Relative Rate Index (RRI) at different decision points in the justice system is ongoing and will include markers for initiatives but the 2020 data is still pending.
- Dr. Susan Salcedo asked what steps will be coming next. Holly Benton advised that many of the initiatives were paused with COVID-19 but some are underway jointly by multiple agencies. RJJ Cohort workgroup meetings will be scheduled in 2021 to move us further through the RJJ strategies.
- Periodic updates will be shared with the JJCC on the RJJ progress,
- Chief Heitman advised that Probation continues review and analysis of data.

Respectfully submitted by Melanie Davis, Executive Secretary

**Next Meeting: April 2, 2021**