



**JUVENILE JUSTICE COORDINATING COUNCIL
MEETING MINUTES
Friday, April 2, 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
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
Kerwood, Michelle, Director Child and Adolescent Treatment Programs, Counsel on Alcoholism and Drug Abuse (CADA)
Macuga, Tracy, Public Defender (PD)
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
Wallace, Kathrine, Principal Maple High School, Lompoc Unified School District (LUSD)

Members Absent/Unrepresented:

Stoney, Todd, Captain, Santa Barbara Police Department (SBPD)
Zimmerman, Brian, Director of Pupil Personnel Services, Santa Maria Bonita School District (SMBSD)

Staff Present:

Arteaga, Maria, Behavioral Wellness
Azizz, Rachele, Community Member
Baldwin, Greg, Pioneer Valley High School
Benton, Holly, Probation Department
Bertrand, Ethan, 2nd District Office
Boss, Lucille, Community Services
Burns, Shana, Behavioral Wellness
Dandona, Jean, Judicial Officer, Superior Court of California, Santa Barbara
Fletcher, Damon, Probation Department
Gonzalez, Christine, CommUnify

Grossi, Dana, Probation Department
Hurst, Joshua, Community Member
Klotthor, Marjorie, Probation Department
LaChaine, Emily, Probation Department
Meza, Ben, Probation Department
Miller, Seth, CommUnify
Milligan, Karyn, Probation Department
Novatt, Maria, County Counsel
Meza, Ben, Probation Department
Shean, Kim, Probation Department
Small, Shawn, Probation Department
Swanson, Brian, Probation Department
Vega, Victor, Community Member
Winckler, John, Behavioral Wellness
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

Michael Cash
Alice Gleghorn (10:05)
Matt Hamlin
Gregg Hart
Tanja Heitman
Michelle Kerwood
Amy Krueger
Sol Linver
Tracy Macuga
Mona Miyasato
Bob Nelson
Mag Nicola
Darrel Parker
Marc Schneider
Saul Serrano
Jill Sharkey
Billi Jo Starr
Rene Wheeler
Kathy Wallace

Absent

Todd Stoney
Brian Zimmerman

2. Approval of Minutes from February 5, 2021 – All

- A motion was made by Mag Nicola, and seconded by Mona Miyasato, to approve the February 5, 2021 meeting minutes as submitted.
 - 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, Tracy Macuga, Mona Miyasato, Amy Krueger, Mag Nicola, Rene

Wheeler, Michael Cash, Matt Hamlin, Michelle Kerwood, Marc Schneider, Saul Serrano, Jill Sharkey, Billi Jo Starr, Kathrine Wallace)
Nays: 0
Abstentions: 0

3. Chief Probation Officer Comments – Chief Heitman

- The Probation Department's Staff Recognition multi-media program will be sent out today via e-mail announcing the 2020 award recipients.

4. Comprehensive Multi-Agency Juvenile Justice Plan (CMJJP) for Fiscal Year (FY) 2021-22 – DCPO Holly Benton

- The CMJJP was provided and DCPO Benton reviewed key sections of the Plan. The group asked questions and discussed referrals, the diversion process, and recidivism.
- A motion was made by Mag Nicola, and seconded by Bob Nelson, to approve the FY 2021-22 CMJJP.
 - 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, Tracy Macuga, Mona Miyasato, Amy Krueger, Mag Nicola, Rene Wheeler, Michael Cash, Matt Hamlin, Michelle Kerwood, Marc Schneider, Saul Serrano, Jill Sharkey, Billi Jo Starr, Kathrine Wallace)
Nays: 0
Abstentions: 0
- The CMJJP will be presented to the Board of Supervisors (BOS) on May 18th.

5. Racial and Ethnic Equity and Inclusion (REEI) Data Presentation – Department of Behavioral Wellness (DBW) Forensic Services Manager Shana Burns, Cultural Competency Ethnic Services Peer Empowerment Manager Maria Arteaga and Division Chief of Clinical Operations John Winckler

- A presentation was provided by DBW on the REEI data comparison of juvenile justice involved youth and non-juvenile justice involved youth in the DBW system.
- DBW in the community serves youth with moderate to severe mental health issues, and they serve all levels of need for justice-involved youth in custody. DBW does not know the percentage of youth that are being provided services in the community outside of their system.
- Dr. Sharkey stated referrals come to DBW with the disparity and work is being done by the Department to address.

6. JJCC Two-Year Term Community Member Selection – DCPO Holly Benton

- A memo was provided and reviewed regarding the applicants for the vacant JJCC community member position, as established under the JJCC By-Laws that were approved at the February 5th meeting.
- The JJCC Workgroup reviewed the applications and determined that Rachele Azziz, Joshua Hurst, Kristen Sullivan, and Victor Vega met the qualifications.
- Chief Heitman reminded the group that the JJCC is a Brown Act meeting which does not allow for a closed session and requires transparency as we discuss selecting an applicant to fill the vacant seat. Also, to be mindful of conflicts to ensure the individual selected can fully participate in discussions.

- There was one application received by a formerly justice-involved youth; however, he currently lives and works out of state and as such was disqualified as not living or providing services in the Central Coast region.
- Applicants in attendance introduced themselves to the group.
- A motion was made by Gregg Hart, and seconded by Mag Nicola, to select Victor Vega; an additional motion was put forward by Bob Nelson and seconded by Mona Miyasato to select Rachele Azziz. County Counsel advised the Council to vote on the first motion put forward, to select Victor Vega, and if it did not pass, a vote could be called on the second motion.
 - A roll call vote on the first motion, to select Victor Vega, was taken of the JJCC members present.
Ayes: 17
(Sol Linver, Alice Gleghorn, Gregg Hart, Tanja Heitman, Tracy Macuga, Mona Miyasato, Amy Krueger, Mag Nicola, Rene Wheeler, Michael Cash, Matt Hamlin, Michelle Kerwood, Marc Schneider, Saul Serrano, Jill Sharkey, Billi Jo Starr, Kathrine Wallace)
Nays: 1 (Bob Nelson)
Abstentions: 1 (Darrel Parker)

7. JJCC Subcommittee Selection – Chief Heitman

- The By-laws were updated to include the JJCC Subcommittee. Three community members will serve on the JJCC Subcommittee. JJCC members Saul Serrano, Jill Sharkey, and Billi Jo Starr have expressed interest in serving on the subcommittee. Victor Vega as the new community member will fill one of the seats and the JJCC needs to select two additional individuals (from the three current JJCC members that have expressed interest) to serve.
- A motion was made by Alice Gleghorn, and seconded by Mag Nicola, to select Jill Sharkey to serve on the JJCC Subcommittee.
 - A roll call vote was taken of the JJCC members present.
Ayes: 14
(Bob Nelson, Sol Linver, Alice Gleghorn, Gregg Hart, Tanja Heitman, Tracy Macuga, Mona Miyasato, Amy Krueger, Mag Nicola, Rene Wheeler, Michael Cash, Matt Hamlin, Michelle Kerwood, Marc Schneider)
Nays: 0
Abstentions: 4 (Darrel Parker, Saul Serrano, Jill Sharkey, Billi Jo Starr)
- A motion was made by Bob Nelson, and seconded by Mag Nicola, to select Saul Serrano to serve on the JJCC Subcommittee.
 - A roll call vote was taken of the JJCC members present.
Ayes: 15
(Bob Nelson, Sol Linver, Alice Gleghorn, Gregg Hart, Tanja Heitman, Tracy Macuga, Mona Miyasato, Amy Krueger, Mag Nicola, Rene Wheeler, Michael Cash, Matt Hamlin, Michelle Kerwood, Marc Schneider, Victor Vega)
Nays: 0
Abstentions: 4 (Darrel Parker, Saul Serrano, Jill Sharkey, Billi Jo Starr)

8. FY 2021-22 Juvenile Justice Realignment Plan (JJRP) – DCPO Holly Benton

- The FY 2021-22 Juvenile Justice Realignment Plan (JJRP) was provided and a PowerPoint presentation was made to the group. The JJRP that will be submitted

to the Board of State and Community Corrections (BSCC) and will be presented to the Board of Supervisors on May 18th.

- A motion of the JJCC was made by Mona Miyasato, and seconded by Mag Nicola, to approve the FY 2021-22 JJRP.
 - A roll call vote was taken of the JJCC members present.

Ayes: 13
(Alice Gleghorn, Gregg Hart, Tanja Heitman, Tracy Macuga, Mona Miyasato, Amy Krueger, Mag Nicola, Rene Wheeler, Michael Cash, Matt Hamlin, Marc Schneider, Saul Serrano, Jill Sharkey)
Nays: 0
Abstentions: 3 (Bob Nelson, Darrel Parker, Billi Jo Starr)
- A motion of the JJCC Subcommittee was made by Mag Nicola, and seconded by Saul Serrano, to approve the FY 2021-22 JJRP.
 - A roll call vote was taken of the JJCC Subcommittee members present.

Ayes: 8
(Alice Gleghorn, Tanja Heitman, Tracy Macuga, Amy Krueger, Mag Nicola, Rene Wheeler, Saul Serrano, Jill Sharkey)
Nays: 0
Abstentions: 1 (Darrel Parker)

9. Public Comment

- Greg Baldwin from Pioneer High School made a public comment regarding a rise in truancy and is reaching out to the JJCC in hopes that the schools and the justice system can work together to address the issue. Chief Heitman suggested he present at the next JJCC Workgroup for further discussion and input from the membership.

10. Comments for Council Members not on Agenda

- None

Respectfully submitted by Melanie Davis, Executive Secretary

Next Meeting: June 4, 2021