



**JUVENILE JUSTICE COORDINATING COUNCIL  
MEETING MINUTES  
Friday, June 1, 2018  
9:00 a.m. – 10:30 a.m.  
Santa Ynez Valley Marriott – Buellton, CA**

**Members in Attendance:**

Bernard Melekian for **Brown, William**, Sheriff  
**DeLira, Steven**, Family Service Agency/Santa Maria Valley Youth and Family Center  
Mag Nicola for **Dudley, Joyce**, District Attorney (DA)  
**Frandsen, Jill**, Council on Alcohol and Drug Abuse (CADA)  
**Gleghorn, Alice** Ph.D., Director, Behavior Wellness  
**Hamlin, Matt**, Coast Valley Substance Abuse Treatment Center  
**Hansen, Phil**, Chief, Santa Maria Police Department (SMPD)  
**Heitman, Tanja**, Chief Probation Officer  
Alex Altavilla for **Luhnow, Lori**, Chief, Santa Barbara Police Department (SBPD)  
S.E. Ballard for **Macuga, Tracy**, Public Defender (PD)  
**Miyasato, Mona**, County Executive Officer (CEO)  
Amy Krueger for **Nielson, Daniel**, Director, Department of Social Services (DSS)  
Pete Flores for **Richardson, Mark**, Ed.D., Santa Maria Joint Union High School District (SMJUHD)  
**Salcido, Susan** Ed.D., Superintendent, Santa Barbara County Education Office (SBCEO)  
**Serrano, Saul**, Community Action Commission (CAC)  
**Sharkey, Jill**, Ph.D., Associate Teaching Professor, University of California Santa Barbara (UCSB)  
**Walsh, Pat**, Chief, Lompoc Police Department  
**Wolf, Janet**, 2<sup>nd</sup> District Supervisor

**Members Absent/Unrepresented:**

**Adam, Peter**, 4<sup>th</sup> District Supervisor  
**Garcia, Arthur**, Presiding Juvenile Court Judge  
**Matsuoka, Cary**, Santa Barbara School District  
**McDonald, Trevor**, Lompoc Unified School District  
**Palera, Dominick**, Chair, Juvenile Justice Delinquency Prevention Commission (JJJPC)

**Staff Present:**

Arroyo, Cesar, CAC  
Brumbaugh, Kristina, Probation Department  
Cué, Eduardo, CADA  
Czuleger, Jerry, County Counsel  
Fletcher, Damon, Probation Department  
Keelean, Patricia, CAC  
Lewis, John, Behavioral Wellness  
Milligan, Karyn, Probation Department  
Shean, Kim, Probation Department  
Small, Shawn, Probation Department  
Stanley, Wendy, Probation Department  
Stanley, Britt, CADA  
Tarmin, Jason, Behavioral Wellness  
Wheeler, Rene, SBCEO

The meeting was called to order at 9:03 a.m.

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

### Present

Alex Altavilla (9:15)  
S.E. Ballard  
Steven DeLira  
Pete Flores  
Jill Frandsen  
Alice Gleghorn  
Matt Hamlin  
Phil Hansen  
Tanja Heitman  
Amy Krueger  
Bernard Melekian  
Mona Miyasato  
Mag Nicola  
Susan Salcido  
Saul Serrano  
Jill Sharkey  
Pat Walsh (9:14)  
Janet Wolf

### Absent

Peter Adam  
Arthur Garcia  
Cary Matsuoka  
Trevor McDonald  
Dominick Palera

### **Approval of Minutes from April 6, 2018 – All**

- A motion was made by Supervisor Wolf, seconded by Pete Flores, to approve the April 6, 2018, meeting minutes as submitted. A vote was taken and minutes were approved. Dr. Sharkey and CEO Miyasato abstained.

### **Public Comment**

- None

### **Comments for Council Members not on Agenda**

- None

### **Chief Probation Officer Comments – Tanja Heitman**

- Chief Heitman introduced Deputy Chief Probation Officer (DCPO) Shawn Small who is assigned oversight of the Institutions Division. His first day with the Santa Barbara County Probation Department was May 21<sup>st</sup>. DCPO Small comes to the Department after a long career with the Orange County Probation Department.
- On July 2<sup>nd</sup>, DCPO Holly Benton will be joining the Probation Department. She is currently a DCPO in San Bernardino County and will be assuming oversight of the Juvenile Division.
- Once DCPO Benton is on board, DCPO Kim Shean will be able to focus solely on the Adult Division.
- Chief Heitman is looking forward to resuming normal operations with the full complement of DCPOs.

### **1. Proposal for Establishment of a JJCC Workgroup – Kim Shean**

- It was determined a JJCC workgroup would be established at the beginning of fiscal year (FY) 2018-19 and meet every other month.
- Dr. Sharkey made a motion, seconded by Chief Walsh to appoint Kim Shean, Mary O’Gorman, Dr. John Lewis, Bernard Melekian, Charlie Katsapis, Deanna Clement, Mag Nicola and S.E. Ballard to the JJCC Workgroup. All members present approved.

- Chief Heitman advised that Amy Krueger expressed an interested in participating in the workgroup, but it was after the agenda was posted. Her appointment to the workgroup will be added to the August JJCC agenda.
- Chief Heitman also advised that Chief Hoving had emailed regarding his concern that Guadalupe Police Department (GPD) did not have a representative on the JJCC and Chief Heitman advised that they could have a representative on the workgroup. It was determined that if GPD was interested in having an appointment to the workgroup it could be added to a future JJCC agenda.
- The JJCC workgroup will follow the Brown Act requirements. It will be important to be mindful of the number of voting members/delegate attending the workgroup meetings so as not to have a quorum of the JJCC.
- JJCC workgroup members can select a delegate to attend on their behalf as long as there is advance notification to the chair and the delegate remains consistent.
- Dr. Sharkey indicated that there is no representation from education on the workgroup and perhaps that is an area to add to the membership. Dr. Salcido indicated she would look into the possibility of a workgroup member from education.
- A request for DCPO Holly Benton to chair the JJCC Workgroup will be on the August JJCC agenda.

2. **Results First Update** – Karyn Milligan

- Karyn reminded the group that Results First is a partnership between Santa Barbara County and the Pew-MacArthur Foundation.
- An initial draft of the juvenile program inventory was provided and reviewed with the group. The inventory should include programs offered to justice involved youth within Santa Barbara County. The next step will be to connect with program providers to ensure that the information in the inventory is accurate.
- Suggestions were provided regarding additional programs that could be included in the inventory.
- Chief Heitman indicated the inventory will inform a cost benefit analysis and ultimately identify the programs that most effectively achieve recidivism reduction.
- Pew-MacArthur will continue to provide support to California partner counties in their adult efforts. The Pew-MacArthur team is in discussion with California State Association of Counties (CSAC) to support counties in their juvenile efforts.

3. **Mental Health Services Provided to Juvenile Institutions** – Dr. John Lewis

- Dr. John Lewis advised that youth in the juvenile institutions often have learning deficits, emotional problems, trauma, and a variety of other concerns that are addressed by Behavioral Wellness. Detention facilities are not the ideal place for these youth as they are not treatment facilities and a detention facility could exacerbate their issues.
- Behavioral Wellness has seven staff assigned to the juvenile institutions, Jason Tarmin as team supervisor, two clinicians assigned to Santa Maria Juvenile Hall (SMJH), two clinicians assigned to Los Prietos Boys Camp (LPBC), and two assigned to the Youthful Offender Block Grant (YOBG)/Juvenile Justice Crime Prevention Act (JJCPA). Team members all have a Master level education. There is also a psychiatrist and a psych tech that works with the team. In addition, there are extra help practitioners that cover when team members are out, which equals about nine full-time equivalent (FTE) on the team.
- Jason Tarmin advised that the biggest concerns have been continuity of care and transition of the youth back into the community, which is something that the team has been working on. The plan is to transition the YOBG/JJCPA Assessors to have first contact with the youth prior to entering into the facility to engage them in treatment in the community.
- Jason provided a review of variety of different ways youth in the juvenile institutions come into contact with Behavioral Wellness in the facilities, including case management services provided and crisis intervention.

- All locations provide the same therapeutic services such as individual, group, family therapy and psychiatric medications and a wide variety of evidence based models are utilized.
- Youth at LPBC receive a comprehensive assessment, as well as a treatment plan, family sessions, weekly individual counseling, Moral Reconciliation Therapy (MRT) or Seeking Safety groups based on their level of need.
- Current YOBG/JJCPA Assessors are going to be transitioned to work on linkages and transition. They are now attending field services meeting and Behavioral Wellness unit meetings so they can provide a warm handoff to the clinics in the community.
- Dr. Lewis stated that going forward Behavioral Wellness wants to be more involved in the assessment when youth enter SMJH, as current process is a self-reporting survey. This will allow Behavioral Wellness to assess the youth and triage the level of services needed. Jason advised that his team is working with 90% of youth in custody, on a short or long term basis.
- Dr. Lewis indicated that a Child and Adolescent Needs and Strengths (CANS) assessment is done to provide a general outcome measures. The preference is to follow the youth, once handed off to a community clinic, to determine if treatment is being continued.
- Chief Heitman stated there is a lack of tracking on the level of service youth are receiving at SMJH, however, it seems to be more defined at LPBC. Although 90% of youth in the juvenile institutions have an open mental health case, Probation is unaware of services provided to each youth. Often when a youth is released there is limited follow through with services in the community either by the youth or the parent. However, there seems to be a seamless transition with education, and Chief Heitman would like to see a similar process developed for mental health services.
- Supervisor Wolf asked for an updated as to the status of the girls group at SMJH. Jason advised that the female population at SMJH previously was 20-25 girls and they remained in custody for a long period of time, currently there are between 3-5 girls in custody and their stays are much shorter. The girls groups are still being held, once a week depending on the number of youth in custody. Dr. Sharkey indicated that the University of California, Santa Barbara (UCSB) review resulted in Behavioral Wellness investing in a girls program in the community.
- Kim advised beginning July 1<sup>st</sup> there will be gender specific Reasoning and Rehabilitation groups in the community.
- Chief Heitman stated SMJH is now being utilized for youth that are at significant risk to themselves or the community. Training has been provided to probation officers to better inform detention decisions and to enhance services to youth in the community.
- Steve DeLira advised the Racial and Ethnic Disparity (R.E.D.) Committee reviewed the booking criteria and he believes some of the reduction of the SMJH populations is a result of that review.
- Ed Cué complemented the juvenile institutions mental health as he believes that some youth do not need to be in custody and the diversion programs are seeing more youth that need mental health services.
- Kristina Brumbaugh and Wendy Stanley indicated that they appreciate the partnership with Behavioral Wellness in the facilities as well as the other partner agencies.
- Dr. Lewis agreed to return the JJCC in October with a report out on the data being collected by Behavioral Wellness.
- Pete Flores stated the continuity is important as students come out of LPBC. There needs to be a better system put into place to transition youth from LPBC to schools in the community.

4. **Marijuana Educational Requirement (Prop 64)** – Damon Fletcher

- A memo was provided and reviewed with the group.
- The group was advised that law enforcement and schools are sending direct referrals to Teen Court for some of the same offenses.

- Dr. Gleghorn advised that the County appointed a cannabis related health committee and it would be a good idea to have the content of the educational program reviewed by the Committee.
- Currently there is no funding for this educational requirement but the possibility of utilizing Cannabis tax will be explored. It appears the number youth that will be required to attend these classes will be relatively small.

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

- On April 26<sup>th</sup> an Organizational Bias Training course occurred for policy makers throughout the County. A debrief occurred at the last R.E.D. meeting and it was suggested to have individual organizations conduct bias training tailored to each agency.
- The committee is discussing the sustainability of the R.E.D. Committee as the grant will end on September 30<sup>th</sup>.
- Progress continues on the incentive and intervention matrix for juveniles.
- UCSB continues to move forward on actions plans for Behavioral Wellness and the Department of Social Services (DSS).
  - Presentations were completed with DSS personnel regarding results of longitudinal studies that were conducted within their department.
  - Future plans include developing tools to assist staff with addressing bias and additional training for staff.

Respectfully submitted by Melanie Davis, Executive Secretary

**Next Meeting: August 10, 2018 at 9:00 a.m. – Santa Ynez Valley Marriott**