



**JUVENILE JUSTICE COORDINATING COUNCIL
WORKGROUP
MEETING MINUTES
Thursday, October 25, 2018
11:00 a.m. – 12:30 a.m.
Santa Barbara Probation Department**

Members in Attendance:

Ballard, S.E., Public Defender's Office (PD)
Benton, Holly, Probation Department
Clement, Deanna, Lompoc Police Department
Krueger, Amy, Department of Social Services (DSS)
Lewis, John, Department of Behavioral Wellness
Linver, Sol, Santa Barbara Sheriff's Office (SBSO)
Nicola, Mag, District Attorney's Office (DA)

The meeting was called to order at 11:05 a.m. Those in attendance provided self-introductions.

1. Public Comment

- None

2. Approval of Minutes – All

- A motion was made by Mag Nicola to approve the draft minutes of the August 16, 2018, Juvenile Justice Coordinating Council Workgroup (JJCC Workgroup) meeting, as submitted. The motion was seconded, and the minutes were approved with Sol Linver abstaining.

3. Comments for Council Members not on Agenda

- Mag Nicola advised that Noah's Anchorage is receiving youth from Law Enforcement, their program is limited but they are not shut down.

4. Results First Overview and Juvenile Program Inventory – Holly Benton

- Around 2013 the Results First Initiative was rolled out in Santa Barbara County Adult Division of the Probation Department. Programs are identified, as well as determination about the evidence behind the program and if the program is effective. The Adult program inventory has been going for about two years and has reached a point where they are able to provide program cost benefit analysis.
- This has been rolled out to Juvenile and the program inventory has been developed and is a living document. The juvenile program inventory was provided and reviewed with the group.
- Holly stated there is a gap in the inventory with the diversion programs, there are programs but there is not research showing that the programs are effective. The inventory shows us the programs available which are predominantly for older youth.
- The group discussed the inventory and service gaps within the County.
- Amy Krueger stated lots of work has been done to inventory what programs are being offered throughout the County and agencies can collaborate what services are provided to youth so that we do not duplicate.

5. Juvenile Incentive and Interventions Matrix – Holly Benton

- This project began long before Holly was with the Department and it has been reviewed through the Reducing Racial and Ethnic Disparity (RED) Committee. The goal is to include positive interventions and to move away from detention as a compliance tool, to assist officers to review all the factors about the youth such as age, maturity level, totality, family dynamics, etc.
- The Matrix is being piloted with eight officers in the north and south. This is a living document and adjustments are being made as it is being utilized.
- Deanna Clement suggested including healthy snacks for the youth as incentives.
- Mag stated there is a disconnect with the Court and Probation's recommendations and there is a disconnect between Probation and District Attorney's Office regarding the work of the RED Committee. Holly has had discussions with Judge Garcia and will be meeting with South County Judge, once the tool is fully rolled out.
- The group discussed changes in policy and practices as to when to utilize Santa Maria Juvenile Hall (SMJH), the transition of interaction with youth due to the Matrix and the transition of utilizing maximum detention for public safety or those that will flee the jurisdiction of the Court.

6. Behavioral Wellness Programs and Services Overview – Dr. John Lewis

- Dr. Lewis stated that Behavioral Wellness utilizes the Access approach to determine what services they need via a screening assessment determining if they qualify for services through MediCal.
- The mandates have shifted and Behavioral Wellness is primarily serving those with MediCal or without insurance, if they have private insurance then individuals would go to private providers. A majority of services are through MediCal draw down or grants under Title 9, guidelines for services are broader for juvenile than for adults.
- Currently youth are contacted by Behavioral Wellness staff upon intake to Santa Maria Juvenile Hall (SMJH) and are assessed. Behavioral Wellness staff are being encouraged to collaborate with Probation.
- All substance abuse treatment is contracted out. There is a wide span of behavioral health services such as case workers, rehabilitative workers, parent peers, and psychiatry services but there are limited providers that work with youth.
- Competency services are not currently provided by Behavioral Wellness but with the change in the law it will be discussed over the next few months as the County develops a protocol for establishing competency for youth.
- There are challenges for youth needing mental health services that do not qualify for services by Behavioral Wellness. In the future hopefully there will be more integrated care in the community for those youth that have more mild behavioral problems. Holly asked about service gaps in the community for those youth that are non-MediCal. There is a gap in intensive mental health services for youth and their family, a gap with private psychiatrist, and co-pay costs for families with private insurance. Dr. Lewis will review if there are wrap services available for those that are not eligible for MediCal. Amy stated with Social Services there are youth that are not MediCal eligible which is a barrier as services are limited to mild to moderate, no special services or in home services that MediCal youth receive.
- Currently SAFETY is contracted through Casa Pacifica and response hours have been changed and will now be up to 8PM. After 8PM Mobile Crisis will be available, and the group was advised that they do not respond to youth.
- The Santa Barbara Sheriff Office (SBSO) is piloting a CIT car that partners a Deputy with a care worker that is available for calls, when not on a call they conduct visits for those that were previously identified as needing mental health services.

7. JJCC Workgroup December Meeting Date – Holly Benton

- Holly has a conflict with the current December meeting, the group discussed options.

8. Chair Comments – Holly Benton

- At the JJCC meeting the group was asked what items they would like the JJCC Workgroup to review and it was suggested the group review strategies to address gang issues.
- Currently Santa Barbara has the Task Force on Youth Safety in the south county and in the north county there was Mayor's Taskforce, but that has dwindled.
- There are national programs that deal with gangs and perhaps it would be good to review programs that have been developed. Mag encouraged the group to look in California as they are familiar with the penal code. Holly stated she will have Karyn do research and provide information regarding effective programs and get Saul Serrano's feedback as he has likely done lots of research into gang interventions.

Respectfully submitted by Melanie Davis, Executive Secretary