



**JUVENILE JUSTICE COORDINATING COUNCIL
WORKGROUP
MEETING MINUTES
Thursday, February 20, 2020
11:00 a.m. – 12:30 p.m.
Santa Barbara Probation Department
2121 Centerpointe Parkway, Santa Maria**

*Participation was held by Teleconference pursuant to Government Code Section 54953(b)
at the following location:*

**Santa Barbara County Probation Department
117 E. Carrillo St., Santa Barbara**

Members in Attendance:

Benton, Holly, Probation Department
Bertrand, Ethan, 2nd District Representative
Burns, Shana, Department of Behavioral Wellness
DeAlba, John, Probation Department
Garcia, Adolfo, Child Abuse Listening Mediation (CALM)
Krueger, Amy, Department of Social Services
Linver, Sol, Santa Barbara Sheriff's Office (SBSO)
Swanson, Brian, Probation Department
Villegas, Lea, Public Defender's Office
Wageneck, Fran, Santa Barbara Unified School District

The meeting was called to order at 11:02 p.m. The group provided self-introductions.

1. Public Comment

- None

2. Approval of Minutes – All

- The minutes of the January 16, 2020, Juvenile Justice Coordinating Council Workgroup (JJCC Workgroup) meeting will be brought forth for approval at the March 19, 2020, meeting.

3. Comments for Council Members not on Agenda

- None

4. Work Plan for the Comprehensive Multi-Agency Juvenile Justice Plan (CMJJP) – Brian Swanson and Shana Burns

- A presentation outlining the services and programs funded through Juvenile Justice Crime Prevention Act (JJCPA) and Youthful Offender Block Grant (YOBG) was distributed and discussed.
- Ethan Bertrand inquired as to the number of incarcerated youth who receive ongoing Behavioral Wellness services, other than assessments, while in custody. Shana Burns noted they are working on gathering the data. She also said there are two groups held at

SMJH where the clinicians attempt to get to know the youth through relationship building as this group can be difficult to engage.

- Fran Wageneck asked about information sharing regarding education and schools for youth transitioning in and out of custody at SMJH or LPBC. Brian Swanson noted staff from Santa Barbara County Education Office receive information when a youth is being released. He will inquire further with his counterpart in Institutions to determine the process and what information is shared.
- Adolfo Garcia inquired about youth receiving therapeutic services in custody and if the goals being worked on are shared upon release. Brian Swanson commented Behavioral Wellness staff will share the information as long as a Release of Information is signed by the parent/guardian.
- Lea Villegas stated youth discharge plans are not automatically shared with the assigned Public Defender. Shana Burns will contact the Public Defender's Office to discuss discharge planning and information sharing.
- Brian Swanson shared Juvenile Probation is working on formalizing a discharge plan that would include programming, Medical, and Behavioral Wellness, if applicable, in one document.
- The CMJJP rough draft will be sent out to the group a week prior to the March 19, 2020, JJCC Workgroup meeting. The draft will then be brought forth to the JJCC for final approval in April 2020.

5. Reimagining Juvenile Justice (RJJ) Project Coordination – Holly Benton

- A chart was provided to the group outlining recommendations provided by the RJJ cohort which was presented to the JJCC in February 2020.
- Workgroups will be formed concentrating on family focused juvenile justice and youth panel. There were RJJ participants that committed to working further on these strategic areas. Holly Benton will work to develop the workgroups from the RJJ participants and will work to get youth involved.

6. Whole Youth Project – Holly Benton

- The Whole Youth Project is funded by CERES Research and Policy group. It assists counties with collecting data on sexual orientation and gender identity and expression. It also looks at department policies including anti-discrimination and data sharing.
- Probation will be entering into a two-year MOU (\$25,000/year) with Whole Youth Project and are in the early stages of discussion. They will provide efforts with IT data collection and will match the data into the current case management system. The goal is to gather consistent data in a shareable form and be able to provide the data to partner agencies.

7. Senate Bill (SB) 716 – Holly Benton

- SB 716 requires post-secondary education opportunities be made available for youth in custody who have completed their high school education. \$20,000 will be set aside from YOBG reserves to meet this mandate.
- DCPO Small will be overseeing the efforts which will be a collaboration with Santa Barbara County Education Office. It will require partnerships with local community colleges and potentially CBOs for vocational training.
- The addition of SB 716 dovetails with efforts that have been made to enhance vocational and transitional planning for youth being released from custody.
- Sol Linver noted UC Northridge is offering an online Bachelor's program and offered to send Holly Benton information on the program.

8. Chair Comments – Holly Benton

- Holly Benton expressed appreciation for everyone's efforts and participation in the workgroup.

Respectfully submitted by Administrative Office Professional Senior Buffy Harrington