



**JUVENILE JUSTICE COORDINATING COUNCIL
WORKGROUP
MEETING MINUTES
Thursday, August 16, 2018
10:00 a.m. – 11:30 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
Katsapis, Charlie, Santa Barbara Police Department
Krueger, Amy, Department of Social Services (DSS)
Lewis, John, Department of Behavioral Wellness
Nicola, Mag, District Attorney's Office (DA)
O'Gorman, Mary, 2nd District Office

The meeting was called to order at 9:03 a.m. Those in attendance provided self-introductions.

1. Public Comment

- None

2. Comments for Council Members not on Agenda

- None

3. Chair Comments – Holly Benton

- As a reminder the Juvenile Justice Coordinating Council (JJCC) oversees the Juvenile Justice Crime Prevention Act (JJCPA) funding. The JJCC Workgroup is being re-established to review juvenile justice in the county, initiatives that the JJCC should pursue, and to determine priorities within the County related to youth serving agencies.
- This group is a recommendation group to help guide the JJCC over the next couple years.
- There will be opportunities to recommend a different direction for the JJCC and to evaluate existing programs.

4. Introduction of Workgroup Goals and Objectives – Holly Benton

- This is a Brown Act meeting as such it is open to the public.
- As a voting member of the workgroup a delegate can be selected well in advance of meetings, anyone can attend and participate in the meeting but only established members and their delegates will be able to vote on items on the agenda.
- The agenda will be followed if there are any items voting members wish to discuss not on the agenda that would fall under the comment for Council Members Not on the Agenda category.
- Items voting members want placed on the agenda must be provided well in advance as the agendas are reviewed by County Counsel and require posting a minimum of 72 hours prior to the meeting.

5. Comprehensive Multi-agency Juvenile Justice Plan (CMJJP) – Holly Benton

- The best place to start is to review the CMJJP which is a snapshot of where we are and the goals that have been identified by the JJCC.

- Holly Benton provided a review of the CMJJP and reviewed updated Probation statistics that were provided to the group.
- JJCPA funding can be utilized for services, supervision and diversion. There is also the Youthful Offender Block Grant (YOBG) funding that is available for services for youth that are no longer eligible for a Department of Juvenile Justice commitment and receive services in County.
- Amy Krueger stated there are roughly 350 youth currently placed outside of their home through the DSS. Probation also places youth in out of home placement for different reasons than DSS. As of June 2018 Probation had 20 youth in out of home placement, either for a treatment program or because they were removed from their home as their family are not amenable to treatment. Probation youth have family involved unlike DSS placements where family is either not available or not deemed appropriate/fit. There is a lot of overlap with youth that commit crimes and those that have had interactions with DSS at some point.
- The Continuum of Care Reform (CCR) has brought on changes in the requirements for what we formerly called group homes that are now Short Term Residential Therapeutic Programs (STRTPs) which focus more on mental health treatment.
- The group determined that they would like to have presentations on the juvenile risk assessment tool, the juvenile interventions matrix, Results First for juvenile, Behavioral Wellness services, a review of the gap in services for youth from the Behavioral Wellness perspective and from the Law Enforcement perspective, and Law Enforcement diversion options.
- John Lewis advised that JJCPA and YOBG funds assessors through Behavioral Wellness and there is currently a review in how these staff are utilized and plan to redirect them to assist with youth transition. The plan is to utilize them to provide a warm hand off to services within the community and help to get youth engaged in treatment.
- Behavioral Wellness would like more engagement with the youth in the field offices prior to them being in custody. Behavioral Wellness is looking at screening all youth entering Santa Maria Juvenile Hall (SMJH) which is a change in the model from reactive to proactive.
- DCPO Benton stated the Results First draft inventory could help to highlight the gaps in services.
- S.E. Ballard requested additional information about the five week Camp aftercare. DCPO Benton advised Probation is currently reviewing as there is not a strong aftercare structure for Camp and there is a lack in the linkage to case plans as well as to the community once released. Probation is working to develop case plans from the start of probation to the end regardless of the youth being in or out of custody, with goals and objectives for the youth while on Probation.
- This group will be making strategic recommendations to JJCC re service gaps, better use of resources, and collaboratively working toward a better system for youth in our county (including youth who are not yet justice-involved), rather than making funding recommendations. There could be a look back assessment on programs that were funded and how they are doing, as sometime services are not being used as originally intended.

6. Consider the Adoption of the Fiscal Year (FY) 2018-19 Juvenile Justice Coordinating Council (JJCC) Workgroup Meeting Dates – Holly Benton

- A motion was made by Deanna Clement and second by Mag Nicola to change the meeting times to 11:00 am -12:30 pm and rotate between the Santa Maria and Santa Barbara Probation offices, a vote was taken and all approved.
- The next meeting will be held on October 25th at 11:00 am at the Probation Office (2121 Centerpointe Pkwy., Santa Maria) with a plan to have a presentation by Behavioral Wellness and an overview of Results First.

Respectfully submitted by Melanie Davis, Executive Secretary