



**JUVENILE JUSTICE COORDINATING COUNCIL
MEETING MINUTES
Friday, August 9, 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
Cash, Michael, Guadalupe Police Chief
Gleghorn, Alice Ph.D., Director, Behavior Wellness
Hamlin, Matt, Coast Valley Substance Abuse Treatment Center
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)
Palera, Dominick, Chair, Juvenile Justice Delinquency Prevention Commission (JJJPC)
Parker, Darrel, Court Executive Officer
Salcido, Susan Ed.D., Superintendent, Santa Barbara County Education Office (SBCEO)
Serrano, Saul, Community Action Commission (CAC)
Alex Altavilla for **Stoney, Todd**, Captain, Santa Barbara Police Department (SBPD)

Members Absent/Unrepresented:

Adam, Peter, 4th District Supervisor
DeLira, Steven, Family Service Agency/Santa Maria Valley Youth and Family Center
Dudley, Joyce, District Attorney (DA)
Hansen, Phil, Chief, Santa Maria Police Department (SMPD)
McDonald, Trevor, Superintendent, Lompoc Unified School District (LUSD)
Sharkey, Jill, Ph.D., Associate Dean for Research and Outreach, University of California Santa Barbara (UCSB)

Staff Present:

Benton, Holly, Probation Department
Bertrand, Ethan, 2nd District Office
Brumbaugh, Kristina, Probation Department
Czuleger, Jerry, County Counsel
Fuentes, Michael, One Community Action
Miller, Seth, CAC
Milligan, Karyn, Probation Department
Shean, Kimberly, Probation Department
Small, Shawn, Probation Department
Stanley, Britt, Counsel on Alcoholism and Drug Abuse (CADA)
Stanley, Wendy, Probation Department
Swanson, Brian, Probation Department
Wheeler, Rene, SBCEO
Whiteley, Scott, CADA

The meeting was called to order at 9:32 a.m. and attendees provided self-introductions.

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

Present

Alex Altavilla
S.E. Ballard
Michael Cash
Alice Gleghorn
Matt Hamlin
Gregg Hart
Tanja Heitman
Amy Krueger
Sol Linver
Bernard Melekian
Dominick Palera
Darrel Parker
Susan Salcido
Saul Serrano

Absent

Peter Adam
Steven DeLira
Joyce Dudley
Phil Hansen
Trevor McDonald
Jill Sharkey

2. Approval of Minutes from June 7, 2019 – All

- A motion was made by Bernard Melekian, and seconded by Saul Serrano, to approve the June 7, 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 State Auditor's Office is conducting an audit of the Juvenile Justice Crime Prevention Act (JJCPA) funding. Santa Barbara County is one of five counties subject the audit. This is not the typical financial audit; the review will include funding allocations, types of programs funded, process for how programs are selected for funding, membership of the JJCC, and a variety of other elements related to contracting and outcomes associated with JJCPA. The auditors will be in Santa Barbara County conducting their preliminary meeting the week of August 19th. When the audit is complete, the findings could result in legislative changes to how the JJCPA funding is allocated and utilized.

6. Review of Selection Process for the 2-year Term Members of JJCC – Chief Heitman

- The Chief reviewed the selection process for the 2-year term members. At the October meeting, the group is noticed that recommendations from local law enforcement agencies, the school districts, and the drug and alcohol coalition will need to be solicited and brought back to the December JJCC meeting. Also, letters of interest are solicited for the community-based organizations (CBO) and the researcher 2-year term appointments, which will take place in December and go into effect at the February 2020 meeting.
- The Chief is reviewing this process early because there are a couple vacant seats due to the retirement of Mark Richardson from the Santa Maria Joint Union High School District, and the absence of Jill Frandsen, who is no longer with CADA. The Chief asked if the group would prefer to fill the two vacant term seats prior to the new term, or keep them vacant for two meetings and fill with the new appointments in February.
- Bernard Melekian stated the process of reviewing the letters of interest in the room with the individuals present is awkward. The Community Corrections Partnership (CCP) workgroup

is reviewing this process as it pertains to the CCP and any recommendations for change in process will be shared with the JJCC. However, the Chief stated that the JJCC is a Brown Act meeting and is open to the public and thus County Counsel has advised we cannot ask the individuals to leave the room.

- The group agreed to maintain the appointment timeline and address all vacancies at the December meeting..

7. JJCC Workgroup Appointments – Deputy Chief Probation Officer (DCPO) Benton

- It is being recommended that the JJCC workgroup be expanded to include CBO representatives. Three letters of interest were received and were attached to the agenda as well as briefly summarized and reviewed with the group. Originally we were looking for just one CBO representative, but it was recommended that due to the interest level, we could appoint two.
- A motion was made by Alice Gleghorn and seconded by S.E. Ballard to appoint Alana Walczak as a member of the JJCC Workgroup. A vote was taken and all approved with Bernard Melekian and Michael Cash abstaining.
- Dominick Palera suggested the group appoint all three members and asked what the difference would be between 11 and 12 members. The group briefly discussed his question
- A motion was made by Dominick Palera and seconded by Darrel Parker to appoint Michael Fuentes and Alison Wales as additional members of the JJCC Workgroup. A vote was taken and all approved with Bernard Melekian abstaining.

8. Update on the Institutions Demographics – DCPO Shawn Small

- A handout was provided and reviewed with the group regarding the demographics for the juvenile population within institutions.
- The Board of State and Community Corrections (BSCC) conducts a detention profile survey; however, during the review there was an interpretation issue regarding felony vs misdemeanor, which required corrections to our reported information. As a result corrections have been made to the data reported to the BSCC and we have made a request to clarify definitions across the State.
- The dramatic change in the population is due to changes to the booking criteria for the Santa Maria Juvenile Hall (SMJH) and efforts to ensure youth at Los Prietos Boys Camp (LPBC) are the youth that cannot be served in the community. It is important to utilize detention only for those youth that cannot be served in the community.
- The Chief shared there are articles being written that focus on data pre-dating the changes that Santa Barbara County has made. The JJCC will continue to be updated regarding institutions data to ensure the members have accurate and up to date information.
- Bernard Melekian stated he recently toured SMJH and LPBC and was impressed with the level of commitment by probation and education staff to keep youth on track to either graduate high school while in custody or to graduate in the community.
- Susan Salcido stated she recently visited LPBC and the impact of the Probation team and partnership with SBCEO was amazing, it is an individualized process for the youth to not only graduate high school but to thrive.

9. Overview of Data Related to Racial and Ethnic Disparities within the Juvenile Justice System– Holly Benton

- A handout was provided and reviewed with the group regarding the data related to racial and ethnic disparities within the juvenile justice system.
- Law enforcement advised that training is being provided to personnel regarding racial and ethnic disparities as well as implicit bias.
- Chief Cash stated this type of training is not standardized or measured. Each Department determines their own training. Perhaps this is an opportunity for the County to standardize

training, which could be a great opportunity for first responders from the top down. From an evaluation stand point there is nothing after the training to follow up.

- The Chief advised the CCP has added a goal to the Realignment plan and the CCP has a workgroup reviewing this issue. This includes funding for training countywide.
- Dr. Gleghorn stated she wants to see change in these numbers as the numbers influence referrals to Behavioral Wellness. Most youth served through their program are being mandated into services through Teen Court or Drug Court.
- Ethan Bertrand stated there has been a lot of effort in the local school districts and community college districts to address this issue.
- The group asked clarifying questions regarding the data to ensure they were interpreting it correctly.
- The Chief advised the group that this data is also being reviewed at the JJCC workgroup. Individuals interested in the topic are welcome and encouraged to attend the workgroup meeting.

10. Reimagining Juvenile Justice (RJJ) Initiative – Holly Benton

- Holly Benton and Karyn Milligan provided a presentation to the membership reviewing the first two RJJ cohort sessions that have been completed so far.
- Rene Wheeler stated that she appreciates having a mix of partners in each group which really helps facilitate the discussion and process.
- The Chief acknowledged all of the agencies that are participating as it's a big time commitment, but important as all the sessions build upon each other.

Respectfully submitted by Melanie Davis, Executive Secretary

Next Meeting: October 4, 2019 at 9:30 a.m. – Santa Ynez Valley Marriott