



**JUVENILE JUSTICE COORDINATING COUNCIL
MEETING MINUTES
Friday, June 7, 2019
9:30 a.m. – 11:00 a.m.
Santa Ynez Valley Marriott – Buellton, CA**

Members in Attendance:

Sol Linver for **Brown, William**, Sheriff-Coroner
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)
Hart, Gregg, 2nd District Supervisor
Heitman, Tanja, Chief Probation Officer
S.E. Ballard for **Macuga, Tracy**, Public Defender (PD)
Bernard Melekian for **Miyasato, Mona**, County Executive Officer (CEO)
Amy Krueger for **Nielson, Daniel**, Director, Department of Social Services (DSS)
Serrano, Saul, Community Action Commission (CAC)
Sharkey, Jill, Ph.D., Associate Dean for Research and Outreach, University of California Santa Barbara (UCSB)
Alex Altavilla for **Stoney, Todd**, Captain, Santa Barbara Police Department (SBPD)

Members Absent/Unrepresented:

Adam, Peter, 4th District Supervisor
McDonald, Trevor, Superintendent, Lompoc Unified School District (LUSD)
Palera, Dominick, Chair, Juvenile Justice Delinquency Prevention Commission (JJDCP)
Parker, Darrel, Court Executive Officer
Richardson, Mark, Ed.D., Superintendent, Santa Maria Joint Union High School District (SMJUHD)
Salcido, Susan Ed.D., Superintendent, Santa Barbara County Education Office (SBCEO)

Staff Present:

Benton, Holly, Probation Department
Bertrand, Ethan, 2nd District Office
Brumbaugh, Kristina, Probation Department
Czuleger, Jerry, County Counsel
Escobar, Vanessa, Probation Department
Fletcher, Damon, Probation Department
Guzman, Maggie, Fighting Back Santa Maria Valley (FBSMV)
Miller, Seth, CAC
Small, Shawn, Probation Department
Stanley, Britt, CADA
Stanley, Wendy, Probation Department
Swanson, Brian, Probation Department
Villegas, Lea, Public Defender's Office
Weaver, Edwin, FBSMV

The meeting was called to order at 9:34 a.m. and attendees provided self-introductions.

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

Present

Alex Altavilla
S.E. Ballard
Steven DeLira
Jill Frandsen
Alice Gleghorn
Matt Hamlin
Phil Hansen
Gregg Hart
Tanja Heitman
Amy Krueger
Sol Linver
Bernard Melekian
Mag Nicola
Saul Serrano
Jill Sharkey

Absent

Peter Adam
Trevor McDonald
Dominick Palera
Darrel Parker
Mark Richardson
Susan Salcido

2. Approval of Minutes from April 5, 2019 – All

- A motion was made by Mag Nicola, and seconded by Sol Linver, to approve the April 5, 2019, meeting minutes as submitted. A vote was taken and minutes were approved.

3. Public Comment

- None

4. Comments for Council Members not on Agenda

- None

5. Chief Probation Officer Comments – Chief Heitman

- The Probation Department was notified by the Board of State and Community Corrections (BSCC) that our submission for the Youth Reinvestment Grant (YRG) has been recommended for funding. This grant focuses on diverting youth away from the juvenile justice system. Deputy Chief Probation Officer (DCPO) Benton will be providing an overview of the YRG later in the agenda.
- Assembly Bill (AB) 901 would primarily eliminate Probation supervision of truant children. It has passed the Assembly and is moving to the Senate.
- There are several other pieces of legislation pending:
 - Educational planning for those in group homes or juvenile hall. County Schools has reviewed the legislation and they believe Santa Barbara County is already providing many of the items outlined in the legislation.
 - There is ongoing legislation to increase foster care rights, nothing significant for Probation but uncertain of the ramifications for Social Services.
- The San Francisco Board of Supervisors (BOS) has adopted a resolution to close their juvenile hall by the end of 2021. There is no specific plan as to how those youth will be served other than the creation of community based facilities, including a secure environment.
- San Mateo County BOS adopted a plan to develop a committee to explore alternatives to juvenile detention.
- Yolo County is considering closing their juvenile hall completely to use the space for adult offenders. They currently only have 3-4 youth in custody and the majority of counties their size do not operate their own juvenile hall.

- Chief Heitman sits on a California State Association of Counties (CSAC) workgroup which is reviewing the utilization of the excess space in juvenile halls throughout the state. Ideas being considered include serving the young adults in the juvenile settings instead of jail. Legislation was established several years ago that allowed the 18-22 age group to be served in this way and it will likely be extended to the under 25 population. Additional options are dual supervision and youth mental health programs utilizing unused space in juvenile halls, as well as locked alternatives to the Short Term Residential Therapeutic Programs (STRTPs). San Luis Obispo Juvenile Hall developed a program called The Coastal Academy utilizing a unit at the juvenile hall and they no longer send youth to group homes. There is an informational video available on YouTube of the San Luis program for those interested.
 - Dr. Gleghorn stated that it is important to look at the feasibility of STRTPs as Santa Barbara County has had challenges with establishing STRTPs. The Chief stated the regulations around STRTPs limit the use of juvenile hall or Los Prietos Boys Camp (LPBC) in that way.
- 6. Receive a Presentation on Vaping and Electronic Cigarettes – Maggie Guzman**
- Maggie Guzman from SMVFB provided a presentation on vaping and electronic cigarettes to the group.
- 7. Law Enforcement Representative to the Juvenile Justice Coordinating Council (JJCC) – Chief Tanja Heitman**
- A memo was reviewed with the group regarding the County Law Enforcement Chiefs' (CLEC) recommendation to fill the vacant city police department seat on the JJCC.
 - A motion was made by Mag Nicola and seconded by Jill Frandsen to affirm Guadalupe Police Chief Michael Cash to the vacant city police department seat on the JJCC. A vote was taken and all approved.
- 8. Diversion Funding Opportunities – DCPO Holly Benton**
- The YRG proposal was recommended for funding which will be approximately \$790,000 over three years; this is a partnership with CADA. The next step is to set up a referral structure with CADA and put appropriate contracts in place. This is diversion outside of the justice system with referrals coming to CADA from schools or law enforcement and these youth never entering the juvenile justice system. The structure will include incentives and case management to move participants through the program. This is different than what has been done previously. Legislation has already been introduced that would take Probation out of diversion and this grant will lead Santa Barbara County in that direction.
 - Probation requested proposals for diversion and alternative sanction programs. Five proposals were received and now that the diversion grant has been received, the proposals will be evaluated to determine what gaps remain to be filled.
 - Marijuana education proposals were also requested and two proposals were submitted and are being evaluated.
- 9. Reimagining Juvenile Justice (RJJ) Initiative – DCPO Holly Benton**
- DCPO Benton provided presentation to the membership regarding the RJJ Initiative.
 - Chief Heitman provided a Chief Probation Officers of California (CPOC) handout on the evolution of the juvenile justice system.
 - RJJ is an opportunity for agencies to be included and involved in changes to the local Juvenile Justice System.
 - A handout was provided reviewing the meeting dates and topics. Chief Heitman will do outreach to agencies for participation.
 - Updates will be provided to the JJCC as we move through the process.

Respectfully submitted by Melanie Davis, Executive Secretary

Next Meeting: August 9, 2019 at 9:30 a.m. – Santa Ynez Valley Marriott