



**JUVENILE JUSTICE COORDINATING COUNCIL  
WORKGROUP  
MEETING MINUTES  
Thursday, October 17, 2019  
11:00 a.m. – 12:30 p.m.  
Santa Maria Probation Department**

**Members in Attendance:**

Ballard, S.E., Public Defender's Office  
Benton, Holly, Probation Department  
Bertrand, Ethan, 2<sup>nd</sup> District Representative  
Katspis, Charlie, Santa Barbara Police Department  
Krueger, Amy, Department of Social Services  
Lewis, John, Behavioral Wellness  
Linver, Sol, Santa Barbara Sheriff's Department  
Milligan, Karyn, Probation Department  
Segura, Raymond for Michael Fuentes, One Community Action  
Wales, Alison, Rape Crisis

The meeting was called to order at 11:10 a.m. The group provided self-introductions.

**1. Public Comment**

- None

**2. Approval of Minutes – All**

- A motion was made by Ethan Bertrand to approve the minutes of the June 27, 2019, 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. Work Plan for the Comprehensive Multi-Agency Juvenile Justice Plan (CMJJP) – Holly Benton**

- A handout outlining a work plan schedule for the 2020-21 CMJJP was distributed and discussed.
- The strategy worksheet developed last year identified ten different needs/gaps in service, of which five of the identified needs have been addressed. The remaining identified missing needs will be re-examined to see if they still need to be addressed, as well as any additional brought forth by the group.
- The Reimagining Juvenile Justice (RJJ) initiative, identified as a strategy from the 2019-20 CMJJP, entails a cohort of county and community agencies that has been focusing on positive youth development and how to do conduct juvenile justice business differently in the county. A presentation will be made by the cohort to county leadership at the December 6th JJCC meeting. Recommendations from RJJ will likely be adopted as county juvenile justice strategies and included in the upcoming CMJJP.
- A motion was made by John Lewis to approve the Work Plan for the Comprehensive Multi-Agency Juvenile Justice Plan (CMJJP) as written. The motion was seconded by Sol Linver, and the motion was approved.

**5. JJCC Workgroup Fiscal Year (FY) 2019-20 Meeting Calendar – Holly Benton**

- The revised JJCC Workgroup meeting calendar for the time period of December 2019 through June 2020 was reviewed and discussed. Potential conflicts with proposed dates may exist, therefore the item will be discussed again at the December 12<sup>th</sup> JJCC Workgroup meeting.
- A motion was made by Charlie Katspis to approve the amended FY 2019-20 JJCC Workgroup meeting calendar. The motion was seconded by Sol Linver, and the motion was approved.

**6. Juvenile Hall Intake Assessment – Holly Benton and Karyn Milligan**

- A presentation was provided to the group on the Juvenile Hall Intake Assessment Field Test.
- The assessment tool was developed by the Probation Department in collaboration with the W. Hayward Burns Institute, RED grant workgroup, and was based on the Annie E. Casey Foundation's guidelines on best practices for detention.
- Santa Maria Juvenile Hall staff completed a field test over seven months utilizing the existing screening form and the new intake assessment for a comparison.
- The W. Hayward Burns Institute provided recommendations based on the results of the field test. Recommendations included not to securely detain youth whose most serious instant offense was a Probation Violation or warrant for failure to appear. They also recommended non-secure alternatives to detention in which youth can reside while waiting to return home or if they cannot return home at all.
- DCPO Benton stated Probation has been working on reducing technical violation bookings this past year and they are down nearly 50% since 2017. Probation is also utilizing discretionary warrants in certain circumstances which allows law enforcement discretion on whether or not the youth is detained.
- A request was made for the intake assessment tool to be shared with the JJCC Workgroup. DCPO Benton will share the document.
- A discussion was had amongst the group regarding the need for non-secure alternatives to detention, especially with the closure of Noah's Anchorage in Santa Barbara.
- DCPO Benton will place the recommendations on future JJCC Workgroup agendas for continued discussion.

**7. Racial and Ethnic Equity and Inclusion (REEI) Data – Karyn Milligan**

- A handout was distributed and presentation provided on Racial and Ethnic Equity and Inclusion (REEI) data.
- The RJJ cohort created a list of REEI data breakdown possibilities of which a handout was provided.
- The group reviewed the data breakdown possibilities and narrowed down the priority areas to focus on first: geographic breakdown by region, demographics and economics, types of probation along with diversion demographics, and recidivism.

**8. Chair Comments – Holly Benton**

- DCPO Benton advised that as additional REEI discussions are had best practice strategies for racial and ethnic disparities will be brought in and will include community and youth engagement and involvement. It is important to continue these discussions.
- DCPO Benton expressed appreciation for the workgroup members' participation and involvement.

Respectfully submitted by Buffy Harrington, Administrative Office Professional Senior