



**JUVENILE JUSTICE COORDINATING COUNCIL  
WORKGROUP  
MEETING MINUTES  
Monday December 10, 2018  
2:00 p.m. – 3:30 p.m.  
Santa Barbara Probation Department**

**Members in Attendance:**

Benton, Holly, Probation Department  
Clement, Deanna, Lompoc Police Department  
Katsapis, Charles, Santa Barbara police Department (SBPD)  
Linver, Sol, Santa Barbara Sheriff's Office (SBSO)  
Wageneck, Frann, Santa Barbara Unified School District (SBUSD)

The meeting was called to order at 2:02 p.m. Those in attendance provided self-introductions.

**1. Public Comment**

- None

**2. Approval of Minutes – All**

- A motion was made by Sol Linver to approve the minutes of the October 25, 2018, Juvenile Justice Coordinating Council Workgroup (JJCC Workgroup) meeting, as submitted. The motion was seconded, and the minutes were approved.

**3. Comments for Council Members not on Agenda**

- None

**4. All-County Information Notice (ACIN) I-68-18 – Holly Benton**

- Holly Benton stated Assembly Bill (AB) 1811 is specific to diversion of juveniles who are in group homes or care facilities within the county. Eligible lead agencies include Child Welfare, Probation, Behavioral Wellness, Public Health and private nonprofits.
- The intent of this funding is to improve outcomes for at-risk youth through the delivery of community resources and the reduction of law enforcement calls.
- Funding is to be allocated on a competitive basis to selected lead agencies to fund services and support to facilities and youth in need through increased collaboration with local organizations, agencies, providers and community groups.
- The group discussed group homes within the county, including changes to State regulations related to the Continuum of Care Reform (Assembly Bill 403).

**5. Youth Reinvestment Grant – Holly Benton**

- The Youth Reinvestment Grant will provide funding to counties with the highest need, based on jurisdictions with higher rates of juvenile arrest, misdemeanors offenses and jurisdictions with racial or ethnic disparities on the basis of disproportionately high rates of juvenile arrests.
- Holly Benton indicated this is a three year competitive grant from which counties may receive up to a \$1 million. Review of options within county agencies is necessary in order to obtain funding.

- Grant requirements include having service providers experienced in providing services to juveniles. Santa Barbara County has many established community based organizations that have been providing services to the community.
- Identifying behaviors that lead to delinquency stems from school based issues, including truancy and untreated mental health issues.
- The group discussed options regarding the Youth Reinvestment Grant. The target date for release of the state's Request for Proposals (RFP) is January 17, 2019.

**6. System-Involved Youth Programs and Services – Holly Benton**

- Holly Benton distributed a worksheet regarding county-wide services for youth outlining gaps/issues and opportunities.
- A need for gang intervention strategies was a crucial topic at the JJCC meeting. There is also a need for proven evidence-based practices which are useful and suitable for diverting children of all ages, particularly children under 16.
- Based on Dr. Lewis's presentation at the December JJCC meeting, there is a need for mental health assessments and access to services for youth that do not have Medi-Cal, as there is a systemic gap which Behavioral Wellness cannot address.
- Frann Wageneck stated that SBUSD has youth outreach coordinators in the elementary schools and some of the schools are serving gang involved youth.
- The group discussed community mental health based assessments, diversion and prevention.
- Holly suggested that at the next meeting, the workgroup target in on recommended objectives and strategies for the JJCC to consider.

**7. Chair Comments – Holly Benton**

- Holly Benton reiterated AB 1811 funding is coming and it is specifically targeted towards law enforcement, with a focus on violence reduction, gang initiatives for prevention and education. The grant requires law enforcement collaboration for agencies to be on the same wavelength and striving for the same ending goal.
- The group conversed on a positive outcome regarding the Community Corrections Partnership (CCP) meeting which reviewed \$3.1 million from AB 1810 for Mental Health Diversion. Of the \$3.1 million funding, \$500,000 will be dispersed to 40 hours of Crisis Intervention Training (CIT) for local law enforcement agencies. Sol Linver stated SBSO instructors are ready for post approved courses.
- JJCC Workgroup is looking forward to positive collaboration with agencies and discussed training for law enforcement around the interactions between law enforcement and those living with a mental illness.

Respectfully submitted by Ruth Narez, Administrative Office Professional Senior