



**JUVENILE JUSTICE COORDINATING COUNCIL
WORKGROUP
MEETING MINUTES
Thursday, June 27, 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, 2nd District Representative
Lewis, John, Behavioral Wellness
Milligan, Karyn, Probation Department

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 S.E. Ballard to approve the minutes of the December 10, 2018 and February 21, 2019, Juvenile Justice Coordinating Council Workgroup (JJCC Workgroup) meetings, as submitted. The motion was seconded, and the minutes were approved.

3. Comments for Council Members not on Agenda

- S.E. Ballard requested Probation look into the possibility of housing females separate from males at the Santa Maria Juvenile Hall (SMJH). DCPO Benton advised she could place it on the workgroup agenda but discussions need to be held with DCPO Small, the deputy chief of Institutions, outside of the workgroup as there are a variety issues at play.

2. Positive Achievement Change Tool (PACT) – Karyn Milligan

- PowerPoint Presentation was provided and reviewed with the group.
- The assessment will be re-administered to youth at various points during their time on probation, which can result in a change in the top needs of the youth, but this re-assessment generally will not change the overall risk score.
- There is a continuum of training for this tool which began with Motivational Interviewing (MI), Evidence Based Practices (EBP), and in June training on the PACT instrument. There will also be ongoing training.
- The full assessment and case plan is completed within the first 30 days. Youth are then reassessed every three months and their goals and objectives will be adjusted if they are not productive.
- S.E. Ballard it is great to think about the culture of the officers changing as they pursue changing goals for youth instead of looking at not meeting goals as a failure.
- The Probation Department will be meeting with Public Defenders (PD) Office to review the PACT and working to schedule a presentation for the Bench.
- Samples of a full screen summary report and a case plan were distributed and reviewed with the group.
- Probation is moving to more of an outcome based service model with contracts, which goes along with the changes being implemented by the PACT. Outcomes help the department

ensure youth are receiving the services they need with outcomes achieved, not just attending hours to keep them busy.

- The tool will be validated with our local population once we have enough assessments completed.

3. Youth Reinvestment Grant (YRG) – Holly Benton

- Probation was notified on June 13th that we were awarded the YRG grant. It will be \$795,000 (plus a local match) over the next 3 plus years with 90% of the funding being passed through to the Council on Alcohol and Drug Abuse (CADA) for diversion services.
- Referrals will be received from law enforcement, schools, and Probation. CADA will assess the youth and provide case management. The diversion will be for 6 months or less and when they successfully complete their services, they are done. However, there will be no bounce back to the criminal justice system if they don't complete the program.
- There will be an evaluation component provided by University of California, Santa Barbara (UCSB) so we can see if the interventions for the diverted youth are working.
- We need to be careful to avoid net widening. If there are 100 youth referred to Probation and 30 are diverted then we have diverted 30% of youth. If we have 100 youth referred and we successfully divert 30 and we also place an additional 30 into services who would never have come to our attention had we not had this program in place, then we are drawing more youth into the system that did not need to be in the system in the first place.
- DCPO Benton asked if the members have suggestions as to how to roll out to law enforcement and the schools. S.E. Ballard stated presenting at briefings with reminders of youth that are appropriate for diversion, so law enforcement will think of this option first. She suggested joint trainings/presentation with CADA and Probation. Also, perhaps a card with CADA's intake number to contact when on patrol, not developing another form for officers as that could be burdensome. Also, perhaps asking law enforcement what would be helpful for their staff, including collaboration with the SAFETY or mobile crisis team. S.E. Ballard suggested providing the information to the Boys and Girls Club or YMCA but don't want there to be net widening as they already have programs for youth.
- There are additional contracts being developed for marijuana education classes that would also be available for diversion.

4. Racial and Ethnic Disparities (RED) Data – Holly Benton

- A handout was provided and reviewed with the group regarding the RED data.
- In 2014 Probation received a grant to look at RED in the County. This resulted in a change to the detention criteria, greater community engagement, implementation of an incentive matrix, completion of institutional bias training and implicit bias training. In addition, UCSB prepared a report. Much was done to review the juvenile justice system but that is only one piece of the picture. It is a two-fold problem: what data should be looking to address the issue, and how do we drill down into the data to address the issues that we can see.
- DCPO Benton stated there will be more discussion regarding RED with the desire to address this on a county level.
- DCPO Benton stated that the RED data is dense and the topic will be added to future agendas for further discussion with the goal of being action oriented.

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

- The JJCC Workgroup FY 2019-20 meeting calendar was reviewed with the group.
- A motion was made by Ethan Bertrand to approve the FY 2019-20 JJCC Workgroup meeting calendar. The motion was seconded by John Lewis, and the motion was approved.

6. Chair Comments – Holly Benton

- DCPO Benton advised that Chief Heitman has done outreach to Departments to select their representatives to participate in the upcoming Reimagining Juvenile Justice (RJJ) cohort training.

Respectfully submitted by Melanie Davis, Administrative Professional