



**JUVENILE JUSTICE COORDINATING COUNCIL
MEETING MINUTES
Friday, April 7, 2017
9:00 a.m. – 10:30 a.m.
Santa Ynez Valley Marriott – Buellton, CA**

Members in Attendance:

Lisa Brown for **Adam, Peter**, 4th District Supervisor
Bernard Melekian for **Brown, William**, Sheriff
Rene Wheeler for **Cirone, Bill**, Superintendent, Santa Barbara County Education Office (SBCEO)
Mag Nicola for **Dudley, Joyce**, District Attorney
Macuga, Tracy, Public Defender
Miyasato, Mona, County Executive Officer (CEO)
Amy Krueger for **Nielson, Daniel**, Director, Department of Social Services (DSS)
Alex Altavilla for **Luhnow, Lori**, Chief, Santa Barbara Police Department (SBPD)
Palera, Dominick, Chair, Juvenile Justice Delinquency Prevention Commission (JJDCPC)
Pete Flores for **Richardson, Mark**, Ed.D, Santa Maria Joint Union High School District (SMJUHD)
Sharkey, Jill, Ph.D., Associate Teaching Professor, University of California Santa Barbara (UCSB)
Taylor, Beverly, Acting Chief Probation Officer
Walsh, Pat, Chief, Lompoc Police Department
Weaver, Edwin, Fighting Back Santa Maria Valley
Wolf, Janet, 2nd District Supervisor

Members Absent/Unrepresented:

Gleghorn, Alice Ph.D., Director, Behavior Wellness
Madson, Chuck, Coast Valley Substance Abuse Treatment Center
Mabuoka, Cary, Santa Barbara School District
Martin, Ralph, Chief, Santa Maria Police Department
McDonald, Trevor, Lompoc Unified School District

Staff Present:

Arroyo, Cesar, Community Action Commission
Ballard, S.E., PD Office
Cué, Ed, Council on Alcohol and Drug Abuse (CADA)
Czuleger, Jerry, Deputy County Counsel
Escobar, Vanessa, Probation Department
Fisher, Pam, Behavioral Wellness
Fletcher, Damon, Probation Department
Gonzalez, Bernardo, PD Office
Milligan, Karyn, Probation Department
O’Gorman, Mary, 2nd District Office
Serrano, Saul, South Coast Task Force on Youth Safety
Stanley, Britt, CADA
Stanley, Wendy, Probation Department
Swanson, Brian, Probation Department

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

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

Present

Alex Altavilla
Lisa Brown
Pete Flores
Amy Krueger
Tracy Macuga
Bernard Melekian
Mona Miyasato
Mag Nicola
Dominick Palera
Jill Sharkey
Beverly Taylor
Pat Walsh
Edwin Weaver
Rene Wheeler
Janet Wolf

Absent

Alice Gleghorn
Chuck Madson
Ralph Martin
Cary Matsuoka
Trevor McDonald

- The group made self-introductions.

Approval of Minutes from February 3, 2017 – All

- A motion was made by Mona Miyasato, seconded by Bernard Melekian and approved by those present to accept the February 3, 2017, meeting minutes as submitted.

Public Comment

- None

1. Juvenile Justice Crime Prevention Act (JJCPA) – Brian Swanson/Damon Fletcher

- The proposed fiscal year (FY) 2017-18 JJCPA spending plan was provided and reviewed with the group.
- The concern with the program is a fiscal one, in that it utilizes one-time reserves for ongoing funding. It is estimated the reserve funding will be fully expended in two to three years.
- The JJCC workgroup consists of Edwin Weaver, Mary O’Gorman, Amy Krueger and Brian Swanson. The workgroup met twice in March to review the JJCPA budget and requests for one-time allocations.
- Supervisor Wolf asked if growth was anticipated next FY as the line item was blank. Damon advised there is the potential for growth, but we will not know the amount until October 2017, which is why it is not included in the spreadsheet. There is a statewide projection, but the amount for each County isn’t set. Once the growth amount is known, the JJCC will be advised.
- At the workgroup meeting there was a question about services provided by Behavioral Wellness funded through JJCPA and if those services are reimbursed by medi-cal. Pam Fischer indicated that if the youth are medi-cal eligible, meet the seriously emotionally disturbed (SED) criteria, and are not in a juvenile detention facility, then they would be medi-cal reimbursable. Mary stated when the workgroup added the additional assessor in FY 2016-17 they were advised that these services were not eligible for medi-cal reimbursement. It was requested that additional information be provided at the next meeting to clarify if services are medi-cal eligible and if they are they should be submitted for reimbursement.
- Mona indicated that there is a portion of Title IV-E in the JJCPA budget and if all services are claimable through Title IV-E. Damon explained the only services that are eligible for Title IV-E reimbursement are services provided by Probation for youth that are at risk of

removal from their home. The number of youth that are eligible for Title IV-E services has declined over time.

- Bernard asked why the Title IV-E amounts that are claimable are significantly lower than the revenue. Damon explained that there is a formula by which the funding is reimbursed; salaries are reimbursable as long as the youth is Title IV-E eligible and the services that are being provided are claimable. Not all services and not all juveniles are eligible for reimbursement and on top of that there is a step down with the federal eligibility rate and then there is a fifty/fifty split between us and the feds. It is not a dollar for dollar reimbursement.
- Brian advised there were requests for one time reserve funding that were not moved forward by the workgroup to be funded. Edwin advised that there was a presentation on funding Jerry Tello's National Compadres Network (NCN) training which was a two/two split vote as such the item did not move forward for funding. Mary advised that the Probation Department will be funding the NCN Joven Nobles training and the recommendation by Probation was to focus on this training first.
- Ed Cue advised that there are community based organization (CBO) currently providing services which is the safety net to prevent youth from entering into the justice system. He asked the JJCC to be mindful when considering additional programs as it could place a burden on the CBOs to provide the services.
- It was noted on the record that UCSB receives JJCPA funding as such Jill Sharkey has a conflict and will not be voting on this item.
- A motion was made by Supervisor Wolf and seconded by CEO Miyasato to approve the JJCPA FY 2017-18 spending plan to include \$1,218,757 of anticipated State JJCPA revenue, \$475,701 one-time funding and \$132,000 Title IV-E revenue (est.).

A roll call vote was taken:

Ayes: 13

(Lisa Brown, Bernard Melekian, Rene Wheeler, Tracy Macuga, Mag Nicola, Amy Krueger, Mona Miyasato, Dominick Palera, Beverly Taylor, Janet Wolf, Alex Altavilla, Pete Flores, Pat Walsh)

Nays: Edwin Weaver

Abstentions: None

2. **JJCPA Outcome Report – Karyn Milligan**

- A handout was provided to the group which will be the new annual outcome report.
- The members were asked to review the document and provide any suggestions so a final draft can be presented at the June JJCC meeting.
- It was mentioned to include outcome information for those programs funded by JJCPA and include facility trend populations including a breakdown of ethnicity, gender, and geographic region.
- Suggestions should be forwarded to Melanie Davis.

3. **Review Amendments to JJCC Bylaws – Beverly Taylor**

- This item was heard on the agenda in February but it needed to be brought back as there is a 30 day notice requirement. Also, this will need to be presented to the Board of Supervisor to add the new position to the membership.
- A motion was made by Bernard Melekian, seconded by Pat Walsh, and approved by those present to amend the bylaws and seek Board of Supervisors approval for the new position.

4. **Reducing Racial and Ethnic Disparity (R.E.D.) – Wendy Stanley**

- Deputy Chief Steve DeLira and Supervising Probation Officer James Steels were previously assigned to R.E.D. With their retirements, Wendy now has oversight of R.E.D.

- The Joven Nobles Training by National Compadres Network (NCN) was included in the grant and will train 30 individuals to be facilitators. A selection committee has been formed and will meet on April 19th to begin development of the criteria. The training will be held the end of August or beginning of September which is within the grant timeframe of the Federal FY.
- There has been a review and proposed modifications made to the Purpose of Detention statement and booking criteria document. The next step is to present the draft to the Juvenile Court Judges and then bring in the other court partners, and then present to law enforcement. Alternatives will be provided for law enforcement for youth not eligible for maximum confinement.
- A group has been meeting monthly to review the juvenile hall intake assessment form comparing our form to other counties that have previously gone through the R.E.D. process. Also, looking at how our current assessment compares to the updated stated purpose of detention. A final draft will be reviewed with justice partners then by the Juvenile Court Judges.
- Work is being done on the response matrix which includes a violation of probation database for in and out of custody youth so we can review what interventions have been utilized prior to violating a youth's probation.
- UCSB continues to work with Behavioral Wellness and the Department of Social Services (DSS) on data analysis.
- Dr. Sharkey stated that there were four areas identified that will be analyzed further by Behavioral Wellness and UCSB.
- We are in year three of the R.E.D. grant and the BSCC has scheduled a site visit that is scheduled for May 18th.
- Bernard asked if the analysis shows a difference between systemic vs discretion. Wendy advised that there are areas in the process that were subjective decision making which is what led us to the review of the intake assessment, to develop the violation of probation database, and to review the response matrix.
- Dr. Sharkey stated that the focus of the grant is to change practices and policies to make it more equitable across the board.
- Chief Walsh expressed concern about developing a document that incentivizes not detaining youth and asked if there will be a process included for those situation that have extenuating circumstance not reflected by just looking at the arresting offense. Wendy stated the process for detention will always have an override option but we are trying to make the tool objective not subjective.
- Mag stated there have been discussions with the Judge Garcia to allow discretion to not book someone if they have a warrant.
- Pete indicated that year three is focused on community engagement and there were programs presented to the JJCC workgroup that he felt met that criteria and he was disappointed that the programs were not approved. Culturally competency is required in the decision makers and the school districts have conducted trainings to address this issue.

5. **Public Comment for Council Members – All**

- Bernardo Gonzalez stated there is a countywide issue regarding mental health services for minors in Santa Barbara County for those found not competent to stand trial. There is not a process established to treat them and re-establish competency. He has provided protocol from other counties to Judge Garcia and he suggests establishing a group to start a protocol for Santa Barbara County. Tanja stated the Chief Probation Officers of California (CPOC) is sponsoring legislation regarding the Incompetent to Stand Trial (IST) for juveniles that includes timeframes and lines out who is responsible.
- Britt Stanley advised that on March 23rd CADA had a Town Hall meeting in Santa Barbara and has scheduled a Town Hall meeting in Santa Maria on April 25th at the Boys and Girls Club. Fliers are available on the CADA website.

- Saul Serrano announced that the South Coast Task Force on Youth Safety meeting is scheduled for April 12th at the Faulkner Gallery with a focus on female services.
- The Mayor of Santa Maria is putting together a Task Force on Youth and Safety that is scheduled for April 24th.

Respectfully submitted by Melanie Davis, Executive Secretary

Next Meeting: June 2, 2017 at 9:00 a.m. – Santa Ynez Valley Marriott